



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

February 8, 2015
11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Throughout the history of the church, Christians have devoted themselves to reading, praying, and singing the Psalms in worship. This book of praises serves beautifully as our manual of corporate prayer and praise. It also functions as a treasury of devotion for our private communing with God.

This morning we particularly focus on Psalm 19, 90, and 91. These Psalms teach us that the transcendent Creator God who made all things to declare His glory is the same God who is a sure refuge and protector of His people.

Why should we commit ourselves to regularly reading, praying, and singing the Psalms? Eugene Peterson provides a compelling answer: "The Psalms teach us how to answer God. They are God's gift to train us in prayer that is comprehensive and honest. In the history of prayer they stand out with an awkward singularity. What is essential in prayer is not that we learn to express ourselves, but that we learn to answer God. The Psalms show us how to answer God." May our worship today help us learn better how to answer our God!

SING HIS GLORY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" Paul Manz
Samuel Metzger, organ

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Andante" from *Piano Concerto No. 21 in C* . . . W.A. Mozart
David Dennis, piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "The Heavens Declare" G.F. Handel
From Psalm 19:1-2

The heav'ns declare the works of God, and the firmament resounds.
Day unto day eternally sings; from night to night doth wisdom wing.

*The Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

✦HYMN OF GOD'S GLORY: No. 122 "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" . . . ODE TO JOY

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 19 Zach Pennington

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

**Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!**

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ODE TO JOY

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise His name;
Praise Jehovah in the highest, all His angels, praise proclaim.
All His hosts, together praise Him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise Him, O you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SAVOR HIS GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Father, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;
for the times we have acted without love, forgive us;
for the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us;
for the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us;
for the times we have refused to forgive, forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret
so that we experience anew the wonder of abounding grace
and costly love through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF GOD'S ETERNITY: No. 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" . . . ST. ANNE

stanzas 1-3, 5-7

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Richard G. Cain

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord” Z. Randall Stroope
Based on Psalms 90 and 91

At the first light of day, Lauda, laudé!
When the sun reaches noon, Lauda, laudé!
And then at sunset, Lauda, laudé!
Or at the midnight, Lauda, laudé!
All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, find a refuge and fortress;
Nation, village or faith of a small child, home they find in him.

May we sing, sing for joy, Lauda, laudé!
May our days all be glad, Lauda, laudé!
May we have wisdom, Lauda, laude! May we have truth, Lauda, laude!
All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, find a refuge and fortress;
Nation, village or faith of a small child, home they find in him.

Plagues and serpents of the dark, pestilence that stalks the night,
They who harm, who destroy, those who spread fear and terror,
But those who make the Lord most high their refuge and their dwelling,
No fear, no harm, no foe will come near your land,
No shame, no death, no evil consume or destroy. Lauda, laudé!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, find a refuge and fortress,
Lauda, laudé! Lauda, laudé! Lauda, laudé!

Lauda and Laudé both are Latin for “praise.”
The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. ANNE

**A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.**

✦ 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.**

SEE HIS POWER

GOSPEL LESSON John 5:1-18
(page 890 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)

HOMILY *Healed After 38 Years* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 468 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”LANDAS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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