



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 22, 2017
Epiphany Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

As you prepare your heart to worship God, let us think for a moment why we prioritize corporate worship.

- Corporate worship provides us an opportunity to demonstrate where our true allegiance lies. Williams Barclay offers this challenge: “Even if the sermon be poor and the worship gaudy and showy, faithful attendance of corporate worship still gives us the chance to show the world what side we are on.”
- Corporate worship strengthens our faith in the promises of God. In worship, we sing God’s promises in our hymns, we rehearse God’s promises in our prayers, and we listen to God’s promises in His Word read and preached. We see His promises dramatized in His sacraments. It is difficult to experience the full assurance of faith or the sturdy confidence of hope without the weekly rhythm of corporate worship.
- Corporate worship offers us opportunities for ministering to fellow believers. John Chrysostom describes how it works: “As iron sharpens iron so also fellowship increases love. For if a stone rubbed against a stone sends forth fire, how much more a person in contact with a person. It doesn’t have to be a fire that consumes and destroys, but it can be a fire that warms and heats your love and devotion to Jesus.”

DRAW NEAR WITH JOYFUL PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Prelude in G Major” J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

FLUTE AND ORGAN PRELUDE: “Aria” from *Suite Antique* John Rutter
Dee Walker, flute

CHORAL INTROIT: “Praise to the Lord” arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him! Amen!
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP Joshua D. Yates

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 76 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA
stanzas 1-4

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 103:1-9 Ethan Knight (8:15)
Don Batchelor (11:00)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

**who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

**He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

**Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Thomas Jackson Sullivan, born July 13, 2016, son of Meghan and John Sullivan
Lila June Crowley, born May 19, 2016, daughter of Hannah and AJ Crowley*

11:00

*Rhodes Adeline Meister, born August 3, 2016, daughter of Abby and Rick Meister
Margaret Ray Irvine, born January 11, 2015, daughter of Kelly and John Irvine
Mabry Jane Irvine, born December 22, 2016, daughter of Kelly and John Irvine*

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.**

DRAW NEAR WITH HUMBLE CONTRITION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,
You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with grieving hearts
our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to take up the cross,
and our failure to follow Him.
Pardon us for the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of Your great call to sacrificially serve others,
and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 691 "It Is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Psalm 91" Craig Courtney

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust."
He will deliver you from the fowler's snare,
And under His wings you will find refuge.
His faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day,
Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or ravages at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;
But you will not be harmed.
If you make the Most High your dwelling — even the Lord, who is my refuge,
Then no harm will befall you; no scourge will approach your tent.
He will give His angels charge over you; on their hands they will lift you up
Lest you strike your foot upon a stone.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VILLE DU HAVRE

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

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

DRAW NEAR WITH BOLD CONFIDENCE

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

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.**

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 10:19-25
(page 1007 in 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)

SERMON *While You're Waiting* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S COMING: No. 320 "Rejoice, All Ye Believers" LANCASHIRE

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon-Sortie" Henri Mulet

✦Indicates congregation standing

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