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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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May 4, 2014  
11:00 a.m.



# ARISE AND SING HIS PRAISE!

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

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*You are invited to pray the following prayer as you prepare for worship.*

O God, whose blessed Son  
made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread:  
Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work;  
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Sonata for Trumpet and Organ" . . . . . Henry Purcell

*John Schusslein, trumpet; Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Alleluia" . . . . . Paul Basler

*The Chancel Choir  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF CHRIST: No. 274 "Thine Be the Glory" . . . . . MACCABAEUS

✦APOCALYPTIC LESSON: Revelation 12:7-12. . . . . Candace C. Willis

Now war arose in heaven,  
Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.  
And the dragon and his angels fought back,

**but he was defeated,  
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.**

And the great dragon was thrown down,  
that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan,  
the deceiver of the whole world—  
he was thrown down to the earth,  
and his angels were thrown down with him.

**And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,  
"Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Christ have come,**

For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

**And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they loved not their lives even unto death.**

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them!  
But woe to you, O earth and sea,

**For the devil has come down to you in great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!"**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . MACCABAEUS

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

ARISE AND HEAR HIS WORD!

EPISTLE LESSON . . . . . Ephesians 6:10-20  
(page 979 in the 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)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,  
we confess that we put on airs  
more often than we put on Your armor.  
Forgive us for our self-promotion,  
self-protection and self-reliance.  
Pardon us for not cherishing and trusting in Your gifts  
of righteousness, faith, and salvation  
during times of temptation and spiritual conflict.  
Transform us by Your Spirit  
so that we live as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.  
For we pray in His strong name,  
Who is our strength and our defender. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S CALL: No. 575 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” . . . . . DIADEMATA

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS . . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “The Armor of God” . . . . . K. Lee Scott

Give me, O Christ, the strength that is in Thee,  
That I may stand in every evil hour;  
Faints my poor heart except to Thee I flee,  
Resting my weakness in Thy perfect power.

Give me to see the foes that I must fight,  
Powers of the darkness throned where Thou shouldst reign;  
Read the directings of Thy wrath aright,  
Lest, striking flesh and blood, I strike in vain.

Give me to wear the armor that can guard,  
Over my breast Thy blood-bought righteousness;  
Faith for my shield, when fiery darts rain hard,  
Girded with truth, and shod with zeal to bless.

Give me to wield the weapon that is sure,  
Taking through prayer Thy sword into my hand,  
Word of Thy wisdom, peaceable and pure, so,  
Christ my Conqueror, I shall conqueror stand.

Yes, having all things done,  
O Christ my Conqueror, I shall stand!

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . WEBB

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:  
From vict’ry unto vict’ry His army He shall lead,  
Till ev’ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day:  
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

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.**

HOMILY *Put on the Whole Armor* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**ARISE AND FIGHT HIS BATTLE!**

✦SENDING HYMN: “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” . . . . . DIADEMATA  
*Reference page 575 in the hymnal for music. Text by John Wesley*

**Jesus has died for you! What can His love withstand?  
Believe, hold fast your shield, and who shall pluck you from His hand?  
Believe that Jesus reigns; all power to Him is giv’n:  
Believe, till freed from sin’s remains; believe yourselves to Heav’n.  
  
From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,  
Tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well fought day.  
Still let the Spirit cry in all His soldiers, “Come!”  
Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE:  
Toccata on “Victimae Paschali Laudes” (Praise to the Paschal Lamb) . . . Denis Bédard

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*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](mailto:pastor@2pc.org) with questions about your spiritual life.*