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July 9, 2017 Trinity Season



Preparation for Worship

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

There are many wonderful invitations in the Bible. Several invitations are addressed to those who are thirsty. Isaiah proclaims "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters" (Isaiah 55:1). Christ said on the last day, that great day of the feast, "If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink" (John 7:37). "To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life" (Revelation 21:6).

Many invitations are addressed to people burdened down with worries, cares, and sins: "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Yet, one of the sweetest of them all is: "I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved." This appears to me the sweetest of all, for it says, "whoever." It is not said, if any thirsty man, if any weary man, if any burdened man, but if anyone enter in he shall be saved and experience life to the full.

This is Jesus' invitation to you today. Let us be sure to enter in and worship our Shepherd King who is our only true security in a dangerous world filled with ravenous, spiritual wolves!

Adapted from Robert Murray McCheyne, A Basket of Fragments, 1843

Treasure the One Who Saves

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune in D Major" David Johnson
Samuel Metzger, organ
INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
"Andante Cantabile from Sonata in C Major"
Daniel Pollorena, piano
SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP
♦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 55 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY
♦EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

so that we who were the first to hope in Christ

might be to the praise of his glory.

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO GOD BE THE GLORY

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim; Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name, In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done! Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Treasure the One Who Secures

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Jesus,

You are the Great Shepherd of the sheep and real security comes only through proximity to You.

Yet we confess that too often we seek a life of security and significance in our own schemes of happiness rather than in You.

Grant us grace to repent of our prodigal ways and idolatrous hearts.

Pour anew Your lavish love into our hearts so that we might grasp how horrid sin is,

how beautiful you are, and how wonderful grace is.

Ravish us with Your beauty so that loving and serving You

becomes the delight of our hearts.

For we pray in Your matchless name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 647 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"...ST. PETERstanzas 1-4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS....... Richard G. Cain

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"..... Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever, Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

> The Chancel Choir Christy Young, Directory

Till when I would Thy love proclaim with ever fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Treasure the One Who Satisfies

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Lynn Erickson

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Alex Cain, Katie Clark, Catherine and Clint Dowdle, Jennifer and Gary Harris, Julia and Henry Harvey, Sarah Beth Jarnagin, Zach Kirby, Emily and Frank Lequerica, Katie and Chris Novikoff, Caroline and Nate Patton, Daniel Pollorena, Daniel Pouget, Amelia Seaton, Andrew van der Bijl, Polly and David van der Bijl, Peter van der Bijl, Noah van der Bijl, Hannah van der Bijl

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

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)
Michael G. Stokke

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 599 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" . . SHEPHERD

I AM the Door

†BENEDICTION

SERMON

¢CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final from Symphony No. 1" Louis Vierne

♦Indicates congregation standing

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