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February 1, 2015 8:15 a.m.



Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

The Word of God energizes and suffuses all that we do in corporate worship. Our songs are laced with the Bible. Our prayers are saturated with the Word. Our readings highlight the precious promises of the Word. Why do we do this? God uses His Word to make us wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (II Timothy 3:15).

This motivated John Wesley to have one overarching passion in his life: "I want to know one thing: The way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from heaven. He has written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God... Let me be 'homo unius libri,' a man of one book." Why not make this your resolve in 2015?

Prayer of Preparation

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Entering His Presence

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on "All Creatures of Our God and King" . . Denis Bédard

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.

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.

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
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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.

Acknowledging Our Disobedience

A CALL TO CONFESSION: No. 689 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA stanza 1

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and holy Father

You live in a high and holy place,

but also with those who are repentant and lowly in spirit.

Yet our hearts are proud and our eyes are haughty.

We look down on others and are absorbed with ourselves.

We chase after things too great and too difficult for us.

We plead Your mercy and ask Your forgiveness

for our noisy, restless and demanding ways.

Empower us by Your Spirit

to turn away from pride and self-centeredness

so that we imitate the One who was gentle and humble of heart.

For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... Michael G. Stokke

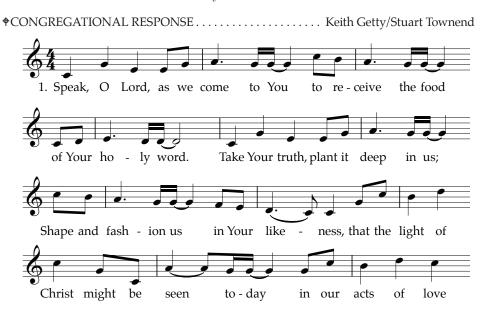
OFFERTORY SOLO: "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

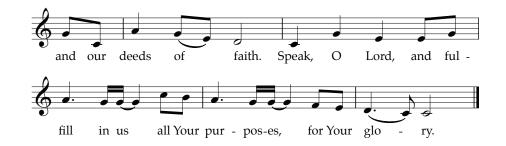
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Madelyn Carson, soloist





†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

†GREETINGS

A PRAYER FOR OUR SCOUTS

OFFERING OUR OBEDIENCE

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.

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)

SERMON The Seventh Hour Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦SENDING HYMN: No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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