

# The Order for the Worship of God

*Let the first tone of the organ be a call to quiet meditation  
in which all may become aware of God's presence  
and lift up a prayer for yourself and for Faith Church.*

**Prelude**

Mary Heller

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Preparation of Our Hearts**

**† Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

O come, let us sing to the LORD  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!  
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.**

**† Opening Psalm**

#95 Now With Joyful Exaltation

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 33:1-12 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD with the lyre;**

**make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

<sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;

play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

<sup>4</sup> **For the word of the LORD is upright,**

**and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,**

**and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

<sup>7</sup> He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

he put the deeps in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> **Let all the earth fear the LORD;**

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;**

**he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD stands for ever,

the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

<sup>12</sup> **Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,**

**the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 5:1-18, 20-23

- <sup>1</sup> My child, be attentive to my wisdom;  
incline your ear to my understanding,  
<sup>2</sup> so that you may hold on to prudence,  
and your lips may guard knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> For the lips of a loose woman drip honey,  
and her speech is smoother than oil;  
<sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,  
sharp as a two-edged sword.
- <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death;  
her steps follow the path to Sheol.
- <sup>6</sup> She does not keep straight to the path of life;  
her ways wander, and she does not know it.
- <sup>7</sup> And now, my child, listen to me,  
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep your way far from her,  
and do not go near the door of her house;
- <sup>9</sup> or you will give your honour to others,  
and your years to the merciless,
- <sup>10</sup> and strangers will take their fill of your wealth,  
and your labours will go to the house of an alien;
- <sup>11</sup> and at the end of your life you will groan,  
when your flesh and body are consumed,
- <sup>12</sup> and you say, 'Oh, how I hated discipline,

and my heart despised reproof!

<sup>13</sup> I did not listen to the voice of my teachers  
or incline my ear to my instructors.

<sup>14</sup> Now I am at the point of utter ruin  
in the public assembly.'

<sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern,  
flowing water from your own well.

<sup>16</sup> Should your springs be scattered abroad,  
streams of water in the streets?

<sup>17</sup> Let them be for yourself alone,  
and not for sharing with strangers.

<sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed,  
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

<sup>20</sup> Why should you be intoxicated, my son, by another woman  
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

<sup>21</sup> For human ways are under the eyes of the LORD,  
and he examines all their paths.

<sup>22</sup> The iniquities of the wicked ensnare them,  
and they are caught in the toils of their sin.

<sup>23</sup> They die for lack of discipline,  
and because of their great folly they are lost.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God for His Word.

### **Special Music**

Breath of Life Medley

arr. Victor Labenske

## Children's Sermon

† Hymn

#58 Before the Throne of God Above

(Supplemental Hymnal)

## New Testament Reading

Ephesians

5:3-14

<sup>3</sup>But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be associated with them. <sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.'

**Sermon**

Pastor Andrew Winter

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings**

† Response

#638 The Doxology

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Prayer of Dedication

**Joys and Concerns**

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

† Closing Hymn

#489 When

Peace Like a River

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Announcements

† Benediction

**Postlude**



**A note for parents:** Today's sermon is rated 'PG' as it will deal with some more mature topics, but in a kid-friendly way. If you are unsure about your children sitting through the sermon, please know that your children will be welcome in the preschool nursery, which is dismissed after the children's sermon.

† Those who are able, please stand