

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2020



*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

March 29, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Welcome

The Rev. Mark Davis

Call to Worship: Psalm 61.1-3

Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to You
when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,
for You have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

Musical Meditation “How Can I Keep from Singing” *arr. Ovid Young*
Jenni Rasberry, *vocalist* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Prayer of Adoration

Profession of Faith

There should be no greater comfort to Christian persons,
than to be made like unto Christ,
by suffering patiently adversities,
troubles, and sicknesses.
For He Himself went not up to joy,
but first He suffered pain;
He entered not into His glory,
before He was crucified.
So truly our way to eternal joy,
is to suffer here with Christ;
and our door to enter into eternal life,
is gladly to die with Christ;
that we may rise again from death,
and dwell with Him in everlasting life.

Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(originally recorded in our services on February 2, 2020)

NETTLETON

Come, Thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
 Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’m come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God:
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
 Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
 Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love;
 Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Season of Prayer**Children’s Message**

The Rev. Brent Baker

Musical Meditation

“Walk in the Light”

arr. André Thomas

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Nathan Davy, piano
(originally recorded in our services on February 23, 2020)

*We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light,
 Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
 Shine all around us by day and by night,
 Jesus, the Light of the world.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;
 “Glory to the newborn King,” Jesus, the Light of the world.*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;
 Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.*

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 40.1–5; 11-12; 16-17

- I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.*
² *He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*
³ *He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*
⁴ *Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!*
⁵ *You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.*
¹¹ *As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!*
¹² *For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.*
¹⁶ *But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”*
¹⁷ *As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!*

Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace!”

AMAZING GRACE

(originally recorded in our services on March 5, 2017)

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.

The Benediction

Minister: Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and You again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Book of Common Prayer

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Psalm 40.1-5; 11-12; 16-17
“My Deliverer”