

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, May 25, 2008

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Please take time before the service to compose your heart for worship. You have come into the house of God, a harbor from storms, a safe haven from conflict, a place of rest for weary souls. Cast aside the concerns of your everyday life, and find relief here.

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Jesus, Lover of my Soul, #509

The Inspired Psalmist Exhorts Us, God's People, to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. . . . Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Prayer of Invocation

We, God's People, Respond in Worship

*Hymn of Worship

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, #32 (stanzas 1 & 3)

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 20:17

The Apostle Paul teaches: "Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed, I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said: 'Do not covet.' But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin lies dormant."

—Romans 7:7-8

The Psalmist David by His Example Summons Us to Confession

Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O Lord...For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me. —Psalm 40:11-13

We Follow David's Longing for Forgiveness by Confessing Our Sins

Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father: We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But O Lord, have pity upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Psalmist Assures Us of God's Gracious Forgiveness

Remember these things, O Jacob, for you are my servant, O Israel. I have made you, you are my servant; O Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. —Isaiah 44:21-22

We Respond to God's Mercy by Praising Him in Song

Hymn of Praise

Praise, My Soul, the King, #76 (stanzas 1, 3, & 5)

God Declares His Word to Us

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:1-11