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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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January 14, 2018  
*Epiphany Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

As we begin a new year, it is good to remind ourselves why we design our worship services with several liturgical movements. One of the reasons is to allow the Spirit of God to reorient our hearts and minds to the only story that matters: the story of God.

The first movement starts when the Lord calls us to worship Him. The Westminster Shorter Catechism teaches us that the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We also see from Exodus 8:1 that the Lord redeems us so that we may worship Him. So we begin our services by answering God's call to worship Him in "spirit and in truth."

The second movement focuses on the Lord cleansing us of sin as we confess our sins and receive anew His pardoning grace. Every one of us falls short of the glory of God, but each Sunday we remind ourselves of and rejoice over the Good News of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone!

The final movement is when the Lord blesses us and sends us out to be His Kingdom representatives in the world. Worshiping as a gathered community is never the final act of the Church in this world. Instead, we are sent forth as God's servants to express and embody the Gospel of Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Therefore, let us pray that our worship would not be rote and mechanical but rather glorify God and reorient our hearts to His story.

## PRAISE THE GREATNESS OF GOD THE FATHER

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" . . . . . Michael Burkhardt  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "He Leadeth Me" . . . . . Martha Kelsey  
*Brad Jones, piano*

A WORD ON WORSHIP . . . . . George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: "Holy Is the Lord" . . . . . Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy is the Father; holy is the Son;  
Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15) · The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Christy Young, director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . L. Brett Wynne

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" . . . . . NICAEA

♠APOCALYPTIC LESSON: Select verses from Revelation 4 and 15 . . . Ethan Knight (8:15)  
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship you.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!**

Worthy are you, our Lord and God  
to receive glory and honor and power,

**for you created all things  
and by your will they existed and were created.**

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
 His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
 And to eternity love and adore.

✦ INVOCATION (please raise hands)

## REST IN THE GRACE OF GOD THE SON

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father,  
 in Your great love, You sent Your Son to save us,  
 to adopt us into Your family,  
 and to use us as Your Kingdom representatives in the world.  
 But we confess that in our sin  
 we often haven't responded as we should have.  
 Rather than love You with all our heart, soul, and mind,  
 we have loved ourselves.  
 Rather than love and serve one another as family,  
 in our self-centeredness, we have ignored the needs of others.  
 Rather than build Your Kingdom,  
 we have sought to build our own.  
 Give us Your enabling grace to repent of our disobedience  
 and return us to the joy of our salvation in Christ,  
 so that we may love and follow Him  
 all the days of our lives.  
 For we pray this in His matchless name, Amen.

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Holy Spirit Living Breath of God" ..... Keith Getty



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new  
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may Your  
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul; Bring the pre - sence of the  
 joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er  
 life to all that God has made. Show Your pow - er once a -



Ris - en Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.  
 ev - 'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
 gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me  
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least; gen - tle -  
 Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise; lead us

faith for what I can-not see. Give me pas-sion for Your  
 ness that sows that path of peace. Turn my striv-ing in - to  
 on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.  
 works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
 face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Eternal King" .....Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not just for the hope of heav'n thereby,  
 Nor just because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
 For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?  
 Not just the hope of winning heav'n, or escaping hell;

Not just the hope of gaining aught, or seeking a reward;  
 But as Thy self hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!

Ev'n so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
 Gladly because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

✦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

## WALK IN THE POWER OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

✦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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON .....Acts 4:23-37  
 (page 912 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.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Refuge for Outreach, Part 1* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "God of Grace and God of Glory" . . . . CWM RHONDDA



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us, scorn your  
3. Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our  
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion, to the



peo - ple pour Thy power. Crown your an - cient Chur - ch's  
Christ, as - sail His ways. Fears and doubts too long have  
pride to your con - trol. Shame our wan - ton sel - fish  
e - vils we de - plore. Let the gift for your sal -



sto - ry, bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us  
bound us, free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us  
glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us  
-va - tion, be our glo - ry e - ver - more. Grant us



wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing  
wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing  
wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss your  
wis - dom, grant us cour - age, ser - ving you whom



of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
we a - dore, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.

♠BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon-Sortie" . . . . . Henri Mulet

♠Indicates congregation standing

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**I. Refuge** (*Acts 4:32-37*)

A. Unity

B. Generosity

**II. Mission** (*Acts 4:23-31*)

A. Sovereign God

B. Supplication for Boldness

C. Spoken Word

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**Sunday Night Worship**

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We gather each Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. The evening sermon is based on the same passage of Scripture and is a continuation from what is preached during the morning services. We invite you to worship with us!