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A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

For any relationship to flourish, dialogue must occur. Simply put, we must listen and we must speak. This principle permeates every worship service at Second.

How does this practically work in corporate worship? First of all, God speaks to us and, then, God listens to us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God challenges, comforts, and awakens us. Then, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit we listen and respond with praise, confession, petition, testimony, and dedication.

A healthy life with God maintains a balance of attentive listening and honest speech. So does healthy worship. You can observe this dialogue in our services by noting the times where we listen to God speak in His Word and the times when we respond by speaking of and to Him.

Why is this important? Our words matter in worship: they are used by God to speak to us, and they carry our praise and prayer back to Him. – *Adapted from John D. Witvliet, “Towards a Theology of Worship”*

TRUST THE WORD OF THE LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Trumpet Tune” Henry Purcell; arr. Marcel Dupré
“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4

♠SCRIPTURE LESSON: from Isaiah 41, 43, and Hebrews 13. Ethan Knight (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;

**I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;

**and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;**

when you walk through fire
you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

**Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have,**

for he has said,
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**So we can confidently say,
“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear; what can man do to me?”**

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOUNDATION

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes:
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

SEEK THE FAVOR OF THE LORD

LITANY OF CONFESSION OF SIN

God our heavenly Father,
Your Son offers us a truly beautiful life when He announces:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Yet we are rich in pride.

"Blessed are those who mourn."

Yet we do not grieve over our sin.

"Blessed are the meek."

Yet we insist upon and assert our own rights.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

Yet we fill our lives with desires for other things.

"Blessed are the merciful."

Yet we relate to others harshly and impatiently.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and motives.

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness."

**Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways, priorities
and values of the world.**

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me."

**Yet we often blush to speak Your name,
to make known that we are Yours.**

Have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 679 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" TRUST IN JESUS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY SOLO: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" Jennie B. Wilson

Time is filled with swift transition, naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand.

*Hold to God's unchanging hand, hold to God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand.*

Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken still more closely to Him cling.

Covet not this world's vain riches that so rapidly decay,
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures, they will never pass away.

When your journey is completed, if to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory your enraptured soul will view.

*Ephie Ballard-Johnson, soloist
Koleton Williams, pianist*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Gerry A. Peak

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON II Chronicles 15:1-19
(page 369 in the 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 *Spiritual Revival: Seek the Lord* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF FAITH: No. 188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" TRANQUILITY
stanzas 1 & 4

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Albert Travis

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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