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CITYSERVE 2017

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CITYSERVE SUNDAY

October 1, 2017



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

This morning our CityServe Conference continues as we learn more of our Lord's compassionate heart for our beloved city. It is our privilege to welcome Rufus Smith, the Senior Pastor of Hope Church, as our guest preacher.

One of the fundamental ways that we exercise our faith in Jesus Christ is through believing prayer that grows out of the soil of God's Word. We seek the peace and prosperity of our city through prayer. For the more deeply you dig beneath the surface of the challenges that confront us as a city and nation, the more thoroughly convinced you will become that the real battle is a spiritual battle and our principal weapon is prayer.

In the theme passage for our conference, Jesus calls us to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37). Please take a moment now to pray for the Lord to fulfill this scripture in our church so that the kingdom of God might come in greater fuller in our city.

John Calvin observed the church in his day and wrote "there never was greater necessity for offering this prayer than during the fearful desolation of the church which we now see everywhere around us." If it was true in his day, how much more is this prayer needed in ours?

Our gracious God continues to work through His frail, weak, and humble servants through the power of dependent, believing prayer. May the Lord do so once again through us and all of our ministry partners who are devoted to serving Memphis.

THE THANKFUL PRAISE OF OUR GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "The Emperor's Fanfare" Antonio Soler; arr. Biggs
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Dan Miller
Samuel Metzger, Organist

SOLO INTROIT: "My Tribute" Andraé Crouch

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me—
Things so undeserved, yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude—
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life; let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

Ephie Johnson, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan G. Burns

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" . . AUSTRIAN HYMN

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

THE PREVAILING GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,
You are compassionate to the lonely and oppressed.
You come to the rescue of the harassed and helpless.
Yet, we confess our reluctance to imitate Your ways
and engage Your mission.
Forgive us for being more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving.
Pardon us for holding tightly to your resources.
May the costly love of Jesus motivate us anew
to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "By Faith" Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

*Ebeny Henderson, Soloist
Sunday Evening Choir and The Chancel Choir
Christy Young, Director*

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Congregation stands and sings:

**By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail.
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done.**

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Go to the World"arr. James Chepponis

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Congregation stands and sings:

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you 'til the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE TENDER COMPASSION OF OUR SAVIOR

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15).....David Saunders
Memphis Teacher Residency, Class of 2013

A WORD ON CITYSERVE..... Edward J. Foster
Director of Domestic Missions

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ... George W. Robertson

**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: Matthew 9:35-38Lemar Walker (8:15)
(page 814 in the pew Bible) *Pastor, Christ's Community Church*
Philip Walkley (11:00)
Executive Director, Service Over Self

SERMON *How Does Jesus See Memphis?* Rufus Smith

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦PSALM OF CONSECRATION: No. 585 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"HENDON
stanzas 1, 5, and 6

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace"..... Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing *CCLI License #252778*