

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 29, 2018

9:45 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

*Two American Hymn Tunes*

Martin

**WELCOME** *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

**ROLLING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Come, Let Us Sing*

Scott

*Come, let us sing! And make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise to God. Come, let us sing!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 80)

*Leader: Restore us O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**People: You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

*Leader: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the river.*

**People: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.**

*Leader: Give us life, and we will call on Your name.*

**People: Restore us, O LORD, let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Let us worship the LORD.**

**HYMN #475**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*(stand if able)*

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come,  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now, 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.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism, and cut ourselves off from You. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in Your love, and live out Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession*).

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## GLORIA PATRI

*(please stand if able)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*(please stand if able)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

## CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Living Waters*

Leo Kennedy

## PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

## OFFERTORY

*Praise to the Lord*

Burggraff

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been; granted in what He ordaineth? Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation, oh praise Him in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises to Him! Let the Amen sound from His people again. Amen, Amen, Amen. Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly in praise we adore Him! Praise to the Lord!*

**DOXOLOGY** *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION***(from PCUSA Mission Yearbook)*

Holy God, help us to discern Your guidance for all that we think, say, and do, and strengthen us to walk in the paths that You have set before us. Use these gifts to proclaim the good news throughout the world, in Jesus' name, Amen. *(please be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 15: 1-8

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I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"Want Fruit? PRUNE!!"*

Don Lincoln

**HYMN #450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

*(please stand if able)*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue n C*

J. S. Bach