

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2019



*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.*



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

May 19, 2019
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

“Rhosymedre”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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. Matt Fray 9:30/11:00

Minister: And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

People: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

Minister: It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

People: This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Isaiah 25.7-9

*Hymn No. 283

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

EBENEZER

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Brent Baker 9:30

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 11:00

Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

People: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from His love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

from *Heidelberg Catechism*, No. 28

*Hymn of Praise

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Merker



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.____
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.____
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!____

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Public Confession of Sin

O Ruler of the universe and King of our lives,
we confess that the truth of Your complete sovereignty
has not been precious to us.
Though Your providence orders all things,
we have lived fearfully and timidly
becoming slaves to our temporal needs and desires.
We have feared our circumstances,
worried over money,
and bowed the knee to peer pressure.
Forgive us, Lord,
for we have even feared dying,
not trusting that Your victory by the blood of Christ
proves You sovereign over sin and death.
Lord God, strengthen our faith
that we may truly live as those
who have been raised up with Christ in the heavenly places.
Replace our foolish fears with love for the One who loved us
and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love
toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He
remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103.11-12

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Baker 9:30

Mr. Higginbottom 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Stephen Nielson, piano

LAUDES DOMINI
arr. Ovid Young

9:30/11:00

“Look at the World”
Chancel Choir • Dr. Davy, conductor • Stephen Nielson, piano

John Rutter

*Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every
day. Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along
our way.*

*Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation; give us thankful hearts, that we may
see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of Thee.*

*Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine
and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and
flowing river, field and plain.*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before
the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is
gathered to the Father's fold.*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of
His love; we are His hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth,
and His the heavens above.*

*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 Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 22.1-20; 47-51

And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

² *He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,*

³ *my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior; You save me from violence.*

⁴ *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

⁵ *"For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me;*

⁶ *the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.*

⁷ *"In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry came to His ears.*

⁸ *"Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations of the heavens trembled and quaked, because He was angry.*

⁹ *Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from Him.*

¹⁰ *He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet.*

¹¹ *He rode on a cherub and flew; He was seen on the wings of the wind.*

¹² *He made darkness around Him his canopy, thick clouds, a gathering of water.*

¹³ *Out of the brightness before Him coals of fire flamed forth.*

¹⁴ *The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice.*

¹⁵ *And He sent out arrows and scattered them; lightning, and routed them.*

¹⁶ *Then the channels of the sea were seen; the foundations of the world were laid bare, at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.*

¹⁷ *"He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.*

¹⁸ *He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.*

¹⁹ *They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support.*

²⁰ *He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.*

⁴⁷ *"The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,*

⁴⁸ *the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples under me,*

⁴⁹ *who brought me out from my enemies; You exalted me above those who rose against me; You delivered me from men of violence.*

⁵⁰ *"For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.*

⁵¹ *Great salvation He brings to His king, and shows steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever."*

The Sermon

"Our Enduring Song"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Fray 9:30/11:00

*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

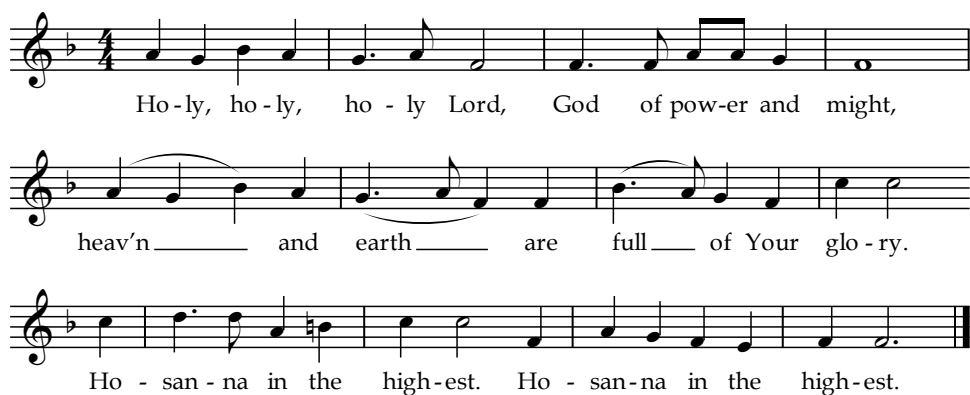
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

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.*

Communion 9:30/11:00

The bread being served at Communion is gluten-free.

*Please come forward to receive the elements as directed by an usher.
Partake of each when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.*

During the serving of Communion:

9:30/11:00

*"Meditation"
Mr. Nielson, piano*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Please join in singing:

Hymn No. 246

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

WHAT A SAVIOR

***Closing Hymn No. 44**

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD

Stanzas: 1, 3-4

***The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

8:00

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

LANDAS

Mr. Nielson, *piano*

arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Dr. Davy, *organ*

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Members of PCPC who have joined the Church Triumphant
since our last Communion service:*

Gloria M. Hewlett
Betty “Cookie” Wood
Gale Emerson
Robert “Bob” Wallace
Angela C. Lacy
Julia A. Berry

**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

2 Samuel 22.1-20; 47-51
“Our Enduring Song”



Welcome 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 May 19, 2019

Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Isaiah 25:9

“He Will Hold Me Fast” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 22.1-20; 47-51 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. Imagine if a song were to be written about your life. What would it be like and why?
2. Read 2 Samuel 22.2-3. What names does David use to describe God? How do those names reflect God’s unique work in David’s life? Are there particular names the Bible uses for God that reflect God’s unique work in your life?
3. Read 2 Samuel 22.16-20. David uses imagery from Israel’s crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14) to describe God’s work in his life. What are some events or seasons of your life when you have experienced the power of God’s protection and rescue?
4. Read 2 Samuel 22.51. How has God provided great salvation and steadfast love, not only for David, but also for us as His “offspring”?
5. Read Revelation 5.9-14. How does the song being sung in heaven reflect David’s song and inspire our songs?

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

2 Samuel 22.31-32

This God—His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our 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.