



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 24, 2015

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

Pentecost

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 Prepare Our Hearts

“The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.”

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

9:30/11:00 Robby Higginbottom, *guitar/vocal* • Brian Piper, *piano*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: **For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.**

Minister: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

People: **Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I might be glorified.**

Isaiah 60.1-2, 19, 21

***Hymn No. 101**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

TRINITY

***Prayer of Adoration**

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Hymn

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

OLD HUNDREDTH



1. O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e - ter - nal
2. Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, in last - ing ra - diance
3. And now to You our prayers as - cend, O Fa - ther, glo - rious
4. O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as pure as
5. Dawn's glo - ry gilds the earth and skies, let Him, our per - fect



bring - ing light, O Light of light, light's liv - ing
from a - bove, and pour the Ho - ly Spir - it's
with - out end; we plead with Sov - ereign Grace for
morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide shin - ing
Morn, a - rise, the Word in God the Fath - er



Spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
ray on all we think or do to - day.
pow'r to con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour.
bright, our souls un - sha - dowed by the night.
one, the Fath - er i - maged in the Son.

Public Confession of Sin

O Jesus, Light of the world, come into the dark places of this earth. You bring a light from God that only You can shed. Light eternal, Your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. We bring to You the darkness of our world in war, starvation, cruelty, and exploitation. We bring to You the darkness of our earth, damaged and defaced by pollution. We bring to You the darkness of our nation, beset with conflict of race and class, religion and politics. We bring to You the darkness of our relationships, people not looking, not speaking, not listening, not forgiving. We bring to You the darkness of our own souls, hidden closets we have not visited or cleaned out for years. O Jesus, Light of the world, be a morning star above us, a radiance within, the shining all around that lets us live in love. Make us reflectors of Your brightness so we might give glory to God in heaven.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1.6-7

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00/9:30

Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

J. Marty Cope, organ

9:30/11:00

“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless”
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

Titcomb

*I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you yet again: Alleluia!
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 15.13

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

*If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad,
fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew,
pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are bearing witness about Yourself; Your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness about Me." ¹⁹ They said to Him therefore, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also." ²⁰ These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; but no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come.

²¹ So He said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but He who sent Me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him." ²⁷ They did not understand that He had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." ³⁰ As He was saying these things, many believed in Him.

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page six.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

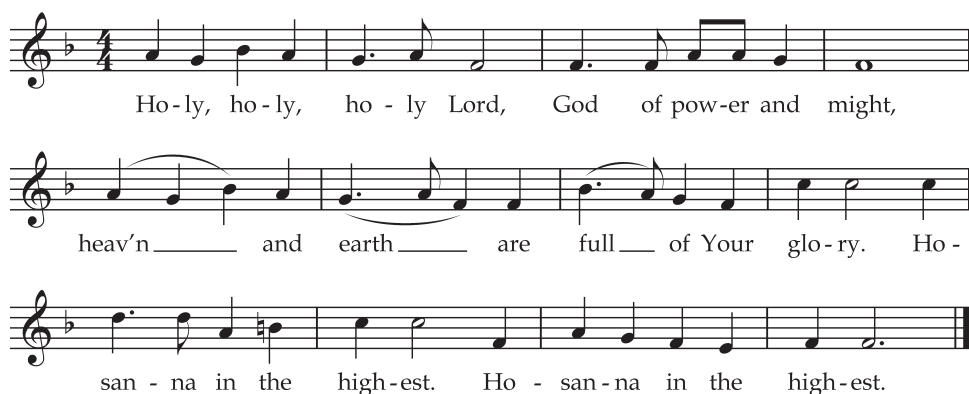
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

The 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.*

***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

"Trumpet Tune"
Mr. Cope, organ

Bowden

**The congregation stands*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for those who serve our great country. This Memorial Day, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom. Freedom is never free; it has been bought with a price.

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

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.

SERMON NOTES

John 8.12-30

“Who Is Jesus Christ?”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 24, 2015

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: John 8.12-30 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Why does Jesus say He is the “light”? How does Jesus light up the darkness in our world?
2. How do you know that Jesus is true?
3. How does Jesus tell us He is God’s Son?
4. Why do we call Jesus the Christ? What has Jesus Christ saved you from?

Questions for older children

1. Why is it important that Jesus is the light of “the world”? What does this mean for our world today?
2. Why is it important for us to know Jesus for who He says He is in the Bible?
3. How does Jesus declaring “I AM” tell us that He is the Son of God?
4. What does “Son of Man” mean? How is Jesus both Son of God and Son of Man?

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