

# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

May 26, 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.*



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 26, 2019  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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### Prelude

“Trumpet Tune”  
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

*Nicholas Bowden*

*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. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Minister: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**People: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Minister: For the LORD is a great God,

**People: and a great King above all gods.**

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Minister: For He is our God,

**People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of  
His hand.**

Psalm 95.1-3, 6-7

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 100

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

NICAEA

### \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Rev. Tommy Overton 8:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30

The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three Persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things  
in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible,  
to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence  
for such end as His eternal wisdom,  
goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.

*The Old Scot's Confession, Article 1*

**\*Hymn No. 630**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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**Public Confession of Sin**

O mighty King of Glory,  
You are the Captain of our lives  
and the Ruler of the world.  
Give us aid to enthrone You in our hearts this day.  
Subdue in us that which is not holy,  
and summon our allegiance during the hour of our tempting.  
At Your name every knee will bow throughout the entire creation.  
Empower us to make You known in this city, in this world,  
and help us now to bow our hearts  
in humble petition before Your throne of justice and mercy.  
Grant us pardon,  
teach us humility,  
and bind our hearts to Christ,  
our Lord and selfless King.

**Private Confession**

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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?

2 Samuel 22.31-32

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30

Mr. Overton 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00

“Day By Day, and with Each Passing Moment”

Stephen Nielson, *piano*

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arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“At the Name of Jesus”

Cindy Berry

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, *director* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Jesus, though He was God, did not cling to His rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory, taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men. He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.*

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth. That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

adapted from Philippians 2.6-11

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Hebrews 12.2

People: **And also with you.**

## \*The Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 24.1-4, 9-25

*Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He incited David against them, saying, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”*

<sup>2</sup> *So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army, who was with him, “Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people.”*

<sup>3</sup> *But Joab said to the king, “May the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see it, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?”*

<sup>4</sup> *But the king’s word prevailed against Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.*

- <sup>9</sup> And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: in Israel there were 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000.
- <sup>10</sup> But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."
- <sup>11</sup> And when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,
- <sup>12</sup> "Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'"
- <sup>13</sup> So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."
- <sup>14</sup> Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man."
- <sup>15</sup> So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men.
- <sup>16</sup> And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
- <sup>17</sup> Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house."
- <sup>18</sup> And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."
- <sup>19</sup> So David went up at Gad's word, as the LORD commanded.
- <sup>20</sup> And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground.
- <sup>21</sup> And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people."
- <sup>22</sup> Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.
- <sup>23</sup> All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."
- <sup>24</sup> But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
- <sup>25</sup> And David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

## **The Sermon**

"Let us fall into the hand of the Lord,  
for His mercy is great."

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

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

**\*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

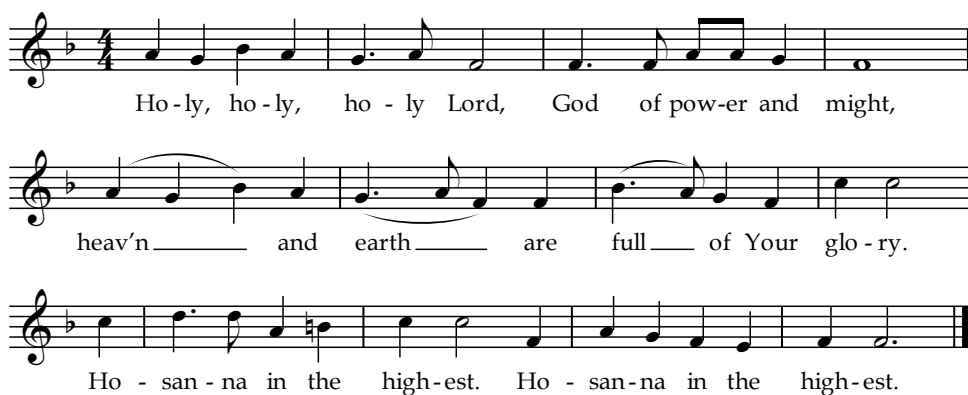
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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**

*The bread being served at Communion is gluten-free.*

*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. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

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## \*The Benediction

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6.24-26

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

## Postlude

8:00                      “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”                      AUSTRIAN HYMN  
                                 Mr. Nielson, *piano*                                      arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00                      “Hymn for the Fallen”                                      John Williams  
                                 Mr. Cope, *organ*

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life...” John 15.13*  
*“For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5.7-8*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for those who serve and have served our great country. This Memorial Day, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom. Freedom is never free; it has been bought with a price.*

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



*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*

## **SERMON NOTES**

2 Samuel 24.1-4, 9-25

“Let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercy is great.”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 26, 2019

### Praise

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

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Psalm 95.1-3

**“Holy, Holy, Holy!”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 24.1-4, 9-25 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What sin does David commit?
2. When David is told there will be consequences for his sin, and is given three options, what does he do? (see 2 Samuel 24.14)
3. What does this passage reveal about David’s heart?
4. What does this passage reveal about God’s heart as it relates to His holiness, justice, wrath, and mercy?
5. How can we fall into the hand of the Lord?

**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.