



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 17, 2016  
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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**The Prelude**

“Chorale”

*Ola Gjeilo*

### **Silent Prayer**

*We bring our hearts—our sorrows, our pain—before the Lord in prayer.*

### **Liturgy of Grief**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Chad Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Minister: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;  
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

People: **My soul also is greatly troubled.  
I am weary with my moaning;  
every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.**

Minister: My eye wastes away because of grief;  
it grows weak because of all my foes.  
Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

People: **The Lord has heard my plea;  
the Lord accepts my prayer.**

Psalm 6.2, 3a, 6-9

**Musical Meditation**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”  
Andrew Russell, solo

*Traditional African  
American Spiritual*

## Liturgy of Lament

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Minister: O Lord, how long shall the wicked,  
how long shall the wicked exult?

**People: They pour out their arrogant words;  
all the evildoers boast.**

Minister: They crush Your people, O Lord,  
and afflict Your heritage.  
They kill the widow and the sojourner,  
and murder the fatherless;  
and they say, "The Lord does not see;  
the God of Jacob does not perceive."

**People: Who rises up for me against the wicked?  
Who stands up for me against evildoers?**

Psalm 94.3-7, 16

**Musical Meditation** "Prelude in E minor, Op. 28, No. 4"  
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

*Frédéric Chopin*

### \*Songs of Grief, Lament...and Hope

*We bring our sorrows to the cross.*

*from "How Firm a Foundation"*

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
For I will be with you in trouble to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

*from "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

*from "It Is Well with My Soul"*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*from "My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*from "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

**\*Psalm and Hymn of Remembrance and Faithfulness**

**Return, O Lord! How long?**

**Have pity on Your servants!**

**Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

**Let Your work be shown to Your servants,  
and Your glorious power to their children.**

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

**Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.**

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

Psalm 90.13-17, 1-2

*all singing:*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

**Public Confession of Sin**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 9:30

The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

**Search me, O God, and know my heart!**

**Try me and know my thoughts!**

**And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

*(pause)*

**Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

**For Your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

**The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.**

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.**

Psalm 139.23-24; 25:6, 11, 16-18

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

For the LORD will not forsake His people; He will not abandon His heritage;  
for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will  
follow it.

Psalm 94.14-15

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00  
Mr. John Bateman, *elder* 9:30  
Mr. Goebel 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA  
Mr. Nielson, *piano* arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 "Lord, Have Mercy" Scott/Digesare  
Summer Choir • Jeff Berta, *conductor*

*In peace we have come to pray and to seek the Lord today, for salvation from His hand, for the healing of our land. Let us pray, Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy for we have placed all our hopes in Thee.*

*For our sin, we repent, O Lord; we believe Your holy Word. Have mercy, Lord, we pray and take all our sins away. Kyrie, Christe, Lord have mercy. If You would mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand? Mercy, like a fountain, flows from Your hand!*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Isaiah 53.5

People: **And also with you.**

## The Service of Friendship

\*The Scripture Reading Hebrews 11.20; 12.1-2 Mr. Williams 8:00  
Ashley and Brooks Igo 9:30  
Don Dillahunty 11:00

<sup>11.20</sup> *By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.*

<sup>12.1</sup> *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

<sup>2</sup> *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

The Morning Sermon "By Faith, A Life Unfinished" Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Scruggs 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please  
continue at the 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.

**\*The 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.*

**\*Benediction**

Minister: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Ephesians 3.20-21

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

8:00 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” ANDREWS  
Mr. Nielson, *piano* arr. Nielson

9:30/11:00 Postlude on “Pisgah” arr. Dale Wood  
“When I Can Read My Title Clear”  
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

*When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,  
I'll bid farewell to every fear, and wipe my weeping eyes.*

*Should earth against my soul engage, and fiery darts be hurled,  
then I can smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning world.*

*There I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest,  
and not a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast.*

*\*The congregation stands.*

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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.**

## Genesis 27.1-41

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, <sup>4</sup> and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die." <sup>5</sup> Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, <sup>6</sup> Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, <sup>7</sup> 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.' <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. <sup>9</sup> Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. <sup>10</sup> And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." <sup>11</sup> But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. <sup>12</sup> Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing." <sup>13</sup> His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me." <sup>14</sup> So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. <sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. <sup>16</sup> And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup> And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. <sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." <sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. <sup>24</sup> He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." <sup>25</sup> Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. <sup>26</sup> Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." <sup>27</sup> So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed! <sup>28</sup> May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. <sup>29</sup> Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!" <sup>30</sup> As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. <sup>31</sup> He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." <sup>32</sup> His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." <sup>33</sup> Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." <sup>34</sup> As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" <sup>35</sup> But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." <sup>36</sup> Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" <sup>37</sup> Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?" <sup>38</sup> Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>39</sup> Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. <sup>40</sup> By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck." <sup>41</sup> Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

## SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 11.20; 12.1-2; Genesis 27.1-41

“By Faith, A Life Unfinished”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of July 17, 2016

### Praise

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

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

Psalm 6.2, 9

#### **Songs of Grief, Lament...and Hope** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn texts on page two.

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 11.20; 12.1-2; Genesis 27.1-41 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. What is Hebrews 11 about?
2. How would you describe a person who demonstrates great faith?
3. What were the three promises given to Abraham in the Abrahamic covenant?
4. Was Isaac perfect? Why or why not?
5. How did God redeem Isaac's story after he died? What did He do for his family?
6. What does it mean to have the firstborn blessing? Who has that blessing now?
7. What is a really big thing that is beyond your power to accomplish that you want to trust God for?

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

Hebrews 11.6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

### 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.