



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 8, 2020
Season of Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Scripture saturates each element of our worship services:

- We call one another to our awesome task of worshiping God with Scripture.
- We sing God’s praise with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in order to make God’s Word memorable and vivid.
- The Spirit uses God’s Word to convict us of sin and to show us our fresh need of His forgiveness and grace.
- We use the precious promises of God’s Word to assure us of His pardon.
- We give attention to reading the sacred Scriptures, because faith comes from hearing the Word of God.
- We preach His Word because, through it, God chooses to save and cause some to be spiritually reborn (*I Corinthians 1:21, I Peter 1:25*).
- His Word equips us to live for Christ and to impact His kingdom during the perilous times in which we live (*II Timothy 3*).
- Lastly, God sends us out with His blessing to serve a needy world. This benediction comes from His Word.

Why do we make such a big deal about the Word saturating all of our worship? Because “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever” (*I Peter 1:24*).

Through the eternal, profitable, inerrant, and living Word of God, we receive “the good news” of eternal salvation and we are given “a lamp to our feet and light to our path.” Therefore, let us prepare to give our undivided attention to His Word!

ENTER HIS PRESENCE WITH PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Chaconne” Louis Couperin; arr. Bonnet
“In Paradisium” Gabriel Fauré; arr. Metzger
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Powell

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 66 “This Is My Father’s World” TERRA BEATA
Words: Maltbie Babcock / Music: Franklin Sheppard, arr. Metzger / Acts 4:24

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 39 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

What does God require of man?

God requires man to obey His revealed will.

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ENGELBERG

Words: Bland Tucker / Music: Charles Stanford / Philippians 2:11
Note: We will sing the verse below twice.

Let ev -ry tongue con-fess with one ac-cord in heav'n and
earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; and God the Fa - ther
be by all a - dored. Al - le - lu - ia!

RECEIVE HIS GRACE WITH ASSURANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful Covenant God,
we confess we have been a faithless people.
We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.
We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.
We experience Your grace, then act defeated.
We know the power of Jesus' resurrection,
yet still desire the power of Pharaoh.
We have become confused and misguided.
Forgive our every defection.
Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust,
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,
the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.
We pray in His matchless name.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Colossians 1:13-14

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Moses Hogan

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho.
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho; the walls came tumblin' down.
You may talk about the men of Gideon, you may talk about the men of Saul,
But there're none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho, that mornin'.
Up to the walls of Jericho with sword drawn in his hand.
"Go blow those ram horns," Joshua cried, "cause the battle am in my hands."
Then the ram lamb sheep horns began to blow, and the trumpets began to sound.
Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls came a tumblin' down.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Brandon Terry

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Dylan Franklin

RESPOND TO HIS GRACE WITH FAITHFULNESS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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: No. 22 "Our Great God" OUR GREAT GOD
Words and Music: Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega; arr. Tuten / Revelation 19:1

SCRIPTURE LESSONPsalm 114
(page 510 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON *Our Great God* Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 577 "In Christ Alone" IN CHRIST ALONE
Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Philippians 3:8-9

✦BENEDICTION *(please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Sortie in E Flat"Louis Lefébure-Wély

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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