

# Morning Worship

August 2, 2020, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Trinity Season

*The order of worship for the evening service, which will not meet on campus, begins on page 6 of this booklet. Visit [2pc.org/live](http://2pc.org/live) to view the service via live stream.*

## PREPARATION FOR MORNING WORSHIP

In corporate worship, we invest extended time in prayer. We do this primarily because God commands us to seek Him in prayer. Prayer also serves as one of the primary ways that we exercise our faith in God as well as an antidote for our anxious hearts (*Luke 18:1; Philippians 4:6-7*).

If you have attempted to pray at all, you recognize that prayer is hard work and that we often struggle to pray well. Therefore, we constantly need our Lord's guidance. This is why we regularly use the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for our own praying.

According to the Lord's Prayer, evil exists in the world and has its origin in the Evil One. All of us easily succumb to his agenda when we profane God's name, oppose God's kingdom, resist God's will, fail to forgive those who sin against us, and fail to resist temptation. On the contrary, Jesus' prayer empowers us to refocus on the Lord—His praise, His program, His plan, His provision, His pardon, and His protection.

Today when we bow our heads and hearts in prayer, let us remember that we are participating with our Lord in His uprising against the disorder of our hearts and our world. Let us ask Him to strengthen our capacity to trust Him, for He has promised to rescue us from our perilous life on earth and bring us safely home to heaven.



*Please take this order of worship with you as you exit.*

ENTER THE LORD'S COURTS WITH PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" .....Larry Wolz

Jill Peak, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Brett Powell

For the protection of our community during the pandemic, singing along to hymns is discouraged.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" ..... MIT FREUDEN ZART

Words: Johann Schütz / Psalm 97:1

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul He fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,  
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of His might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud His praises,  
That men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

✦INVOCATION

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH .....Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 94-95

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and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.**

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until they have publicly stated that they believe in Christ and will obey Him,  
but the infant children of church members should be baptized.**

*These questions will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

✦DOXOLOGY ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

Words: Thomas Ken / Psalm 150

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## REST ON THE MERCY LAP OF THE LORD

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of grace and glory,  
we crown You with praise  
for setting us free from sin and the tyranny of the devil.  
Yet we confess that we often usurp Your lordship  
and live in bondage rather than freedom.  
We dally with sin because we lose sight of Your beauty and holiness.  
We live to make our names great rather than Yours.  
We allow our own selfish desires to drive our decisions  
rather than Your will.  
We beseech Your pardoning and strengthening grace  
so that we might rest more deeply  
and trust more fully in Your promises.  
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Psalm 103:10-12

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
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.*

### WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "To Love Our God" ..... Mark Hayes

*Text: John Parker / Music: Mark Hayes / Ecclesiastes 1, 12*

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?  
Blowing north then south, how does it know?  
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.  
How can these things be? How can they be?  
Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.  
We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty, all is vain.  
To love our God, the reason we live; to love our God, the highest call.  
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole.  
For this purpose we were made to love our God!

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN *Children, please listen from your pew.*

# ABIDE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD

## ✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Jesus Is Lord” . . . . . JESUS IS LORD

*Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Mark Edwards / Philippians 2:9-11*

“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation; resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.  
 The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens; yet bids us come to taste this living bread.  
 Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets, yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.  
 Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suffering; became curse to bring salvation’s plan.  
 Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty; not even death could crush this King of Love.  
 The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven; and we can run into the arms of God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Exodus 21:1-11; 23:10-15

**Exodus 21:1-11**

Now these are the rules that you shall set before them.  
 When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out alone. But if the slave plainly says, “I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,” then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has broken faith with her. If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her

food, her clothing, or her marital rights. And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

**Exodus 23:10-15**

For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.

Pay attention to all that I have said to you, and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let it be heard on your lips.

Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: Flourishing . . . . . George Robertson

**I. Word** (*Exodus 21:2*)

**II. Freedom** (*Exodus 21:2*)

**III. Dignity** (*Exodus 21:3-11; 23:10-11*)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Before the Throne of God Above" . . . . .BEFORE THE THRONE

*Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook; arr. Bruce Greer / Hebrews 4:14-16*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
 A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
 My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart,  
 I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
 Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
 Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
 For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
 The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
 One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.  
 My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "All Hail the Power" . . . . . Jack Jones

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*The Chancel Choir:  
 Jauna Ellis, Tabitha Wadkins, Christy Young, Mandy Webb,  
 Justin Wadkins, Steve Tackett, Gregory Mason, Keith Young*

**General Fund Giving Update**

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
June	\$ 770,167	\$ 634,866	\$ (135,301)	\$ 1,346,146
YTD 7/1/19-6/30/20	\$ 9,680,666	\$ 9,210,922	\$ (469,744)	\$ 10,090,155

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# Sunday Night Worship

August 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Todd Erickson

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CALL TO WORSHIP

AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE!

**Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say,  
And again I say rejoice in the Lord always,  
And again I say, and again I say, rejoice!**

**Come bless the Lord, come bless the Lord,  
Draw near to worship Christ the Lord.  
And bless His name, His holy name, declaring He is good!**

**O that men would praise Him, O that men would praise Him.**

**O that men would praise His name, praise His name to the ends of the earth.**

*Words: Israel Houghton / Music: Aaron Lindsey; arr. Galbraith / Philippians 4:4*

INVOCATION

HIS MERCY IS MORE

**What love could remember, no wrongs we have done, omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore, our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more, stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

**What patience would wait, as we constantly roam, what Father so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness, He lavished on us, His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

*Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa; arr. Dustin Loehrs / Psalm 136*

PASTORAL PRAYER

What is baptism?

**The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.**

Who should be baptized?

**Those who are not members of churches should not be baptized until they have publicly stated that they believe in Christ and will obey Him, but the infant children of church members should be baptized.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Acts 8:25-40

Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb

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**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Baptism: The Story of God's Faithfulness ..... Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

BLESSED ASSURANCE

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*Words: Fanny Crosby / Music: Phoebe Knapp; Elevation Worship / Psalm 146:2*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

GOSPEL AMEN

*Singers: Jauna Ellis, Tabitha Wadkins, Mandy Webb, Shelbie Pittman, Chris Pruett, Justin Wadkins, Gregory Mason, Calvin Ellis  
Band: Joe Mariencheck, David Pruitt, Claude Hinds, Koleton Williams*

