

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 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

"Improvisation on 'A Mighty Fortress"

Drew Pace, organ

EIN' FESTE BURG

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00 Dr. Julian Russell 9:30/11:00

Minister: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart

and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Minister: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than

dwell in the tents of wickedness.

People: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing

Your praise! Psalm 84.1-2, 10, 4

*Hymn No. 92

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

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 emptied Himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
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 "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Rodgers/Wyse 1. Won-der-ful, mer-ci-ful Sav ior, Pre - cious Re-deem - er and_ Spir - it 2. Coun - sel - or, com - fort-er, keep er, we long to em - brace,_ 3. Al-might-y,_ in - fi - nite Fa ther faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own: Who would have thought. that could res - cue the a Lamb You when our hope - less - ly of - fer hope hearts have fall - ing Here in our weak ness You find 115 be souls of man, Oh,__ You res-cue the souls of man. lost way, Oh,_ _ we've hope-less-ly lost the way. our fore Your throne, Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore throne. Refrain the that we You are the one dore You give the heal ing and grace our hearts al-ways hun - ger for, Oh, our hearts al -ways hun - ger for.

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people.

You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient,
legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being Your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

Psalm 43.5

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00 Mr. Higginbottom 9:30 Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

"Give Me Jesus" *African-American Spiritual*Steve Williamson, *soloist* • Drew Pace, *piano*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor

and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Psalm 84.11

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

THE COMMISSIONING OF MATTHEW STEINFELD FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

9:30/11:00

Commissioning Questions

Dr. Julian Russell

- 1. Have you been compelled, as far as you know your own heart, to seek missionary service from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
- 2. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
- 3. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a missionary, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before those whom you serve?
- 4. Are you willing to accept commissioning as a missionary of Park Cities Presbyterian Church as your home church and, therefore, are you willing to submit to the counsel, direction and authority of PCPC?
- 5. Do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge the duties God shall set before you through your mission agency and through PCPC?

Question to the Congregation:

Do you, the people of this congregation, promise, as the Lord leads and enables you, to pray for Matt Steinfeld, and to encourage and support him in his labors, recognizing him as PCPC's ambassador?

The Commissioning Prayer

Mr. Rick Owens

*The Scripture Reading

Genesis 15.13-14

Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman.

- ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months.
- ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.
- ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him.

- ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it.
- ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."
- ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"
- ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother.
- ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.
- ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hebrews 11.23-29

- By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.
- ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.
- ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
- ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.
- ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.
- ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

The Morning Sermon

"By Faith, We See God's Covenant Faithfulness" Mr. Williams 8:00 Dr. Russell 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

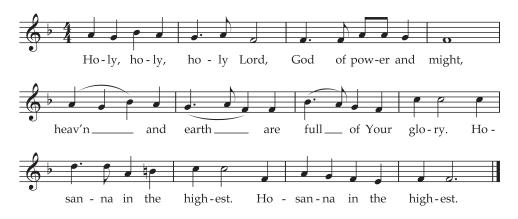
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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. 44

"How Great Thou Art"

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*Benediction

Minister: And the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory in

Christ, after we have suffered a little while, will Himself restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever!

I Peter 5.10-11

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The congregation stands.

We welcome guest organist Mr. Drew Pace to our services today.

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

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

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| The Rev. Paul Goebel | Gregory Morris | |
| Pat Hamner | Boots Nowlin | |
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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.

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 15.13-14; Exodus 2.1-10; Hebrews 11.23-29

"By Faith, We See God's Covenant Faithfulness"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of August 7, 2016

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (read or sing these words together)

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15.13-14; Exodus 2.1-10; Hebrews 11.23-29 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. Why was God so faithful to Moses and the children of Israel?
- 2. What is the covenant that God established with Abraham?
- 3. Who were the three women who had such great influence upon young Moses?
- 4. Who are the women today who have great influence in your life?
- 5. Why did Moses refuse the privilege of being Pharaoh's grandson?
- 6. Why did Moses keep the Passover?

Questions for older children

- 1. Do you see any parallels between the story of Moses' infancy and that of Jesus?
- 2. Why is the Exodus such a key event in the story of redemption?
- 3. Why is the Passover so important to God's covenant with His people?
- 4. How did Moses' obedience influence the Hebrews?

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

Hebrews 11.1-2:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Prayer

Prayer (saying together)

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed! For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 84.8-10