

Order for the Worship of God

Park Cities Presbyterian Church May 28, 2017 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

The Ascension of Our Lord

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

"Toccata on *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*" Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch, *organ* David Cherwien

Call to Worship

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

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,

People: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises! Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: Sing praises with a psalm! Minister: God reigns over the nations;

People: God sits on His holy throne. Psalm 47.5-8

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00 The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30 The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only mediator and intercessor: Jesus Christ the righteous.

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He therefore was made man,
uniting together the divine and human natures,
so that we human beings might have access to the divine majesty.

from Belgic Confession, Art. 26



Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God,

You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives.

We have gone along with 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. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1b-2

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00 Mr. Fray 9:30 Mr. Overton 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Improvisation on O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies" Charles Callahan

Dr. Welch, organ

9:30/11:00

"Laudate Dominum" Chancel Choir • Jenni Rasberry, solo Bryan Varenkamp, conductor • Dr. Welch, organ

W.A. Mozart Psalm 117

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; Laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confir- mata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Hymn No. 630

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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*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:
- 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

"Vacancy"

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

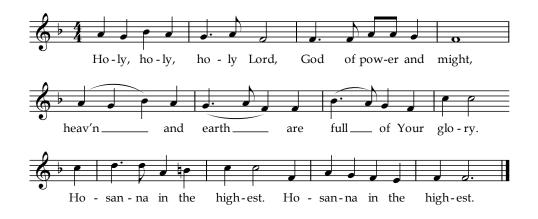
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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.



*The Benediction

Minister: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one

another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the

coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. I Thessalonians 3.12-13

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Tu es Petra ("Thou Art the Rock")

Henri Mulet

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16.18 Dr. Welch, organ

^{*}Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for those who serve and have served 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.



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 "Vacancy"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of May 28, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page six.

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 is hospitality?
- 2. Why was hospitality important in the early church?
- 3. How are we to show hospitality?
- 4. How has God revealed His hospitality to us?
- 5. What is grumbling?
- 6. How are you tempted to grumble?
- 7. Why is it important for us not to grumble?

Questions for older children

- 1. What is required to show godly hospitality?
- 2. What is the purpose of hospitality?
- 3. How is hospitality good for us?
- 4. How can you begin showing more hospitality?
- 5. How does the gospel connect to hospitality?

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

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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.