Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2017

To all who are weak in body or spirit and seek strength: to all who are weary and desire rest: to all who struggle and seek victory; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and seek love and fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst; to all who come;

this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Psalm 103) Selection 53

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

The maker of heaven and earth! Ps. 124:8

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

When the Christ who is our life appears,

we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, who created the heavens and earth and made man in your own image: Give us grace so to meditate on your power, wisdom and love, that we may glorify you in all your works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

GOD CLEANSES US

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

But I have acknowledged my sin to you, and I have not covered my iniquity; I have said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," trusting that you will forgive the iniquity of my sin. For you, O LORD, are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

> "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

> > Psalm 103:11-12

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

PRAYING FOR THE SOUTHWEST CHURCH PLANTING NETWORK Grace & Peace Presbyterian Church (Anna, Texas) New Valley Downtown Church (Phoenix, Arizona) Iglesia Reformada Pacto de Gracia (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
EPISTLE READING
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-8
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!
HYMN OF PRAISE
"Be Thou My Vision" Selection 642
'We Respond by Confessing Our Faith

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven

and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†"Gloria Patri"	Selection 735
Glory be to the Father, and to the S As it was in the beginning, is now, World without end. Amen, Amen.	•
SERMON TEXT.	Genesis 1:26-31
PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD	
"Created in the Image of God"	Pastor Josh Anderson
VI. Exposition	n of the First Three Chapters of Genesis

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN		
"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"	,	Selection 515

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the night before he suffered and died instituted this holy meal, that we, receiving the benefits of his death, and being given life by his resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature, and so be filled with all the fullness of God. Therefore, with the angels and the archangels, and with all the company of heaven, along with the whole church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and All: earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord

Most High!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT

We Respond by Presenting to God our Tithes and Offering

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"..... Selection 266

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his

face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit...This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. And our charity must be a real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner—no mere tolerance or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment."

- C. S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

"'You come of the Lord Adam and the Lady Eve,' said Aslan. 'And that is both honor enough to erect the head of the poorest beggar, and shame enough to bow the shoulders of the greatest emperor on earth."

- C. S. Lewis, Prince Caspian

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