

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

May 6, 2018 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Dr. Nathan Davy, organ Percy Whitlock

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00 The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! **People:** Extol Him, all peoples!

Minister: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD! Psalm 117

*Easter Hymn No. 281 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" SHOUT ON

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith: The Preeminence of Christ

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00 Dr. Pete Deison 9:30 The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

And He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

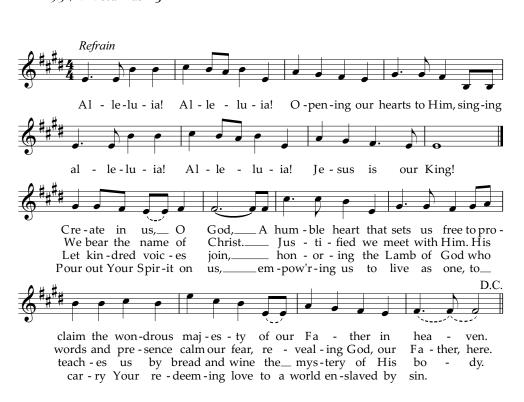
Colossians 1.15-20

*Hymn

"Jesus Is Our King"

POST GREEN

8:00: all stanzas 9:30/11:00: stanzas 1-3



Recognition of New Members

9:30/11:00

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30

Natalya Alexandrovna Popova

*Hymn

"Jesus Is Our King"

9:30/11:00: stanza 4 (refrain, verse, refrain)

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord God, Who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare Your glory, the earth Your riches,

the universe is Your temple;

I thank You for Your riches given to me in Jesus:

for the unclouded revelation of Him in Your Word, where I behold His person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection.

I come to You in the all-prevailing name of Jesus,

with nothing of my own to plead,

no works, no worthiness, no promises.

I am often straying, often knowingly opposing Your authority, often abusing Your goodness.

Subdue in me the love of sin,

let me know the need of renovation as well as of forgiveness, in order to serve and enjoy You forever.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body, I will see God!

Job 19.25-26 (NLT)

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

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

Musical Offering

8:00

"Fugue on the Magnificat" Dr. Davy, organ Johann Pachelbel

9:30/11:00 "Joy to the Heart" K. Lee Scott Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Davy, organ

Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree and what He brings in His hurt hands is life on life for you and me. Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all praise to Christ the victor. Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all praise to Christ our Savior.

Good Jesus Christ inside His pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from His flesh to fill the springs of living hope.

The perfect Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who

according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

1 Peter 1.3

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

*The Scripture Reading

Acts 17.16-34

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

- ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.
- ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.
- ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?
- For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."
- ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.
- ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.
- ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.
- ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,
- ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.
- ²⁶ And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,
- ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us,
- ²⁸ for "In Him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed His offspring.'
- ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.
- ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent,
- ³¹ because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."
- ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."
- ³³ So Paul went out from their midst.
- ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

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

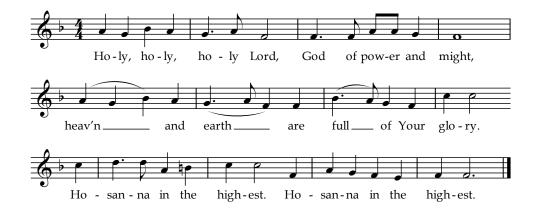
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

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. 297 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Stanzas: 1, 3, 5-6 DIADEM

*The Benediction

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

From Him and through Him and to Him are all things! To Him be the glory forever!

Romans 11.33, 36

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude "Alleluya" William Faulkes

Dr. Davy, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Rebecca Ann Duncan Abbate and Corey Aaron Dameron.

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

SERMON NOTES

Acts 17.16-34 "The Gospel in a Secular Age"

Order of Worship for the Home - The Week of May 6, 2018

Praise

Call to Worship (everyone together)

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!

Psalm 117

"Jesus Is Our King" (read or sing these words together)

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 17.16-34 (one person read the Scripture aloud)

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

- 1. What is an idol? What were the idols of ancient Athens, Greece? What are some of the modern idols of Dallas, Texas?
- 2. What does the goodness and beauty of creation reveal about the character of God?
- 3. What countries are a part of the Kingdom of God? Which nationalities does God love most?
- 4. How well does God know us? (See Psalm 139) What does this teach us about our relationship with God?
- 5. How do you know right from wrong?
- 6. Why was the resurrection of Jesus Christ considered foolishness to the Greeks? Why is the resurrection considered foolishness today? Can there be salvation without the resurrection?
- 7. Who was Dionysius? (See Acts 17.34) How does his story of rescue teach us about the power of the Gospel?

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

Psalm 52.8-9 (NLT)

But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love. ⁹ I will praise You forever, O God, for what You have done. I will trust in Your good name in the presence of Your faithful people.

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.