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May 12, 2013 8:15 a.m.



The Liturgy of the Word

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship. Please silence your mobile devices.

PIANO IMPROVISATION: "Behold the Lamb of God" Getty, arr. Morrow Lenora Morrow, piano INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Andante Festivo" Jean Sibelius God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, Sing praises out, sing praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in. The Westminster Singers Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music **†**HYMN OF ASCENSION: No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA ♦GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:50-53William R. Jorgensen Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave, Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. **†PRAYER OF ADORATION**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Let the People Praise" Allen Pote

Let all the people praise Thee, O God.

O let all the people sing for joy and magnify Thy name.

Let the people praise with thanksgiving.

O God, be gracious and make Thy face to shine on us,

So that the world may know Thy ways.

Let the people be glad, and sing for joy, and praise Thee,

For Thou, O God, has blessed us.

We will give Thee thanks, O God.

We will sing with joyful song.

We will rejoice in Thy name forever,

For Thy love is for all generations.

The Westminster Singers, Youth, and Children's Choirs

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him Who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION......Ronald G. Sadlow

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

EPISTLE READINGEphesians 2:1-7 (page 976 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY From Wrath to Riches Sanders L. Willson

The Liturgy of the Table

†INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Who raised Your Son from the dead and enthroned Him at Your right hand on high that every knee should bow to His Majesty, we acknowledge that we have often submitted to other powers, exalted other rulers, and built other kingdoms. Please forgive our brazen disloyalty and foolish disobedience. We are truly sorry and earnestly repent. Lord, take up Your throne again in our hearts, and rule our every thought, word, and deed that Jesus Christ may be greatly exalted and His Kingdom everywhere proclaimed, now and forever. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"..................FOUNTAIN

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away: Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away. E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die, And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;

Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Your pow'r to save, When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave: Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more: Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.



"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A hymn of glory let us sing;

New songs thro'out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,

Ascendeth to the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band

Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his followers they see

Jesus' resplendent majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the angels, drawing nigh:

"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say,

"This is His noble triumph day."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Again shall ye behold Him so
As ye today have seen Him go," Alleluia! Alleluia!
In glorious pomp ascending high,
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- *HYMN OF DEVOTION: No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" ... CORONATIONstanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6
- **†BENEDICTION**
- **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.