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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024, at 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.

Welcome

Prelude

It Is Well

Music by Philip Bliss

Arr. by Shelly Hamilton and Glenn Christianson

We dare not approach God "who dwells in unapproachable light" (1 Timothy 6:16) without his invitation, or fail to come when he calls us to worship.

Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36 and 16:27

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Minister: To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #38

JOANNA

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Pew Bible, page 926

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, sustainer of life and judge of all men, we acknowledge our sin before you and confess that we have not believed your Word or trusted you enough to obey your commands. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have cared more for your gifts than for you, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We have turned away from you, the fountain of living water, and have tried to satisfy the thirst in our souls with things that ultimately cannot satisfy. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and cleanse us from our shame and guilt.

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For centuries, the singing of hymns has been a way of grounding God's people in sound doctrine. We sing our theology. Hymns give us words for expressing our praise and thanks to God. Setting these words to music helps to get the truth into our hearts.

God's Word is "more to be desired...than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward." (Psalm 19:10-11)

In the first of his famous 95 Theses, Martin Luther declared "when our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'repent' (Matthew 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with a willing spirit, that we might trust you, believe you, and honor you, walking in newness of life in the strength of your Spirit, to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

Minister: Hear this good news: God has delivered those who repent and believe the gospel from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of all our sin.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Pastoral Prayer



† Hymn of Consecration
Hymn B

He Will Hold Me Fast
Words by Habershon & Merker
Music by Merker

Minister: What is God?

Unison: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

† Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 3:5-7

Pew Bible, page 528

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Dan Thompson

The Only Wise God



† Hymn of Response

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #128

DUNDEE

Giving to God & Choral Offertory

Eden's Song

Words by Beverly Easterling

Tune: O WALY WALY

Arr. by Mark Schweizer

Without the Spirit's help, we can't understand or be convinced of the truth of Scripture. In humble dependence on the work of the Holy Spirit, we ask God to give us eyes to see and ears to hear what he says to us in his written Word.

*Writing about giving offerings, the apostle Paul said: "But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also."
(II Corinthians 8:7)*

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A memory of Eden stirs, and walks within the warmth of spring.

It whispers every hope God has to life Eternal, listening.

*Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey, unfurl by faith and not by sight,
To touch the light of lengthening day that calls thee forth to green delight.*

*The season of new growth begins, embrace the promise we all share,
Lift every voice and celebrate the living God, who's always there.*

† Doxology

Vikki Cook



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him all



crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly



host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. All glo-ry



be to God a-bove, who gave his Son in ho-ly



love, who sends his Com-for-ter to be his seal for



all e-ter-ni-ty, his seal for all e-ter-ni-ty.

*With God's blessing upon us,
we are sent forth to practice
the faith we profess.*

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Forth Hymn**

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #37 (*Verses 1, 2, & 5*)

All That I Am I Owe to Thee

Alt. Tune: AS THE HART LONGS

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Postlude on Duke Street

Arr. by J. Payne

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

*Welcome visitors! If you are
visiting St. Paul's today, we
are so glad you have joined us
for worship! We would love to
get to know you. Email staff@
stpaulsorlando.com to let
us know your name, contact
information, how you heard
about St. Paul's, and any
questions you may have. Please
feel free to introduce yourself to
our pastors or ushers.*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Refrain

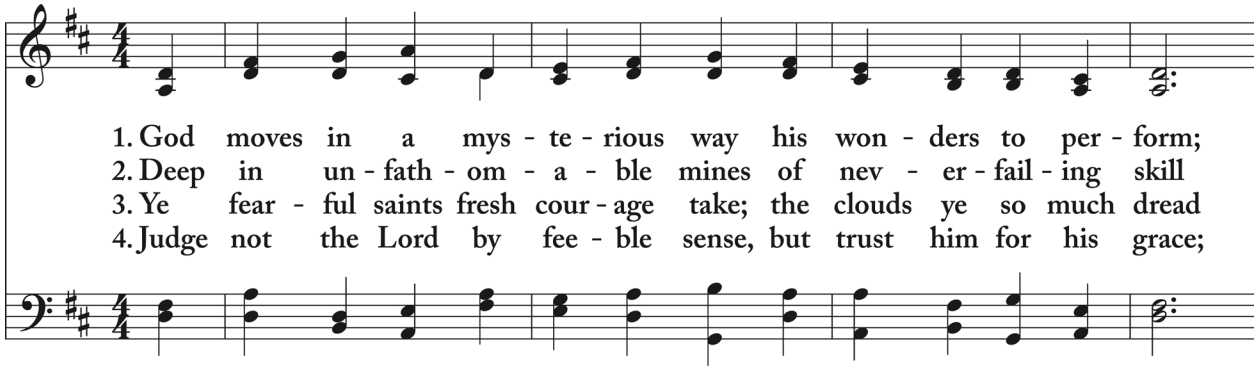
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

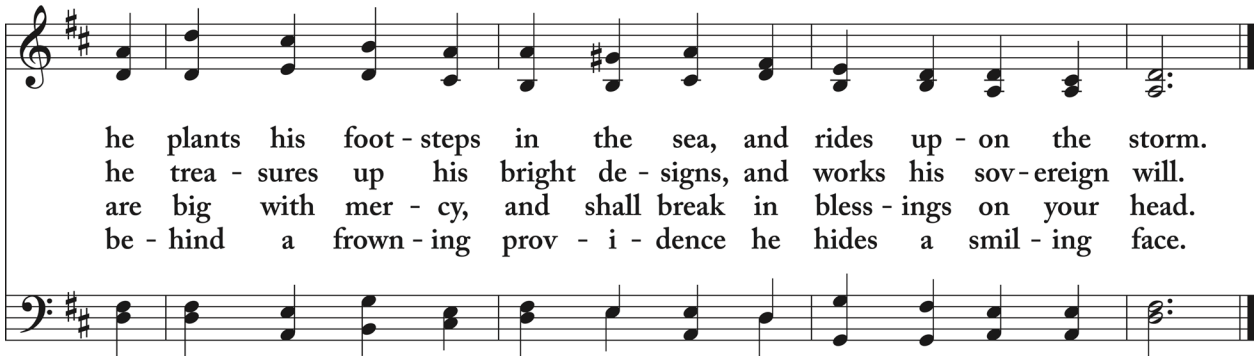
God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

Is. 42:16



1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
 3. Ye fear - ful saints fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;



he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
 unfolding ev'ry hour;
 the bud may have a bitter taste,
 but sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter,
 and he will make it plain.

All That I Am I Owe to Thee

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Ps. 139:14

Unison

1. All that I am I owe to thee;
2. Ere in - to be - ing I was brought,
3. Search me, O God, my heart dis - cern;

thy wis - dom, Lord, has fash - ioned me.
thine eye did see, and in thy thought
try me, my in - most thought to learn;

I give my Mak - er thank - ful praise,
my life in all its per - fect plan
and lead me, if in sin I stray,

whose won - drous works my soul a - maze.
was or - dered ere my days be - gan.
to choose the ev - er - last - ing way.

Psalm 139:14-24

The Psalter, 1912

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AS THE HART LONGS L.M.

Appalachian folk melody

Arr. by Danna Harkins, 1975

The Only Wise God

Proverbs 3:5-7 | Rev. Dan Thompson

The Big Idea: You can trust the Lord with all your heart because he is infinitely, eternally, and unchangeably wise. His wisdom is on display in all he has made, in his governance of our world, and in his saving grace in Christ Jesus.

“Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it.” – J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*.

*i. God's wisdom in creation**ii. God's most wise providence**iii. God's wisdom in redemption*

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, April 14 | Leviticus 18 • Psalm 22 |
| • Monday, April 15 | Leviticus 19 • Psalm 23-24 |
| • Tuesday, April 16 | Leviticus 20 • Psalm 25 |
| • Wednesday, April 17 | Leviticus 21 • Psalm 26-27 |
| • Thursday, April 18 | Leviticus 22 • Psalm 28-29 |
| • Friday, April 19 | Leviticus 23 • Psalm 30 |
| • Saturday, April 20 | Leviticus 24 • Psalm 31 |
| • Sunday, April 21 | Leviticus 25 • Psalm 32 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. How does the book of Proverbs give you reasons for trusting God with all your heart?
2. What do you think of J.I. Packer's definition of wisdom? How does it describe God's wisdom? How does it relate to our own pursuit of wisdom?
3. What are some examples of God's wisdom on display in creation?
4. When you can't make sense of what God does in your life, how do you maintain a trust in God? How do the Proverbs shape your expectations for God's governance of this world and of your life?
5. How do the Proverbs lead you to Jesus, who is the "wisdom of God" (I Corinthians 1:24)?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23).

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: What is required of those that hear the Word of God preached?

Answer: According to the Westminster Larger Catechism question and answer #160, “It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.”

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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