



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, and glory in Your praise.**

Minister: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

People: **Amen, and Amen! Praise the LORD!** from 1 Chronicles 16

***Hymn of Adoration No. 103** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *GROSSER GOTT*

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Litany of Praise**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 11:00

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—**but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Romans 5.1-8

All singing:

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
Let angel minds inquire no more. (*Refrain*)

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me! (*Refrain*)

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6.8-14

All singing:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8.1-2

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8.11

All singing:

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Hymn No. 457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Public Confession of Sin

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

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.

1 John 4.9-10

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Goebel 9:30

Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, organ

9:30/11:00

“Holy Is He”

Clydesdale/Cloninger

Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

Alex McDonald, piano

Holy is He and worthy of our praise. I stand in His presence amazed and crown Him with worship and praise! Holy is He!

Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within? Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again? Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray? My Lord, my God, my Jesus, The One, the living way.

Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide? Who seeks my soul to rescue me and puts all fear aside? Whose life deserves the honor laid before His throne? My Lord, my God, my Jesus, my Savior and my own!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Holy is He. Amen.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 1.19-20

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

*Scripture Reading

Galatians 5.22-24; 1 Corinthians 9.24-27

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

^{9.24} Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 35

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Sanctification

Sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

In which war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome; and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please
continue at closing hymn on page six**

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00 only**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

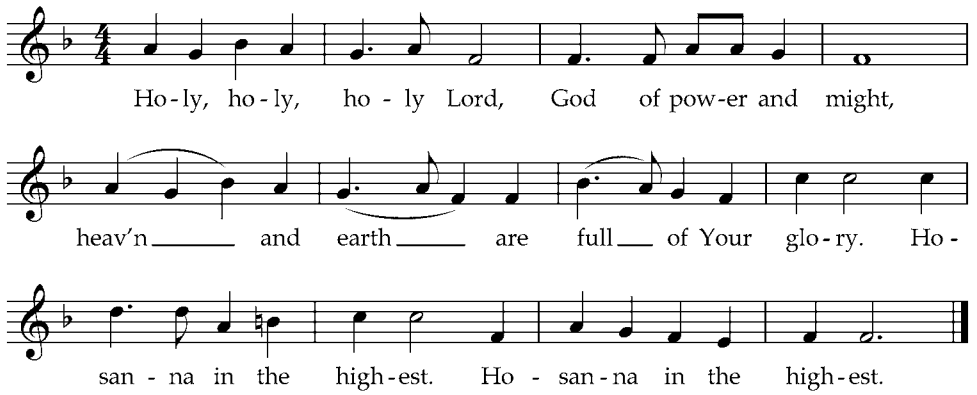
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n _____ and earth _____ are full _____ of Your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

The Communion 8:00

*Please come forward down the center aisle.
 Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.
 Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here

***Closing Hymn**

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET



1. Fight the good fight with_ all thy_ might; Christ is thy
 2. Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 3. Cast care a - side; up - on thy_ guide lean, and His
 4. Faint not, nor fear, His_ arms are_ near; He chang - eth

strength, and Christ thy right: lay hold on life, _____ and _____
 eyes, and seek His face; life with its way_ be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide; lean, and the trust - ing_ _____
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, _____ and _____

it_ shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore_ us_ lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 soul_ shall prove, Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

***Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Jude 24-25

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“Prelude in E-flat Major”
Mr. Howland, *organ*

J. S. Bach

**The congregation stands.*

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Personal Prayer and Counsel

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

SERMON NOTES

Galatians 5.22-24; 1 Corinthians 9.24-27

“The Battle before the Battle”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of September 1, 2013

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, and glory in Your praise.

“Fight the Good Fight” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page six.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5.22-24; 1 Corinthians 9.24-27 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. Read 1 Corinthians 9.24-27. How does this passage relate to our lives?
2. Why is self-control so difficult?
3. Where do you struggle with self-control?
4. Read the Westminster Shorter Catechism in the bulletin on page five. How does the Holy Spirit help us with self-control?
5. Look at an area in your life where you struggle to have self-control. What is the battle before the battle? *(Parents: help, explain)*
6. Who must we trust in the battle?
7. What battle did Christ fight to help us?
8. How is Christ helping us now?

Questions for older children

1. Answer each of the questions above.
2. Identify one area in your life where you struggle with self-control. How do you sense Christ wants you to deal with this struggle?
3. How might God use others to help you?
4. Pursue sharing your struggle with someone who can help you walk with Christ.

Scripture Memory for September: *(memorize these verses of Scripture this month)*

Hebrews 4.12

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

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.