

Order for the Worship of God

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH May 14, 2017 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude on *Rhosymedre* ('Lovely')

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

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

I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my fortress and my deliverer	rock and my
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my sh	ield, and the
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And I am saved from my enemies.	,
For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nati	ons,
And sing to Your name.	
Great salvation He brings to His king,	
And shows steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his	
offspring forever.	Psalm 18.1-2, 49-50
	fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my sh horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised And I am saved from my enemies. For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nati And sing to Your name. Great salvation He brings to His king, And shows steadfast love to His anointed, to Da

*Hymn No. 98	"Now Thank We All Our God"	NUN DANKET

Minister: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

People: Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, is also restoring us by His Spirit into His image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for His benefits, so that He may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ. Heidelberg, Q. 86

"O Church Arise " *Hymn Getty 1. O put Church, a - rise, and hear the your ar - mor on; 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy the meet, as 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give_ call of Christ our Cap-tain. For now the weak can that say rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -Son grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to they are strong in the strength that God has gi ven. whole, we will with faith wound - ed fight and val or. neath His feet, for the Con quer - or has ris en! win the prize of а ser _ vant good and faith ful. With of faith we'll stand shield belt of Truth, and а ev - 'ry When faced with trials on side, we know the the rolled a And as stone is way and Christ е saints old the As of still line way, re - tell - ing the de - vil's lies: An bold. whose bat - tle ar - my gainst prize for come is se - cure, and Christ will have the out mer ges from the grave, this vic - ťry march con - tin - ues of His hear their calls and tri umphs grace, we hun - ger is love, reach - ing to those in dark - ness. cry out died, it - ance which He an in - her of na tions. 'til and heart the dav ev - 'ry eye shall see Him. when with Christ we stand for the day in Glo rv. - 2 -

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Parental Vows

- 1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

9:30

Nora Jane Thompson Blair Anne Banowsky Abigail Jean Heath Whitten Ray Kelly 11:00

Parker Grace Dunlap Peter Thomas Henry Peyton Elizabeth Pond Charles Grant Taber Edith Elizabeth Taber

Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

*The Doxology

9:30/11:00

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Public Confession of Sin

You, O Lord, have promised, that if we will confess our sins You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins. We come in penitence seeking Your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of Your presence, and the light of Your face. You alone know how often we have offended You, and hurt the lives of others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have been selfish, and have not thought of the needs of others. Forgive us for our ingratitude, our neglect of prayer, our carelessness in the use of money, our forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Psalm 51.17

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00 Mr. Goebel 9:30 Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00	"When He Cometh"	arr. Dale Wood
	J. Marty Cope, organ	

9:30/11:00 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Ralph Manuel Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Stephen Nielson, piano

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's glow its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister:But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in
Your salvation.Psalm 13.5
Psalm 13.5The Peace of the Lord be with you always.People:And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

***The Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 4.7-11

- *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.*
- ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
 ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.
- ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
- ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Sermon

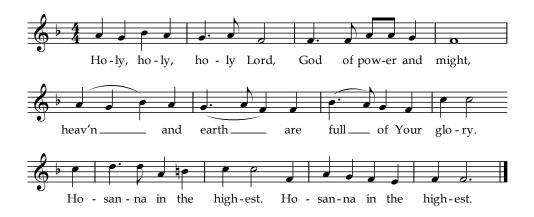
"Love Is a Stretch"

Mr. Williams 8:00 Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

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.

*Closing Hymn No. 580	"Lead On, O King Eternal"	LANCASHIRE
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***The Benediction**

Minister:	Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father,	
	who loved us and gave us eternal comfort ar	nd good hope
	through grace, comfort your hearts and estal	blish them in every
	good work and word.	2 Thessalonians. 2.16-17
People:	Thanks be to God! Amen.	

Postlude

8:00	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Stephen Nielson, <i>piano</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH arr. Nielson
9:30/11:00	"Wir Glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV680" (We All Believe in One True God) Mr. Cope, <i>organ</i>	JS Bach

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of the mothers of Sarah Jane and Will Francis.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22.6

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

V Pelcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have joined us today.

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women's Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

"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

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Sermon Notes

1 Peter 4.7-11 "Love Is a Stretch"

<u>Praise</u>

Call to Worship (everyone together)

I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

"O Church Arise" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page two.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4.7-11 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. What does it mean to love someone?
- 2. What does it mean to love someone earnestly?
- 3. Why is love so important for Christians?
- 4. How does God love us earnestly?

Questions for older children

- 1. When is it hard for you to love?
- 2. How does love cover a multitude of sins?
- 3. How did Christ stretch His love for us?

Scripture Memory for May (memorize this passage of Scripture this month)

1 Peter 4.7-10

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<u>Prayer</u>

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.