

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 25, 2010

Sixteenth Sunday after Easter

For Reflection and Preparation

Worship is a meeting at the centre so that our lives are centred in God and not lived eccentrically. We worship so that we live in response to and from this centre, the living God. Failure to worship consigns us to a life of spasms and jerks, at the mercy of every advertisement, every seduction, every siren. Without worship we live manipulated and manipulating lives. We move in either frightened panic or deluded lethargy as we are, in turn, alarmed by spectres and soothed by placebos. If there is no centre, there is no circumference.

- Edmund Clowney

Consider Jesus. Know Jesus. Learn what kind of Person it is you say you trust and love and worship. Soak in the shadow of Jesus. Saturate your soul with the ways of Jesus. Watch Him. Listen to Him. Stand in awe of Him. Let Him overwhelm you with the way He is.

- John Piper

To fear God means that my life is structured by a sense of awe, worship, and obedience that flows out of recognizing Him and His glory. He becomes the single most important reference point for all that I desire, think, do, and say. God is my motive and God is my goal. The fear of God is meant to be the central organizing force in my life.

- Paul David Tripp

Call to Worship

Hab 2:14, Ps 9:1

Leader: The earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea.

All: **I will praise You, O LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.**

Opening Hymn

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing o-thers,
4. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship Him in

with us sing O — praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing
heav'n a-long, O — praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing
take your part, O — praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long
hum-ble-ness, O — praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
morn in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
pain and sor-row bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir-it, three in one,

O — praise Him, O — praise Him, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O — praise Him, O — praise Him, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray

Prayer of Worship

Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 19:1-6

- Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.
The skies display His marvelous craftsmanship.
- All: Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make Him known.**
- Leader: They speak without a sound or a word;
their voice is silent in the skies;
- All: Yet their message has gone out to all the earth,
their words to all the world.**
- Leader: In them he has set a tent for the sun.
It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding.
It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.
- All: The sun rises at one end of the heavens
and follows its course to the other end.
Nothing can hide from its heat.**

Hymn

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my list - 'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the mor - ning light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ru - ler yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought
This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;
This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat - tle is not done;

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hands the won - ders wrought.
in the rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Prayers of Confession

Leader: Most merciful Father,
we have sinned against and are guilty before you.
Forgive us the sins of our tongues—

**All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;
for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.**

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes—

**All: For impurity in our glances and imagination;
for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth
than you have given us.**

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts—

**All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors;
for pride, self-absorption, self-pity;
and above all for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love.**

Leader: Now, Holy Father,
kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts.

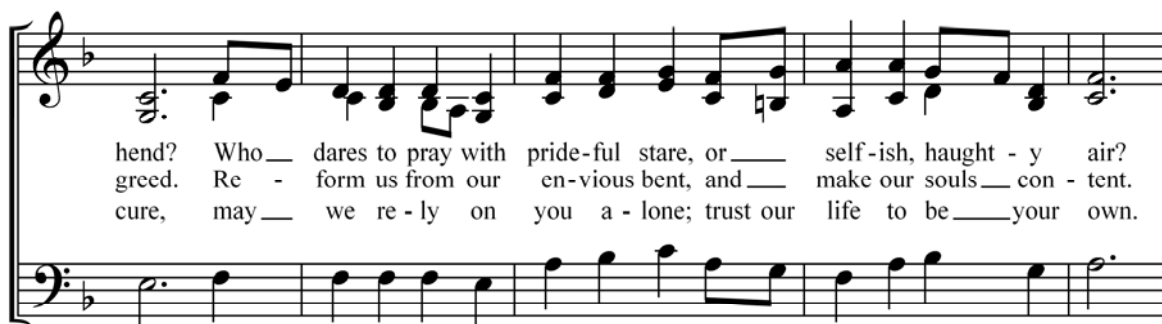
**All: Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure,
to live for you and not for ourselves,
to be transformed into your likeness,
to live wholly for your glory.
Take away our mourning and give us music;
remove our sackcloth and give us your beauty, in Christ's name. Amen.**

Song of Comfort

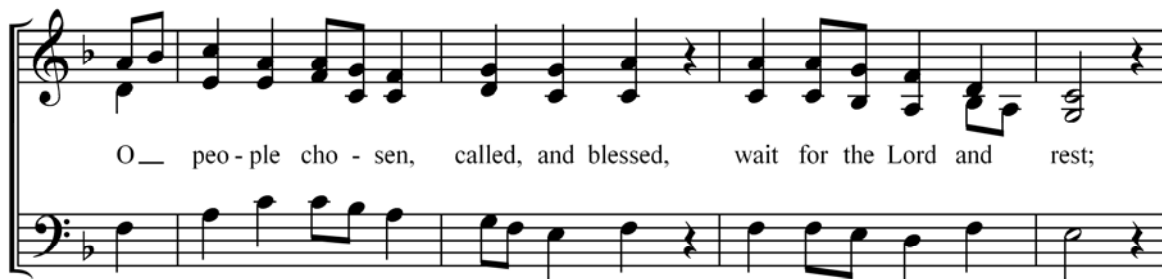
PSALM 131



1. Be - fore you, Lord, who can pre - tend? What ___ mind can com - pre -
2. Save ___ us, O God, from fran - tic needs; un - leash our lives ___ from
3. Held ___ like a child se - rene and sure, on its mo - ther rests ___ se -



hend? Who ___ dares to pray with pride - ful stare, or ___ self - ish, haught - y air?
greed. Re - form us from our en - vious bent, and ___ make our souls ___ con - tent.
cure, may ___ we re - ly on you a - lone; trust our life to be ___ your own.



O ___ peo - ple cho - sen, called, and blessed, wait for the Lord and rest;



where hope grows strong and cares de - crease, in the cen - ter of ___ God's peace.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Reading of Scripture

1 John 2:15-27

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

¹⁸Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²²Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that he made to us— eternal life.

²⁶I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Sermon

“The Obstacles”

Hymn

GRACE ALONE



1. Ev - 'ry prom - ise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,



ev - 'ry dif - frence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.



Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,



Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His grace.

Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro - vide.

Christ in us, our Cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a - lone.

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Closing Song

MY FRIENDS, MAY YOU GROW IN GRACE

My friends, may you grow in _____ grace, _____ and in the
knowledge of our Lord and Sav - ior. My friends, may you grow in _____
_____ grace, _____ and in the know ledge of Je - sus Christ.
To God be the glo-ry, now and for - ev - er, _____ now and for -
ev - er, _ a - men. _____ To God be the glo - ry,
now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er, a - men. _____

Benediction

Leader:

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

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Sermon Notes

“The Obstacles” - 1 John 2:15-27