

# Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, March 16, 2008

## Welcome and Announcements

**Musical Prelude** *I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew, #466*

## Time for preparation of heart for worship

### The Psalmist Calls Us, God's People, to Worship

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Praise the Lord, O my soul."

Let us respond to the Psalmist's call to praise our gracious Creator God by invoking God in prayer to meet with us as we worship him.

#### Prayer of Invocation

Pastor

### We, God's People, Respond in Worship

#### \*Hymn of Worship

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord, #465

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

Pastor

### God Declares His Law

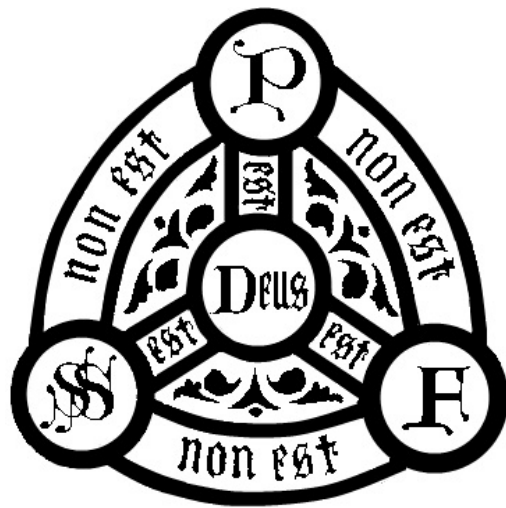
The Tenth Commandment:

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."  
—Exodus 20:16

### God Calls Us, His People, to True Repentance

"As surely as I live," declares the sovereign Lord, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?"

—Ezekiel 33:11



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A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:28-29

**We, God's People, Respond to His Call to Repent  
by Confessing Our Sins**

**Corporate Confession**

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our own depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true repentance beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and of righteousness well-pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray these things. Amen.

**Private Confession**

**The Apostle John Assures Us, God's People, of our Pardon**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. . . My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

—1 John 1:9; 2:1

Believe these great truths, child of God, and rejoice that he has forgiven you!

**We, God's People, Respond by Praising Him in Song**

**Hymn of Praise** Not What My Hands Have Done, #461

**God Declares His Word**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 6:1-9

**New Testament Lesson** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**We, God's People, Respond by Confessing Our Faith**

**Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 7 & 8**

**Christian, "What are the decrees of God?"**

Answer: "The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatever comes to pass."

**Christian, "How does God execute his decrees?"**

Answer: "God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence."

**God Calls Us, His People, to Intercessory Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor

**Hymn of Preparation**

Break Thou the Bread of Life, #146

**God Instructs Us, His People, Through His Word**

**\*Reading of the Holy Scripture**

Matthew 19:30-20:16

Pastor: "This is the Word of the Lord."

**Congregation: "Thanks be to God!"**

**Sermon**

"Don't Bargain with Jesus!"

Pastor

**\*Hymn of Response**

Father, I Know That All My Life, #559

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

Tune of #733

**God Exhorts Us, His People, to a Faithful Walk**

"[Jesus said], Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

**\*Benediction**