



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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September 17, 2017  
*Trinity Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

According to Lamentations 3:41, corporate worship involves lifting up “our hearts and hands to God in heaven.” This is why in communion we use what is called the “sursum corda.” Sursum corda means “let us lift up our hearts” in Latin. This is one way that we heed Paul’s admonition to “set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). It bids us to acknowledge our absolute dependence on the Most High God, who desires to commune with us who are made in His image and redeemed by His grace.

Therefore, let us lift up our hearts and minds above all of our earthly cares and fears to the Lord, and let us remember and meditate on a crucified Savior’s love, a living Savior’s intercession, and a coming Savior’s glory.

We embrace this joyful privilege not because we are strong, but because we are weak. We come not because any goodness of our own gives us a right to come. We come simply because we need mercy and help. Therefore, come and worship because He first loved you and gave Himself for you.

*Adapted from “Worship Now, Volume 1”*

## A FATHER’S STRONG, TRUE LOVE

PRELUDE: “Echoes of Joy” . . . . . Hans-André Stamm  
“Adagio” . . . . . Gabriel Fauré

*Dee Walker, piccolo and flute; Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: “This Is the Day” . . . . . John L. Wilson

This is the day the Lord hath made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad!

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

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . George W. Robertson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 81 “O Love of God, How Strong and True” . . . . . JERUSALEM

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

*Addison Cate Saunders, born April 19, 2017, daughter of Ashley and David Saunders  
Daisy Josephine Echols, born April 21, 2017, daughter of Candace and Jim Echols  
Vivian Grace Schrank, born October 28, 2016, daughter of Melanie and Doug Schrank  
Merritt Joanna Harkins, born October 10, 2016, daughter of Julia and Seth Harkins  
Eldon William Holliday, born March 5, 2017, son of Rebecca and Chip Holliday*

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.**

A FATHER’S COSTLY, CALMING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION . . . . .Richard G. Cain

Hear now the commandments of Your God,  
which he has commanded you to keep, saying,  
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

**This is the great and first commandment.  
And the second is like it,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)**

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that he has commanded?

**No, but we have sinned against Him  
in thought, word, and deed.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against You  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We humbly repent and ask Your forgiveness.  
Forgive us for not living in the security of Your love.  
Too often, fear and pride motivate all that we are and do.  
Sing over us Your melody of gospel grace that reminds us  
that we are completely forgiven, totally accepted, and forever loved  
because of the perfect life, the sacrificial death,  
and the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . .Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT)

*For the Lord your God is living among you.  
He is a mighty savior.  
He will take delight in you with gladness.  
With his love, he will calm all your fears.  
He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*

✠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" . . . . .Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone" . . . John Hudson; Augustus Toplady

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.  
The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;  
His promise is Yea and Amen, and never forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,  
Can make Him His purpose forgo, or sever my soul from His love.  
My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;  
A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing, I sing.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

**Behold th' amazing gift of love, the Father hath bestowed  
On us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God!**

**Our souls, we know, when God appears, shall bear His image bright;  
For then His glory, as He is, shall open to our sight.**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## A FATHER'S GREAT, LAVISH LOVE

✠GREETINGS

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH TEACHERS

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.**

