



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 22, 2015
Thanksgiving Sunday



A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

The Psalmist describes corporate worship as entering the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Psalm 100:4). As we prepare for worship, let us ask the Lord to show us all the ways that He has been good and faithful to us. Let us ask ourselves: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (I Corinthians 4:7). Asking this question will help to produce a spirit of thankfulness. Furthermore, it will help to remove the noxious weed of pride from our hearts because pride does not grow in the soil of a thankful heart.

May the Lord cause us to see all that God is for us and all that God has done for us in our Lord Jesus Christ, and as a result, may our hearts be filled with thankfulness.

Prayer of Preparation

*Most loving Father,
whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing but the loss of You,
and to cast all our care on You who care for us.
Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,
that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us
the light of that love which is immortal,
and which you have revealed to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

GIVE US THANKFUL HEARTS TO PRAISE

ORGAN IMPROVISATION: "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET
Samuel Metzger, organ

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "This Is My Father's World" arr. Mack Wilberg
"For the Fruit of All Creation, Thanks Be to God"

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
Gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

CHORAL INTROIT: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.*

*He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

*The Chancel, Youth, and Children's Choirs
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

✦PSALM OF THANKSGIVING: Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15 Shelley Hill (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O Lord!
Your thoughts are very deep!

**The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the Lord is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**Glory be to God on high, and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we too the Holy Ghost, binding all the church as one.
Thankful people worship Thee, and our grateful hearts resound
To our God and Savior who offers blessings all around.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

*William Cantrell French, born May 27, 2015, son of Sherrill and Daniel French
Lila Sharpe Jensen, born April 28, 2015, daughter of Kathryne and Luke Jensen
Caroline Cabell Moore, born March 18, 2015, daughter of Taylor and Richard Moore III
Ezra Charles Ozier, born March 4, 2015, son of Lindsey and David Ozier*

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.**

INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR RICHARD G. CAIN (11:00)

Presbytery of Central South Ordination Commission: Teaching Elder David Stenberg, TE Sandy Willson, TE Dan Burns, Ruling Elder Scott Wilson, RE Neal McAtee, RE Bill Jorgensen, RE David Leake

Ministerial Vows Robert Coleman
Clerk of Session

Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your ordination as a Pastor, and do you recommit yourself to them in the discharge of your obligations as a Pastor?

Are you now willing to take charge of your ministry in this church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting your call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to this church the duties of a Pastor?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Pastor in this congregation out of love for God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son in this place?

Do you promise to continue to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this flock in which God has made you an overseer?

Congregational Vows

Are you, the members of this congregation, ready to receive Dick as your associate pastor?

Do you promise to submit to him in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the Word of truth?

Do you promise to support him with your prayers, to give encouragement in his work, and to assist him in every way as he seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God here and around the world?

Do you recommit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for his needs that the name of Christ may be glorified?

Prayer of Installation

Charge to Minister and Congregation

GIVE US THANKFUL HEARTS TO SEE

CALL TO CONFESSION LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious, heavenly Father,
pardon us for grieving Your Spirit
by harsh and angry words,
by receiving Your blessings with a thankless heart,
and by nursing an unforgiving spirit.
Forgive us for allowing fear and pride to drive our decisions
rather than the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love.
Soften our calloused hearts
so that we no longer doubt Your desire to show compassion on us.
For we make our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Look at the World" John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us,
Look at the world and marvel ev'ry day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to Thee, O Lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of Thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before winter's cold.
Everything grows, ev'rything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of His love;
We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty;
His is the earth and His the heavens above.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Dan G. Burns

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

GIVE US THANKFUL HEARTS TO HEAR

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:34-43
(page 899 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 Have the Light* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 98 "Now Thank We All Our God" ..NUN DANKET

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach; Fox

✦Indicates congregation standing

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This morning, our Chancel Choir is joined by the Music Makers and Spirit & Song children's choirs, directed by Terri Theil, and the Youth Choir, directed by Ginger Statom.