

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 14, 2010

11:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before we begin worship, we'll take care of the "news of the day".

MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

Because we strive to become a mission church

THE PRELUDE

Preparation for worship; a quiet time...

+CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 103)

L: Bless the **LORD**, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

L: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

P: So that our youth is renewed like the eagle's

+HYMN OF PRAISE 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

A TIME FOR MEDITATION

This is a moment of silence while we prepare to confess our sins before God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins as the people of God, the body of Christ

Oh God, we cannot hide our sins from you, no matter how much we dress our bodies in fine clothes, or how often we invoke your name and offer polite smiles to one another. We confess that at times our faint hearts have held us back from saying a good word on your behalf or opposing some word or act of bigotry that we have witnessed. We are quick to sin, but too slow to forgive the sinner.

Forgive us for what we have done that we know is wrong, and for failing to do what we know is right. In the silence of this moment, as we search our hearts, cleanse us by your Spirit of all known and secret faults:

PERSONAL CONFESSION

We confess our sins in silence as those created in the image of God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (From Psalm 103)

L: The **LORD** is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

L: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our
transgressions from us.

**P: Thanks be to God, who in Jesus Christ has overcome and
forgiven our sin.**

+PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The forgiven people of God may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ from each other.

ANTHEM Write Your Name Upon My Heart Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Because we desire God's Word only.

Gracious God, as you spoke to your people in previous ages, so let your Spirit enable us to hear your word once more. In the name of Jesus, your Living Word, we pray. Amen

THE LESSONS FROM THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS

God's Word read aloud.

Psalm 32

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

THE SERMON Lost

Dr. Edward McNulty

Contemporary exposition of the Word of God

+HYMN 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE CREED - The Apostles' Creed, HYMNAL, p. 14

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

This is the time when we bring our sacrifice before the Lord.

Signing the Friendship Register

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

What is on our minds and in our hearts this morning?

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

This prayer is informed by our Joys and Concerns, but not exclusively.

+HYMN 280 Amazing Grace

+THE CHARGE

A challenge placed before the people of God. A reminder that we are not to leave what we have heard and done here this morning, but to take it with us into the world.

+THE BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, for you...

+ THE POSTLUDE

A time of thoughtfulness, meditation and quiet

+ All who are able may stand