



ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 12, 2021, 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.

The call to worship is a call to come into the joy of God's presence.

Welcome

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

O STOR GUD

Swedish Folk Melody; Arr. by McChesney

Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation
Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
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† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Pew Bible, page 959

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. If you should mark iniquities, who could stand? No creature is hidden from your sight before whom we must give account. There is no one righteous, not even one. Apart from your grace we all stand condemned. Therefore, we pray that you would hide your face from our sins and accept us for the sake of Christ alone. For you chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before you. His death is our death. His resurrection is our resurrection. He is our life. Search us, therefore, and know us in him. And lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."
(2 Timothy 3:16)*

*In the Assurance of Pardon,
tired and weary sinners are
comforted with the good news
of God's grace and forgiveness.*

✠ **Assurance of Pardon**

From Lamentations 3 & Colossians 3

Minister: Hear this good news! The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

✠ **Litany of Thanksgiving**

Minister: Almighty and triune God, how unsearchable is your glory from everlasting to everlasting! You are the beginning and the end, the source and destination of every good and perfect gift. For you have existed from all eternity in perfect fullness, joy, and delight. You are the fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things. To you be the glory forever.
Amen!

People: **Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord, or declare
all your wonderful works? You are God beyond all
praising!**

Minister: O Lord, you have wonderfully created us, and yet more wonderfully, redeemed us through the gift of your beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

Minister: O Lord, you have opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation through the promised gift of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

Minister: Once we were not a people, but now we are your people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!**

Minister: On this joyous occasion of St. Paul's 30th anniversary, we thank you for founding us in your faithfulness and establishing us in your love.

People: **Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

Pastoral Prayer



† Hymn of Consecration

Fill Us With Your Fullness, God

Hymn B

Text by Rev. Justin Borger

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† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Unison: **Thanks be to God!**

The Apostles' Creed unites Christians throughout the world and across the ages. Although not originally written by the apostles, its formulation traces back to the third century or earlier.

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.

Psalm 136 has an antiphonal (call and response) arrangement because biblical worship is congregational and participatory. (2 Chronicles 7:3, 6)

† Gloria

Glory Be To God II

Text: Traditional; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Glo-ry be to God, the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to Christ, His Son.
Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, our God three in one. As it
was in the be - gin-ning, so it shall be now and e - ver-more.
World with-out end, A - men. A - men. A - men!

† Psalter Lesson

Psalm 136

Pew Bible, page 520

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 5 to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

7 to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

8 the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

11 and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

13 to him who divided the Red Sea in two,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

16 to him who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

17 to him who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

18 and killed mighty kings,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
20 and Og, king of Bashan,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
21 and gave their land as a heritage,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
22 a heritage to Israel his servant,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
24 and rescued us from our foes,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
25 he who gives food to all flesh,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† Prayer for Illumination

† Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Berger

ST. PAUL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY:
His Steadfast Love Endures Forever



† Hymn of Response

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #30

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Giving to God & Offertory

Benediction I

Based on Ephesians 3:20, 21
Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

*To Him who is able to keep you from falling,
Present you before His own glorious presence,
Without fault, without blame, with thanksgiving and great joy.
To our Savior and our God, be glory and majesty!
And power and authority!
Through Jesus the Christ, our Lord.
From ages and before, now and forevermore! Amen.*

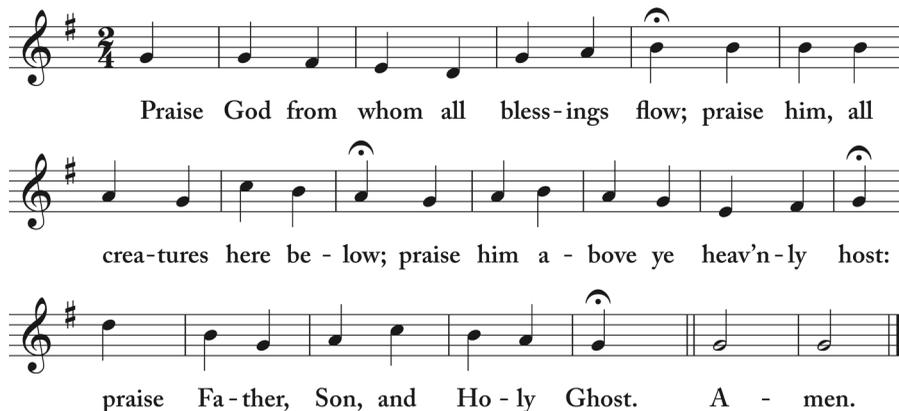
*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

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The word “doxology” comes from the Greek doxa (“glory”) and logos (“word”). Thus, to sing the doxology is to ascribe a word of glory to God.

† Doxology #731

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless-ings 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. A - men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #358 (Verses 1 & 6)

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Non Nobis

Patrick Doyle

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

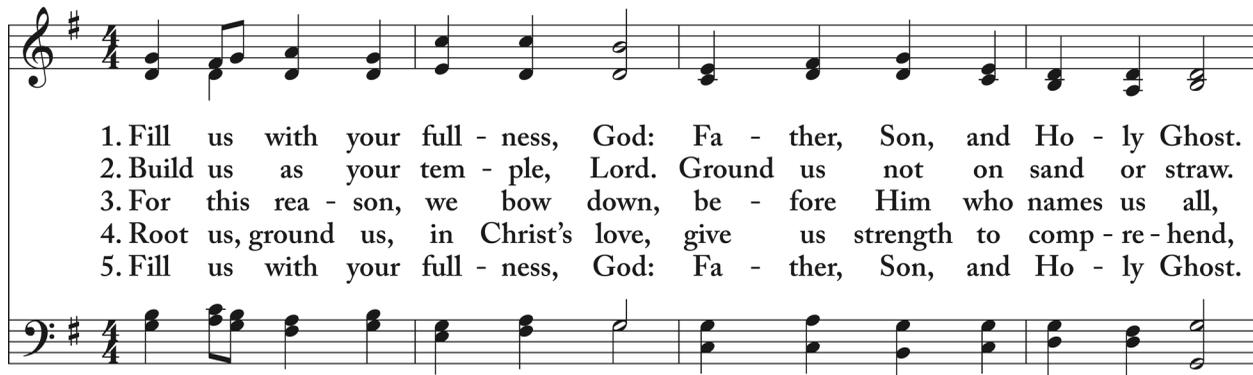


our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

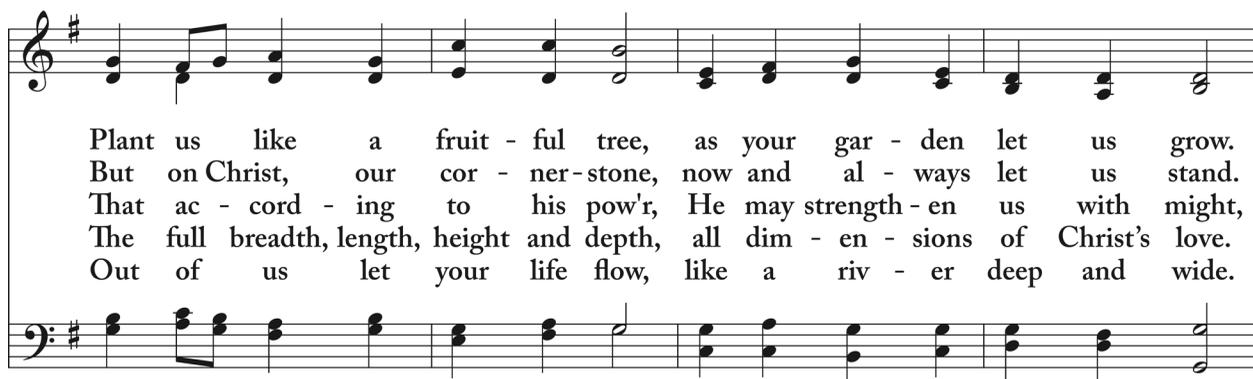


5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

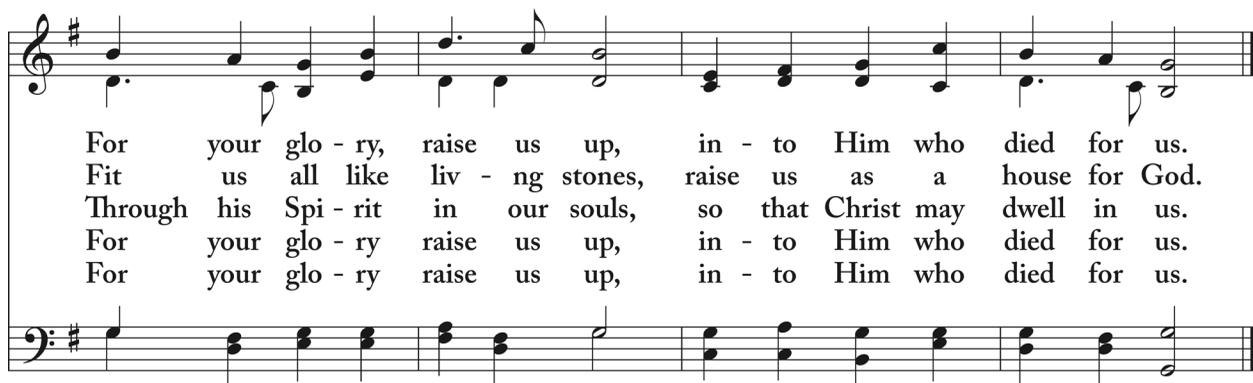
Fill Us With Your Fullness, God



1. Fill us with your full - ness, God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
 2. Build us as your tem - ple, Lord. Ground us not on sand or straw.
 3. For this rea - son, we bow down, be - fore Him who names us all,
 4. Root us, ground us, in Christ's love, give us strength to comp - re - hend,
 5. Fill us with your full - ness, God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Plant us like a fruit - ful tree, as your gar - den let us grow.
 But on Christ, our cor - ner - stone, now and al - ways let us stand.
 That ac - cord - ing to his pow'r, He may strength - en us with might,
 The full breadth, length, height and depth, all dim - en - sions of Christ's love.
 Out of us let your life flow, like a riv - er deep and wide.



For your glo - ry, raise us up, in - to Him who died for us.
 Fit us all like liv - ing stones, raise us as a house for God.
 Through his Spi - rit in our souls, so that Christ may dwell in us.
 For your glo - ry raise us up, in - to Him who died for us.
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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro -

vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

For All the Saints

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ST PAUL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY:

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

Psalm 136:1-26 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for in Christ his love endures forever.

i. Give thanks to the Lord for his transcendent being of love from all eternity (vv. 1-3)

ii. Give thanks to the Lord for his specific works of love throughout history (vv. 4-25)

iii. Give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast promise of love without end (vv. 1-26)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- **Sunday, September 12** 1 Titus 2; Daniel 7
- **Monday, September 13** 2 Kings 22; 1 Titus 3; Luke 10
- **Tuesday, September 14** 1 Titus 4
- **Wednesday, September 15** 2 Kings 23; 1 Titus 5; Daniel 8
- **Thursday, September 16** *Catch Up Day*
- **Friday, September 17** 1 Titus 6; Luke 11
- **Saturday, September 18** 2 Kings 24; 2 Titus 1; Daniel 9
- **Sunday, September 19** 2 Kings 25

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Why do we struggle to be grateful and give thanks?
2. What is the significance of the antiphonal arrangement of Psalm 136? What does this “call and response” structure teach us about worship?
3. What are some of the most powerful manifestations of God’s steadfast love in your personal experience and in our life together at St. Paul’s?
4. How does the psalmist’s use of the refrain (“his steadfast love endures forever”) teach us to view the world and also to see beyond it?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.” (Deuteronomy 15:15)

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 are the colored hangings on the pulpit and why do they change?

Answer: These hangings are called “paraments” and they change as we celebrate the five great “evangelical feasts” of the church year: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. These liturgical colors have an instructive purpose, helping us to mark time and pointing us to key events in the life of Christ and the great work of redemption that he has accomplished.

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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