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July 13, 2014 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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Jonathan Reuss "Lamento" from Suite Denis Bédard

Samuel Metzger, organ

♦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

stanzas 1-4

*READING FROM THE PROPHETS: Select verses from Isaiah 41 and 43 . . Bill Jorgensen

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not,

> I am the one who helps you." Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel!

I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to His foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO REFLECTION: "Know My Heart" Benjamin Harlan, arr. Ron Boud

Lord, You have searched me, you know everything I do.

When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.

Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.

O know my heart, O God.

If I ascend into heaven,

You are there on the wings of the morning

Or in my deepest despair.

His hand shall lead me,

His right hand will guide me, tho' darkness should cover me,

Light shall surround me, and I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord,

I will praise Him with my whole heart!

Sophie Blatt, soloist

All laud we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee, And so let Thy glory, Almighty, impart, Through Christ in His story, Thy Christ to the heart.

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION......Gerry A. Peak

†GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(page 1028 in church 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

Faithfully Witnessing Despite Opposition

Dan G. Burns

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).

PROFESSION OF FAITH	The Apostles'	Creed
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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

God of all truth,

we come confessing our tendency to embrace tolerance over truth, the approval of others over Yours.

Have mercy upon us for our timidity in standing up for Your truth.

Forgive us for our lack of tact and graciousness in the fight for truth.

Pardon us for resisting Your refining fire

when we suffer for defending Your truth.

Empower us for greater faithfulness in communicating Your gospel truth.

For we make our prayer in the name of the One who is the truth,

Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, though unworthy!

Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!

Answer me from Thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid,

Thy pity show in my deep anguish!

Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous Thine anger,

O Lord! Shield me in danger. O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.

O Divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon,

And remember not, remember not my sins!

Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer!

Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee!

Come to my aid, O Lord!

Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!

Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;

Come and save me, O Lord.

Save, in the day of retribution;

From Death shield Thou me, O my God!

O Divine Redeemer, have mercy!

Help me, my Savior!

Sophie Blatt and Terri Theil, duet



"Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE Reference page 580 in the hymnal for music.

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home: Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong, And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O king eternal: we follow, not with fears; For gladness breaks like morning wheree'er Thy face appears; Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light: The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

†BENEDICTION

 \$CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
 ST. LEONARDS

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Westminster".....Louis Vierne

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.