



## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 17, 2015

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

*Ascension Sunday*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### *We Come to Worship at His Bidding*

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"*

*Psalm 150.6*

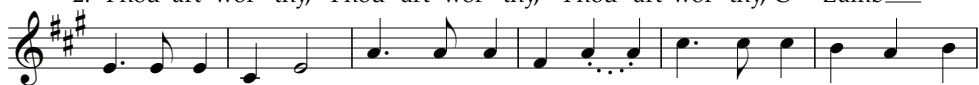
**Preparation for Worship**

*"Thou Art Worthy"*

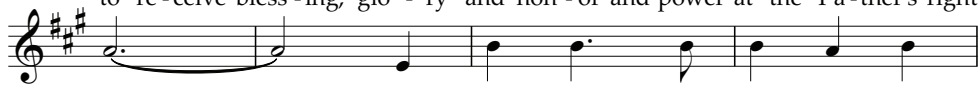
**WORTHY**



1. Thou art wor - thy, Thou art wor - thy, Thou art wor - thy, O Lord, \_\_\_  
2. Thou art wor - thy, Thou art wor - thy, Thou art wor - thy, O Lamb \_\_\_



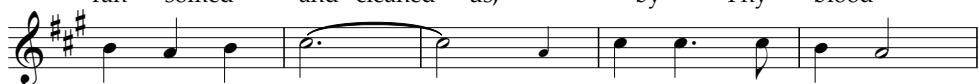
to re - ceive glo - ry, glo - ry and hon - or, \_\_\_ glo - ry and hon - or and  
to re - ceive bless - ing, glo - ry and hon - or and power at the Fa - ther's right



power; \_\_\_ For Thou hast cre - a - ted, hast  
hand; \_\_\_ For Thou hast re - deemed us, hast



all things cre - a - ted, Thou hast cre -  
ran - somed and cleaned us, by Thy blood



a - ted all things; \_\_\_ and for Thy plea - sure  
set - ting us free; \_\_\_ In white robes ar - rayed us,



they are cre - a - ted, for Thou art wor - thy, O Lord.  
kings and priests made us, \_\_\_ we are reign - ing in Thee.

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

**People: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Minister: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name;

**People: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2:5-11

**\*Hymn No. 100**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Confession of Faith**

Dr. Julian Russell 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30  
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

Minister: How was Christ exalted in His ascension?

**People: Christ was exalted in His ascension, in that having after His resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with His apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after His resurrection, He, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where He Himself is, and shall continue till His second coming at the end of the world.**

The Larger Catechism, Q. 53

**\*Hymn No. 290**

8:00 am only

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

LLANFAIR

9:30/11:00



1. By faith we see the hand of God in the  
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the  
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the  
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the  
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His  
 pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by  
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of  
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to  
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.  
 God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice  
 sin and death and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.  
 preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the  
 pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His



reign. We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; We will  
 earth.  
 name.



fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

**Public Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess the full impact of Christ's preeminence has not always permeated our thinking or our actions. We have not always bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in every area of our lives. We have frequently followed the ways of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body.

**Private Confession**

## Words of Assurance

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1.13-14

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Russell 8:00  
Mr. Lamberth 9:30  
Mr. Scruggs 11:00

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

## Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, *organ*

9:30/11:00

“Now Sing We Joyfully”  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director*

*Young*

*Now sing we joyfully unto God! We sing!  
A hymn of glory let us sing, new songs throughout the world shall ring, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia!  
O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to Thee let earth accord, alleluia! Who  
art, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit One, Alleluia!*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 5.1

People: **And also with you.**

## Service of Friendship

## \*The Scripture Reading

Acts 1.6-11

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Will Francis 9:30  
Mr. Paul Flowers 11:00

*So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

*<sup>9</sup> And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

**\*The Words of Institution**

**Communion 8:00**

*Please come forward down the center aisle.*

*Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.*

*Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

**During the Serving of Communion 9:30/11:00**

*Please hold the bread and cup,  
and we will all partake together.*

No. 530                      *During the serving of the bread, please sing*  
                                    "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"      *I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*

No. 500                      *During the serving of the cup, please sing:*  
                                    "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"              *NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP*

\*Closing Hymn No. 263                      "Lift High the Cross"                                      *CRUCIFER*

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.                      *Numbers 6.24-26*

People:      **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude                                      "A Trumpet Minuet"                                      *Hollins*  
  Mr. Howland, *organ*

*\*The congregation stands.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Stroud on the occasion of her birthday.*

*Members of our fellowship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last Communion:*

Margaret Eldridge  
Jessica Wren

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

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**Personal Prayer and Counsel**

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13*

**We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.**

### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Mark Davis

### **Session/Associate Pastor**

Joe Abbate	Mark Fulmer	Mike Skinner
Tommy Bain	Pat Hamner	Jay Turner
Alan Balsler	John Hawkins	Tim Wilson
Frank Bullock	Jim Madden	Jeff Wilson
Dr. Pete Deison	Bob McCamey	Randy Wood
Jack Denman	Gil Sheehan	

### **Assistant Pastors**

The Rev. Ron Williams	The Rev. Tommy Overton
The Rev. Bill Lamberth	The Rev. Paul Goebel
Dr. Julian Russell	The Rev. Brent Baker
Dr. Jeff White	The Rev. Chad Scruggs

### **Executive Director**

Jeff Barber

### **Shepherding Elders**

*(Elders not currently on the Session but  
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

John Bateman	David Franklin	Stephen Nielson
Ron Baxter	David Gowdey	Boots Nowlin
Brad Bradley	Harry Hargrave	Rick Owens
David Burgher	John Harper	Bobby Payne
Rick Bush	Bob Heinonen	Kirk Pogoloff
Kit Case	David Horn	Irv Queal
George Chapman	Ed Jarrett	Bob Rasberry
Jim Chenoweth	Tim Jeffress	Nelson Somerville
Doug Chesnut	Russell Johnson	Dick Steele
Grady Crosland	Kent Johnson	Dan Stewart
Marvin Culbertson	Bryan Keyes	Tracy Taylor
Charles Debter	Don King	Bill Thomas
John Denman	Louie Little	Steve Vanderhill
Curt Dobbs	Bill Mabus	John Vanderveld
Bert Ehrmann	Mike McMahan	Ron Wideman
Bill Farrell	Robert Mighell	Steve Williamson
Paul Flowers	Pat Moore	Arthur Wood
Will Francis	David Newman	



## OUR FIVE STATEMENTS OF IDENTITY

- Our people long to worship God together.
- Our people know and live the Word of God.
- Our people pray boldly and dependently.
- Our people tell stories of rescue.
- Our people want to change the world by making known the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **SERMON NOTES**

Acts 1.6-11

*“Till the Race Is Finished”*



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 17, 2015

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

#### **“By Faith”** *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Acts 1.6-11 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

#### **Questions for Discussion** *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. What did Jesus say the disciples would receive in verse 8?
2. What did Jesus say the disciples would be in verse 8?
3. What is a witness?
4. How does the Holy Spirit give us power to witness?
5. How can our church be a witness?
6. What did Jesus do after He said these things?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. Reread Acts 1.6-11. What inspires you about this passage?
2. How can you participate in the mission of Christ?
3. How have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?
4. How does the ascension of Christ give us hope?

#### **Scripture Memory for May** *(memorize these verses of Scripture this month)*

John 15.9-13

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

### Prayer

#### **Prayer** *(saying together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.