



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 9, 2014

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.*

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### *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

Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

People: **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Minister: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

Psalm 67

\*Hymn No. 498

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

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\*Prayer of Adoration

O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You. How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

\*Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world in dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in



song; this Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid Ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the  
slain: then burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day up from the  
me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
ones He came to save: till on that cross as Je - sus  
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for -  
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for ev - ery  
ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am  
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; till He re -



ter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
His and He is mine: bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## Public Confession of Sin

**Minister:** Beloved in Christ, we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**People:** **Our gracious and merciful Father, when we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have been faithful to us and blessed us; You have protected us and cared for us. But Lord, forgive us, for when life gets messy we have often questioned Your love for us. We are so quick to doubt; we imagine You are distant; we worry over answers that we want so desperately from You but have not yet received. We predict future outcomes based on the facts as we see them, and then worry and fret, often bringing others into our self-made storms. Righteous Father, increase our faith daily to know Your love for us. Help us in our weakness; be our refuge and our strength, our great helper in times of trouble. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all kinds of evil, we pray in Jesus' name.**

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."  
The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3.24-26

## Hymn

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*Miner*

9:30/11:00



1. O love that will not let me go, I rest my wear - y
2. O light that fol - lows all my way, I yield my flick' - ring
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to



soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that  
torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that  
heart to Thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and  
fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in Thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, ful - er be.  
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there bless - oms red life that shall end - less be.

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

## Musical Meditation

8:00

Colin Howland, organ

9:30/11:00

“Ah, Holy Jesus”  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

arr. Matheny

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, that man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee, I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee, think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.17-18

People: **And also with you.**

## The Service of Friendship

## \*Scripture Reading

Genesis 28.10-17; 32.9-12, 24-30

*Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."*

<sup>32.9-12</sup> *And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' <sup>10</sup> I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and*

*all the faithfulness that You have shown to Your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. <sup>11</sup> Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. <sup>12</sup> But You said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'*"

<sup>32,24-30</sup> *And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the Man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. <sup>26</sup> Then He said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." <sup>27</sup> And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."*

**The Morning Sermon**

**"Weakness and God"**

Dr. Deison

**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**

*“There Is a Redeemer”*

*Green*



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His face, \_\_\_\_\_ and



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope for \_ sin-ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er, in \_ that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son; \_\_\_\_\_ and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

**\*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.**

\*The congregation stands.

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Christie La Rash on the occasion of her birthday by Mom, Dad, Robert, Caroline, Lindsay, Phillip, Austin and Stella Kate.*

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

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**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.**

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## SERMON NOTES

Genesis 28.10-17; 32.9-12, 24-30

“Weakness and God”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of March 9, 2014

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,  
that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

#### **“In Christ Alone”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page two.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 28.10-17; 32.9-12, 24-30 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

#### **Jacob’s Two Dreams —**

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

1. What was Jacob’s dream about?
2. What did God promise Jacob?
3. How did Jacob respond to his dream?
4. In Genesis 32 (vs 24-30), who did Jacob wrestle with?
5. What is the new name Jacob receives? Why was that important?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. Why was the promise to Jacob in Genesis 28.13-17 important? See Genesis 12.2-3; 15-18.
2. What do you think Jacob meant when he said this place is the “gate of heaven”?
3. What does Jacob’s prayer tell us about his spiritual maturity?
4. Why do you think God let Jacob win the wrestling match?

**Scripture Memory for March:** *(memorize this verse of Scripture this month)*

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

### 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.