



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

February 15, 2015



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Lord's Prayer serves as a regular component in our worship services. Why do we regularly use this prayer? Simply put, Jesus taught His followers to pray with this prayer.

We avail ourselves regularly of the Lord's Prayer because it instructs us:

- That prayer should always begin with adoration before it moves to petition.
- That prayer must be grounded in the Word of God.
- That we live and pray best in community.
- That the best attitude for approaching God in prayer is: Reverence, submission, dependence, and confidence.
- Of our spiritual poverty without Jesus Christ. Life on earth is miserable and perilous apart from the saving help of Jesus. Cyprian, the early church father and pastor, said apart from Jesus, "our lives here are nothing but blasphemy of God's name, disobedience to His will, rejection of His kingdom, a hungry land without bread, an existence full of sin, a precarious sojourn, and an abounding in every evil." This is why the Father sent His Son — to rescue us from this miserable condition and to lead us to know Him and enjoy life abundant and eternal.

One of the chief ways that we express our faith in God's Word is by praying it back to Him. Therefore, let us resolve to use the richness of God's Word to determine our specific requests of Him.

EXALT HIS NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

BRASS PRELUDE: "Toccata for Trumpet" Phil Snedecor

CHORAL INTROIT: "How Excellent Thy Name" G.F. Handel
From the Oratorio *Saul*

How excellent! How excellent thy name,
O Lord, in all the world is known!
Above all heavens, O King adored,
How you have set thy glorious throne. Hallelujah!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION
stanzas 1-5

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11 William R. Jorgensen (8:15)
Marjorie A. Bowman (11:00)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,

**complete my joy by being of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,

but also to the interests of others.

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CORONATION

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Michael Charles Davis, Jr., born July 1, 2014, son of Serena and Michael Davis
Reid Katherine Dunavant, born October 10, 2014, daughter of Anne and Woodson Dunavant*

11:00

*Lynn Trusty Shaw III, born August 21, 2014, son of Krystal and Lynn Shaw
Margaret Virginia Snow, born August 19, 2014, daughter of Stephanie and Spence Snow*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

ENJOY HIS GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,
we stand in desperate need of Your tender mercy and pardoning grace.
Forgive us:
for every weak and defiling thought
to which our minds have given harbor;
for every word spoken in haste and passion;
for every failure of self-control;
for every stumbling block which by deed or example
we have set in another's way;
and for every blessing thanklessly received.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule us that You give us victory
over these and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✠HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 246 "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Michael C. Davis

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Eric Nelson

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin — O the bliss of that glorious thought! My sin — not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

Pam Dennis, piano

✠DOXOLOGY. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

EMBRACE HIS AUTHORITY

GOSPEL LESSON John 5:16-29
(page 890 in the 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)

SERMON *The Polarizing Words of Jesus* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was
as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its
pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in
sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
grip on me; For I am His and He is
from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Ceremonial March" Herbert Sumsion

✦Indicates congregation standing

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