

Order for the PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

CITYSERVE SUNDAY

September 23, 2018

Preparation for Worship

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

Our worship services today culminate our CityServe Conference. Annually during this conference, we devote ourselves to learning about and attending to the needs of our city and our ministry partners who proclaim the gospel in word and deed here.

Yet, we cannot sustain serving our city unless we attend regularly to the presence and greatness of our God. Eugene Peterson writes: "Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God." How can we not be forever preoccupied with the great God of heaven, given all that He is to us and all that He has done for us in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord?

May our Lord so unveil His beauty to our sight today that we become preoccupied with loving Him and our neighbors as we ought! This is the lifestyle of worship to which we are called.

SING LOUD OUR REDEEMER'S PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Richard Elliott Samuel Metzger, organ

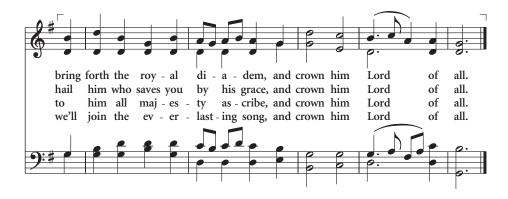
INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"......................... Duane Funderburk Daniel Gilbert, violin

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

The Chancel Choir Calvin Ellis, director 1. All hail the pow'r of fall: Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate Is - rael's race, ye 2. Ye cho-sen seed of ran-somed of fall, 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we 4. O his feet may fall; at di - a - dem, and crown him bring forth the roy - al Lord of all: hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all; to ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;



♦INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

 PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4
 Justin Sembler (8:15)

 Pastor, All Saints Presbyterian Church

Stephen Moten (11:00) Area Director, Young Life–Memphis

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;

that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

*DOXOLOGY......OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

REST IN OUR REDEEMER'S FINISHED WORK

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.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Jesus Loves Me" with "The Love of God"......Cliff Duren

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible, it tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes! Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, and He holds me close when I'm hurting and I'm all alone.

I can trust His matchless grace, for He will lead me all the way!

Yes! Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

O love of God, how rich and pure, how measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure — the saints and angels' song!

Oh! Yes! Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

Ephie Johnson, soloist Daniel Gilbert, violin; Paul Roberts, Hammond organ; Ethan Knight, bass; Stewart Plumle, percussion

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING......George Robertson

†GREETINGS

Executive Director, Child Evangelism Fellowship–Memphis

Engage Our Redeemer's Mission

A WORD ON CITYSERVE..... Director of Domestic Outreach

A PRAYER FOR OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

(page 774 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON What About the City? Dr. K. Edward Copeland

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Lift High the Name of Jesus" . . . Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King. Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace. Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done, Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace, That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

SERMON NOTES

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Kart-Elert; arr. Bock

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