

# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 7, 2018



*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

October 7, 2018  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

“Air”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

*Herbert Howells*

*During the Prelude, please join in silent preparation  
of heart and mind to worship our God.*

### Call to Worship

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

Minister: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**People: listen to my plea for grace.**

Minister: In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

**People: for You answer me.**

Minister: There is none like You among the gods, O Lord,

**People: nor are there any works like Yours.**

Minister: All the nations You have made shall come and worship before  
You, O Lord,

**People: and shall glorify Your name.**

Psalm 86.6-9

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 580** “Lead On, O King Eternal”

*LANCASHIRE*

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Profession of Faith**

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**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

"Come, Behold the Mystery"

Boswell/Papa



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing  
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He, the per - fect  
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ, the Lord up -  
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the



of the King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in  
 Son of Man in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er  
 on the tree. In the stead of ruined — sin - ners, hangs the  
 God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness,  
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam,  
 Lamb in vic - tor - y. See the price of our re - demp - tion,  
 Lord: He is a - live. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who  
 come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and  
 see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny  
 how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
 sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.  
 sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
 res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

## Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,  
be the God of Your people today!  
We confess that we have worshiped all too many other gods.  
We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values.  
Turn our hearts to You again!  
We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries.  
We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places.  
We have made idols of our occupations,  
our recreations, and our homes.  
We turn to You, and to You alone,  
to be our God, our only God.  
Give us spiritual integrity.  
Give us wholeness and holiness.  
Answer us, O Lord, answer us,  
that we be in truth Your people.  
All honor and power be to You, O Christ,  
forever and ever.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3,21-23

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00  
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00 “Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 3, G-flat” Franz Schubert  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

9:30/11:00 "Jesu Dulcis Memoria" Tomás Luis de Victoria  
Chancel Choir • Dr. Davy, *director*

*Jesu dulcis memoria dans vera cordi gaudia:  
sed super mel et omnia ejus dulcis praesentia.*

Jesus! The very thought is sweet, in that dear name all heart joys meet;  
but sweeter than the honey far, the glimpses of His presence are.

This 11th century hymn is often attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux. It is translated in our Trinity hymnal as “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee,” No. 645.

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

## 2nd Grade Bible Presentation and Children's Sermon

Mr. Goebel

9:30

*Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. -Jeremiah 15:16*

- When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon.*
- <sup>3</sup> *And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place.*
- <sup>4</sup> *But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.*
- <sup>5</sup> *This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.*
- <sup>6</sup> *The hand of the LORD was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and He terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.*
- <sup>7</sup> *And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god."*
- <sup>6,13</sup> *Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it.*
- <sup>14</sup> *The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh and stopped there. A great stone was there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.*
- <sup>15</sup> *And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was beside it, in which were the golden figures, and set them upon the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to the LORD.*
- <sup>16</sup> *And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned that day to Ekron.*
- <sup>17</sup> *These are the golden tumors that the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron,*
- <sup>18</sup> *and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both fortified cities and unwallled villages. The great stone beside which they set down the ark of the LORD is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh.*
- <sup>19</sup> *And He struck some of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they looked upon the ark of the LORD. He struck seventy men of them, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great blow.*
- <sup>20</sup> *Then the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up away from us?"*
- <sup>21</sup> *So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the ark of the LORD. Come down and take it up to you."*
- <sup>7.1</sup> *And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD.*
- <sup>2</sup> *From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.*

**The Sermon**

"The Hope of Lament"

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

Worshippers 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!

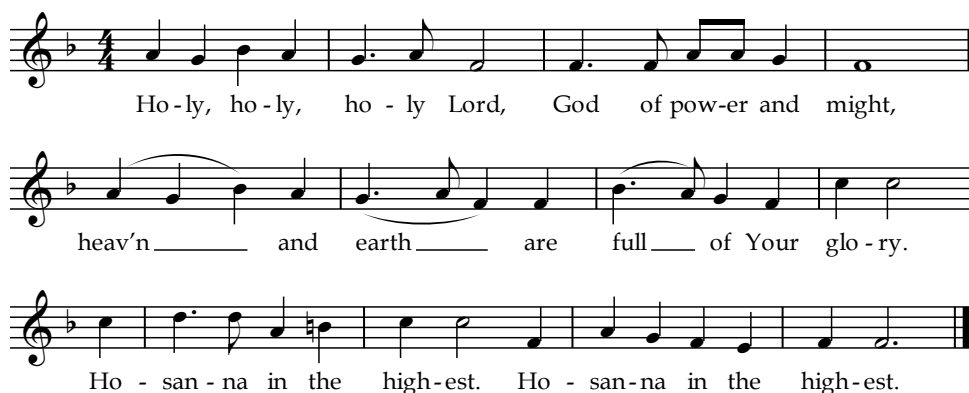
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_\_ of Your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*The Words of Institution 8:00**

**Communion 8:00**

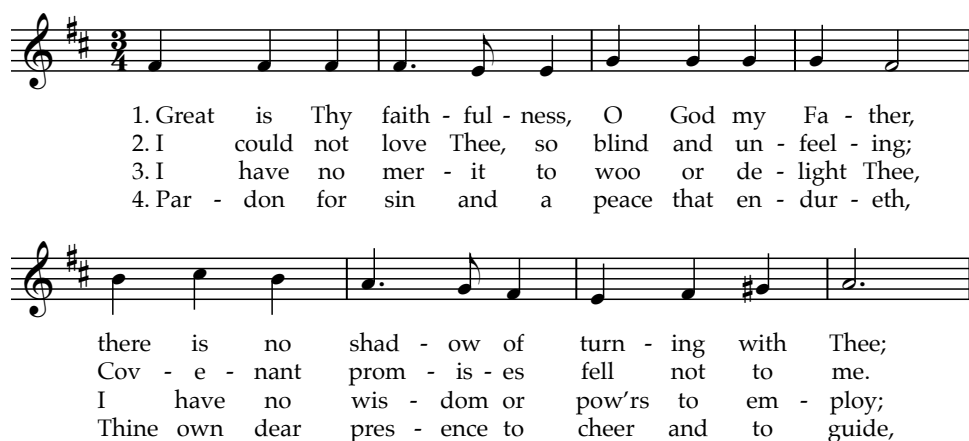
*Please come forward down the center aisle.  
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.  
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*FAITHFULNESS*

*text: vs. 1 and 4, Thomas Chisholm,  
vs. 2-3, John Piper*



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. I could not love Thee, so blind and un - feel - ing;  
3. I have no mer - it to woo or de - light Thee,  
4. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
Cov - e - nant prom - is - es fell not to me.  
I have no wis - dom or pow'rs to em - ploy;  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Then with - out warn - ing, de - sire, or de - serv - ing,  
yet in Thy mer - cy, how pleas - ing thou find'st me,  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

as Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
I found my Trea - sure, my plea - sure, in Thee.  
this is Thy plea - sure: that Thou art my joy.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by  
morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed Thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

### \*The Benediction

**Minister:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15.13

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Postlude

8:00

“How Firm a Foundation”  
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

FOUNDATION  
arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Allegro di Molto”  
Dr. Davy, *organ*

## Johannes Brahms

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving and in memory of David O. Turner.*

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

## SERMON NOTES

“The Hope of Lament”

1 Samuel 5.1-7; 6.13-7.2

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elcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you 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*



## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of October 7, 2018

### Praise

**Call to Worship:** *(everyone together)*

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me. There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. Psalm 86.6-9

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page six.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 5.1-7; 6.13-7.2 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is hope? What do you hope for? Where do you place your hope?
2. Who was Dagon? What did the Philistines think Dagon would do for them? Do you have any “Dagons” in your life?
3. What happened to the statue of Dagon? What does this teach us about idols? What does this teach us about God?
4. Why did God strike down the Israelites who looked at the ark? Where did these men place their hope?
5. What is a lament? What does it mean that the people of Israel lamented after the Lord?
6. Why was the ark returned to Israel? What does this teach us about the faithfulness of God?

**Scripture Memory for October:** *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Lamentations 3.21-23

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

### 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.