

Order for the Worship of God

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 3, 2016 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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.

The Prelude

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

"God of Our Fathers"

J. Marty Cope, organ • Stephen Nielson, piano

MELITA NATIONAL HYMN arr. Nielson & Young

O beau - ti-ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin-ing sea!

*Call to Worship

Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the

upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to

Him with the harp of ten strings!

People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people

whom He has chosen as His heritage!

Minister: The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not

delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for

salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

People: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on

those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their

soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Minister: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For

our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope

in You. from Psalm 33

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00 The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30/11:00

I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26

*Hymn

"God Bless Our Native Land"

AMERICA

God, bless our native land —
Firm may she ever stand through storm and night:
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save by Thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies—on Him we wait: Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry, "God save the state!"

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with Christ our Savior's light; Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

Public Confession of Sin

O God of heaven,
we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity.
We have not held fast to the truth that
"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing
to the glory that will be revealed to us."
We have not set our eyes on the unseen eternal things,
but set them time and time again on transient things;
things we hope will save us;
things we hope will give us joy;
things to keep us from becoming bored.

But Lord, we also confess that we have not sufficiently thanked You for the provision You make for our lives now.

We seldom thank You for the men and women

who serve and protect our nation.

We are not in the habit of praying for the governors which You have set over us.

We are ungrateful for the liberties we enjoy every day, always craving more than we deserve.

Lord, save us from our sin, and guide us in Your ways. Take our lives in Your hands,

and do with them what You will.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Psalm 146.5-8

Musical Meditation "God of Our Fathers" arr. Camp Kirkland 9:30/11:00 Summer Choir • Jeff Berta, conductor

God of our Fathers, whose Almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by Thee our lot is cast; be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00 Mr. Fray 9:30/11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Sun of My Soul" HURSLEY
Stephen Nielson, piano arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "Jerusalem the Golden" AURELIA
Andrew Russell, solo

*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.

*The Scripture Reading

Dr. Deison 8:00

Will Stockdale, Emily Waller, Christen Nutter, Philip Carson, Youth Staff 9:30 Laura Rodgers and Alex Lestock 11:00

Hebrews 11.8-10, 13-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

- ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.
- ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.
- ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
- ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.
- ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

Acts 7.2-6a

- And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,
- 3 and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.'
- 4 Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living.
- 5 Yet He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child.
- 6 And God spoke to this effect—that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others . . .

Revelation 21.10-14

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

- ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.
- 12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—
- on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.
- ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Colossians 3.1-4

- If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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

*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only

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

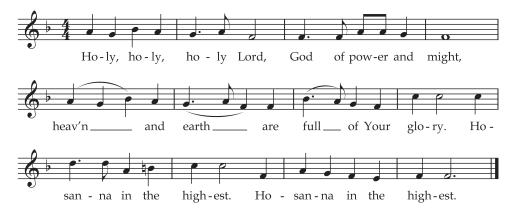
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



*The 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.



*Benediction

Minister: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be

glory and dominion forever and ever.

Revelation 1.5b-6

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00

"O God beyond All Praising" Mr. Nielson, piano

THAXTED arr. Nielson

9:30 ["The ancient praise-shout,] 'Hallelujah,' has been restored…"

J. Marty Cope, organ

Dan Locklair

*The congregation stands.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7.14

God Bless America!

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

Hebrews 11.8-10, 13-16; Acts 7.2-6a; Revelation 21.10-14; Colossians 3.1-4 "The Journey and the Destination"

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Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of July 3, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

"God Bless Our Native Land" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn text on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11.8-10, 13-16; Acts 7.2-6a; Revelation 21.10-14; Colossians 3.1-4 (*one person read the Scripture aloud*)

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

- 1. Where was Abraham going when he left Ur?
- 2. What was he looking for?
- 3. Was the place on earth or in heaven?
- 4. Did he find it and was he glad or sad?

Questions for older children

- 1. Have you ever had to obey but did not know what to do?
- 2. How did Abraham live in a foreign land?
- 3. Why was he looking for a heavenly city?

Scripture memory verse for this week: Hebrews 11.13

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

Scripture Memory for July: (memorize this verse of Scripture this month)

Hebrews 11.6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

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.