

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, August 29, 2010

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 for righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (Register Attendance)

Meditation

I Peter 3:15

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:19-22

Minister: The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

People: Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His Word.

Minister: Praise the LORD, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will.

People: Praise the LORD, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Hymn of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#1

Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Patri

#735

*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.*

Ministry of Music

Love of God

Trio

by Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession:

Ephesians 4:1-6

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all."

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Our heavenly Father, we come to You as those who know Your will. Our Lord taught us that You desire peace and unity in Your church. He calls for us to be one as You and He and the Holy Spirit are One.

Yet we often rise up against one another. We put our own interests above Your interests. We strive to find our significance in our position in the church or in the world, instead of in Your Son. We strive to find our security in the things of this world, instead of in Your character and who You have made us in Christ.

Father, help us to see ourselves as You see us in Christ. Help us to cling to the truth of the cross, that we are all sinners saved by Your grace. Therefore, we have no right to boast. Instead we are to serve You and Your people out of gratitude to You for what You have done for us. Help us to live a life of humility and service before You and our brothers.

Silent Confession of Sin

We ask it in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

"...to you who are chosen.... and sprinkled with Jesus Christ's blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure."

I Peter 1:1-2

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #731
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn
When This Passing World Is Done #545

Pastoral Prayer

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:27-35
I Peter 5:1-11

Minister: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.

People: **Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things from Thy Word.**

Children may leave at this time for Children's Church. (Ages 3-7)

The Morning Sermon
Directives For The Church Rev. Tim Rackley

Prayer of Application

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn
Lead On, O King Eternal (v.1-2) #580

Benediction
Minister: The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever.
Amen

Hymn
Lead On, O King Eternal (v.3) #580

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Don Rackley, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*

Greg Harrod, *Assisting Elder*
Kristin Kliewer, *Pianist*

SERMON OUTLINE

Directives For The Church

The Scripture Reading:

I Peter 5:1-11

Point: Because we have sanctified Christ as Lord, we must live as He has directed.

I. Directives to Elders

A. Be a Shepherd

B. Be Willing

C. Be Eager

D. Be Examples

E. Be Rewarded

II. Directives for Young Men

A. Be Subject to Elders

B. Be Learners

III. Directives For The Church

A. Be Humble Toward One Another

B. Be Humble Toward God

C. Be on Guard