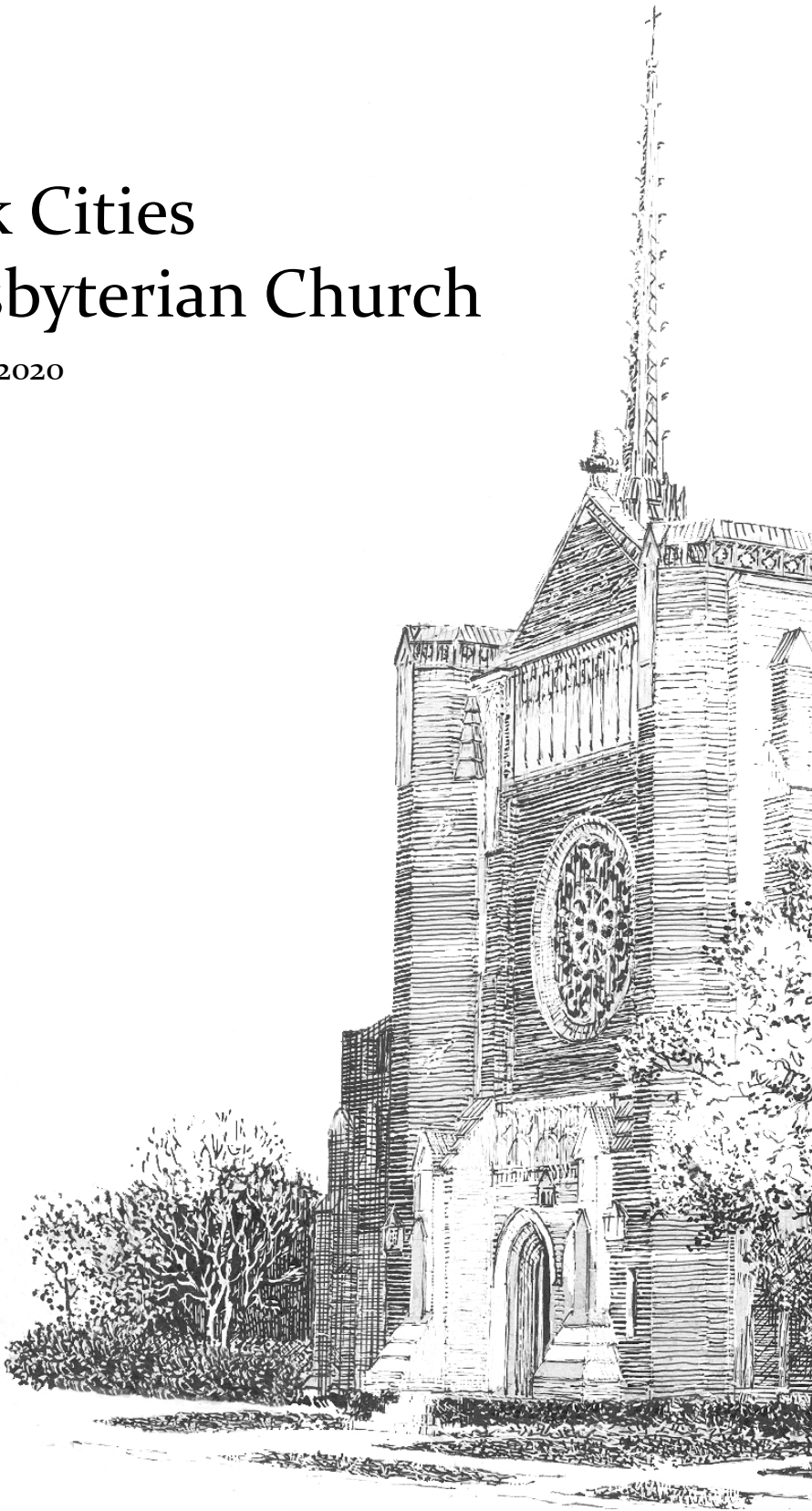


# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

April 5, 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

April 5, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

*Palm Sunday*

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**Welcome**

The Rev. Mark Davis

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 24.7-10**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
He is the King of glory!

### **Hymn of Praise**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*ST. THEODULPH*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:  
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

### **Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Paul Goebel

### **Profession of Faith**

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 Scots Confession 1560, Article 1*

**Season of Prayer**

The Eric Horan family

**Musical Meditation**

“To the Cross”

Babbie Mason

Jennifer Barnes, *vocalist* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

**The Scripture Reading**

John 8.23-25, 31-36, 48-59

*He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.*

<sup>24</sup> *I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins.”*

<sup>25</sup> *So they said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.*

<sup>31</sup> *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,*

<sup>32</sup> *and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

<sup>33</sup> *They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”*

<sup>34</sup> *Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.*

<sup>35</sup> *The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.*

<sup>36</sup> *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

<sup>48</sup> *The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”*

<sup>49</sup> *Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.*

<sup>50</sup> *Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge.*

<sup>51</sup> *Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.”*

<sup>52</sup> *The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’”*

<sup>53</sup> *Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?”*

<sup>54</sup> *Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’”*

<sup>55</sup> *But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word.*

<sup>56</sup> *Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.”*

<sup>57</sup> *So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”*

<sup>58</sup> *Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”*

<sup>59</sup> *So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.*

**The Sermon**

“Before Abraham was, I AM”

Mr. Goebel

**Closing Hymn**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*DIADEMATA*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**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**

John 8.23-25, 31-36, 48-59  
“Before Abraham was, I AM”