

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ALL SAINTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*February 14, 2010*

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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### **For Reflection and Preparation**

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.

Ex 33:7

How can God wean the people from their Egyptian habits of religion as power, religion as fashion, religion as entertainment? How can he convince them that he is interested above all in personal relationship? He gives them a daily demonstration in Moses of what he wills for all, a meeting "face to face."

**We come to this place and time for meeting you, Lord,  
with so much to learn, so much to unlearn! We have many  
wrong ideas of you, many false images. We return to  
these scriptures showing you in personal relationship as  
our Lord and Savior. Like Moses we want to enter the  
tent of meeting each day and have you speak to us as you  
speak to a friend.**

### **Call to Worship**

from Ps 93:1

Minister: The LORD be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Our God reigns,

**He is robed in majesty.**

The LORD is robed in majesty,

**And he is armed with strength.**

We shall not fear;

**Never shall we fear.**

Opening Hymn

Wendy Churchill, 1982

JESUS IS KING

1. Je - sus is King, and I will ex - tol Him,  
2. We have a hope that is stead - fast and cer - tain,  
3. We come to Him, our Priest and A - pos - tle,  
4. O Ho - ly One, our hearts do a - dore You.

give Him the glo - ry, and hon - or His name.  
gone through the cur - tain and touch - ing the throne.  
clothed in His glo - ry and bear - ing His name.  
Thrilled with Your good - ness, we give You our praise.

He reigns on high en - throned in the heav - ens,  
We have a priest who is there in - ter - ced - ing,  
Lay - ing our lives with glad - ness be - fore Him,  
An - gels in light with wor - ship sur - round Him:

Word of the Fa - ther, ex - alt - ed for us.  
pour - ing his grace on our lives day by day.  
filled with His Spir - it, we wor - ship the King.  
Je - sus, our Sav - ior, for - ev - er the same.

## Prayers of Adoration

Ps 63:1a-5

O God, you are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
I have seen you in the sanctuary  
beholding your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

# Hymn of Praise

Michael Perry, 1942-1996

## O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING



1. O \_\_\_ God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship You to - day  
2. The \_\_\_ flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then \_\_\_ hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and \_\_\_ sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
its \_\_\_ frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that \_\_\_ we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our King,



for \_\_\_ we can on - ly won - der at \_\_\_ ev - 'ry gift You send,  
but \_\_\_ hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown;  
and \_\_\_ whe - ther our to - mor - rows be \_\_\_ filled with good or ill,



at \_\_\_ bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
though \_\_\_ small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:  
we'll \_\_\_ tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless You still:



we \_\_\_ lift our hearts be - fore \_\_\_ You and wait up - on Your word,  
for \_\_\_ Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us free,  
to \_\_\_ mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways,



we \_\_\_ hon - or and a - dore \_\_\_ You, our great and might - y Lord.  
and \_\_\_ we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and \_\_\_ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## Confession

There will come a time when you simply fail, inexcusably, terribly. You will feel yourself standing among the shattered pieces of a beautiful work of art that you just broke. You will surprise yourself that you were that stupid. No, not just stupid, bad. Morally weak.

You will fail at something incomparably important. You will feel that you are a failure. You will feel no compensation. You will feel despair and hopelessness. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about; perhaps you've gone through that already.

The experience of our own faults comes as a surprise to us because our teachers no longer talk about fault, or failure, or sin. They no longer tell us about our inner Judas, about that spiteful little [man] who lives in the basement of the soul.

You will hurt the ones you love. You will lie about it. You will do something embarrassingly bad and not face up to it. You will give others excuses, because you will first give yourself excuses. (The spiteful little [man] is very good at finding them, and our sick society is very good at supplying them; they work in tandem, those two.) And if you don't have the inner toughness of spirit, the honesty and courage to confess to yourself, then you won't be able to confess to God and to those you hurt either. And then the rot will stay there inside the potato and spread until it rots your life so obviously that you can no longer deny it-or, even worse, until it rots your mind so much that you can no longer admit it.

By the way, there are two philosophies of man. One says we rot like lettuce, from outside in. The other says we rot like potatoes, from inside out. The first blames others, "society," Republicans, Democrats, UFOs, or social structures. The second says, "We have met the enemy and they are us." The theological term for that idea is "original sin." It's a dogma.

The most important choice comes especially after you sin. The two roads are honest confession or cover-up and avoidance, light or darkness. The dark way seems easier and more comfortable. But no one has ever found peace at the end of that road, and everyone who has ever taken the other road, the uncomfortably bright one, has found exactly that.

-Peter Kreeft

## **Silent Confession and Meditation**

### **Confession of Sin**

**All:       O Heavenly Father,  
I am overwhelmed by the mystery of grace:  
That while I am most often unmindful of you,  
you are always mindful of me.  
That while I am forgetful of Jesus' work on my behalf,  
you always remember.  
That while I am regularly reminded of my  
sinful nature and actual sins,  
you, the all-seeing, all-knowing God,  
are able to remember them no more.  
All thanks be yours for Jesus Christ,  
and the atonement that sets me free!**

### **Words of Pardoning Grace**

Isa 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool:

Hymn of Faith

Grace Hinsdale, 1865

MY SOUL COMPLETE IN JESUS STANDS



1. My soul com - plete in Je - sus stands! It fears no more the law's de - mands;  
2. My soul its ev - 'ry foe de - fies, and cries, 'tis God that just - i - fies!



the smile of God is sweet with - in, where all be - fore was guilt and sin.  
who char - ges God's e - lect with sin? Shall Christ, who died their place to win?



My soul at rest in Je - sus lives: Ac - cepts the peace His par - don gives;  
A song of praise my soul shall sing to our e - ter - nal glo - rious King!



Re - ceives the grace His death se - cured, and pleads the an - guish He en -  
Shall wor - ship hum - bly at His feet, in whom a - lone it stands com -



dured, and pleads the an - guish He en - dured.  
plete, in whom a - lone it stands com - plete.

## Prayers for the Church and World

### Collection of Tithes and Offerings

#### Reading of Scripture

Ex 32:30-33:23

30 The next day Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." 31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Alas, this people have sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. 32 But now, if you will forgive their sin- but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written." 33 But the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book. 34 But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them."

35 Then the LORD sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, the one that Aaron made.

The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.' 2 I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

4 When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. 5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.'" 6 Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward. 7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. 8 Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. 9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. 10 And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. 11 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." 14 And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

17 And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." 21 And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

**Sermon**

“Intercession”

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Visiting With Us? If you are a baptized, believing Christian, and a faithful member of this or some other Christian congregation, you are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we are glad that you are here and hope that you will use this time to reflect more deeply on Jesus Christ.

### Hymn of Communion

Keith & Kristyn Getty, 2005

#### BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I \_\_\_ find a place to stand,
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His \_\_\_ fam - ily is my own.
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the \_\_\_ path be - fore the crown,



and \_\_\_ won - der at such mer - cy that \_\_\_ calls me as I am.  
Once \_\_\_ strang - ers chas - ing self ish \_\_\_ dreams; Now, \_\_\_ one through grace a - lone.  
we \_\_\_ fol - low in His foot - steps where \_\_\_ prom - ised hope is found.



For \_\_\_ hands that should dis - card me hold \_\_\_ wounds which tell me come.  
How \_\_\_ could I how dis - hon - or the \_\_\_ ones that You have loved?  
How \_\_\_ great the joy be - fore us to \_\_\_ be His per - fect bride.



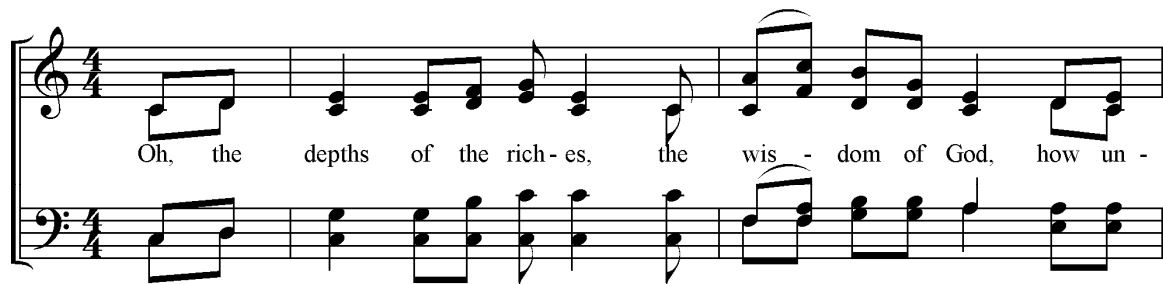
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.  
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.  
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly life our lives.

## The Distribution of the Elements

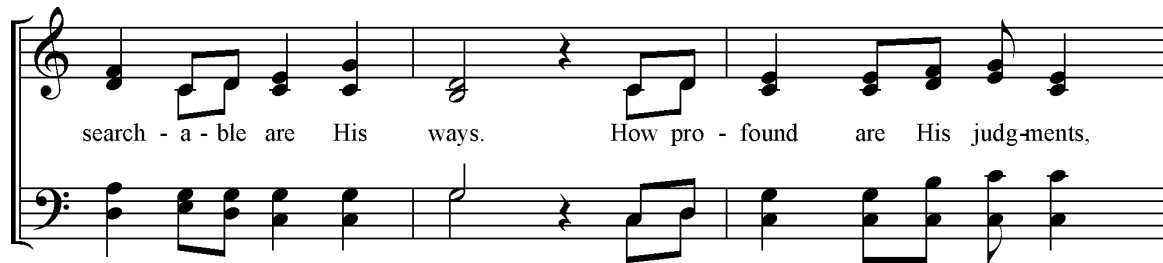
We use wine in the Lord's Supper. Wine is available in the inner two circles for those who desire it; grape juice is available in the outer ring.

## Romans Doxology

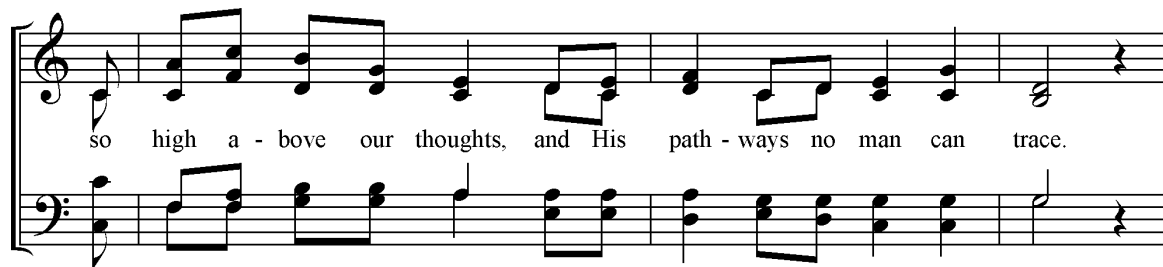
John Elliot, 1993



Oh, the depths of the rich - es, the wis - dom of God, how un -



search - a - ble are His ways. How pro - found are His judgments,



so high a - bove our thoughts, and His path - ways no man can trace.

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For — from Him and through — Him, and to Him are all things.

To Him be glo - ry for - ev - er - more, to Him be glo - ry for - ev - er,

A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.

**Benediction**

from Heb 13:20-21

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do his will. Amen.