

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.



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 22, 2018 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Call to Worship

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

Minister: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart

instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is

at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my

flesh also dwells secure.

Minister: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One

see corruption.

People: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence

there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures

forevermore. Psalm 16.7-11

*Easter Hymn No. 283

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00 The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30 The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

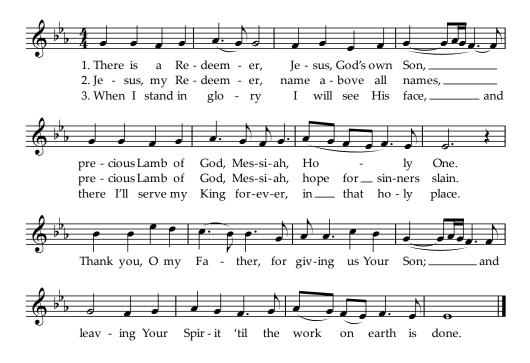
The Lord Jesus,

by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God has fully satisfied the justice of His Father.

He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven

for all those whom the Father has given to Him.

Westminster Confession, Chapter 8, Section 5



Musical Meditation

n "The Lord's Prayer"
Chapel Choir and Carol Choir
Lynda Fray, director • Emma Jennings, piano

Russell Nagy

Public Confession of Sin

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, You have brought us to the valley of vision, where we live in the depths but see You in the heights. Hemmed in by mountains of sin we behold Your glory. Let us learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Let us find Your light in our darkness, Your life in our death, Your joy in our sorrow, Your grace in our sin, Your riches in our poverty, Your glory in our valley,

through the grace of the resurrected Christ. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

Psalm 30.11-12

*Hymn of Assurance No. 500 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" 9:30/11:00

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

"Voluntary in D"
J. Marty Cope, organ

Samuel Wesley

9:30/11:00 "The Heart's Desire" David Schwoebel Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ Stephen Nielson, piano • Elise Belk, oboe

One thing have I desired, one thing will I seek after: to dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and ever and to inquire in His temple. adapted from Psalm 27.4

This piece was commissioned by PCPC.

The inscription inside the printed music reads:

"For the inaugural service of worship with Joseph Fischer Ryan,
Senior Minister, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas, April 5, 1992"

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one

body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our

common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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.

- As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.
- ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.
- ⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
- ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.
- ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.
- ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
- ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
- ¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,
- ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.
- ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.
- One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.
- ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

The Sermon

"Red Light-Green Light"

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

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

*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

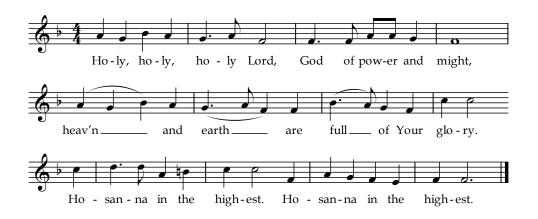
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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:



*The Words of Institution 8:00

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. 660 "O God beyond All Praising"

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*The Benediction

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13.14

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia.

Postlude

8:00

"Toccata in C major" Dr. Nathan Davy, organ Johann Pachelbel

9:30/11:00

"Toccata in Seven" Mr. Cope, *organ*

John Rutter

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hunter Clayton Smith and Warren Clayton Smith by Kathy, Meredith, Libby and Ben. We rejoice that they are united with our Lord and each other as we will also be some day.

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

1 Thessalonians 4.16

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Aubrey Adams and Walker Fults.

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 people at the front of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you. You may also call our 24/7 prayer line: 214-224-2680 or email your request to our pastors at: pastorsprayer@pcpc.org.

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

^{*}Please stand if you are able.

SERMON NOTES

Acts 16.4-15 "Red Light-Green Light"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of April 22, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

"There Is a Redeemer" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 16.4-15 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 2. How do we see the Holy Spirit at work in this passage?
- 3. When they follow the Spirit, what do they do with the gospel?
- 4. What does the Holy Spirit tell them to do and not do?
- 5. What happens to Lydia and how was the Holy Spirit at work?

Questions for older children

- 1. How can we discern the call of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. What lessons are here for us about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- 3. When have you experienced the "red light green light" work of the Spirit with the gospel?

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

Acts 14.21-22

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

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.