

The Order for the Worship of God

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Independence Day Weekend

July 2, 2017
Ten o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

When the apostle Paul identifies the believers at Philippi as "citizens of heaven" who were to "live in a manner worthy of the gospel", he was not using a mere figure of speech. He was making it clear that our primary allegiance and identity is to the kingdom of God. This does not mean that it is inappropriate to sing patriotic songs or hymns. Love of country, town or city can often be both good and uplifting. But we must never allow that loyalty to supersede our greater devotion to the One who came to gather all nations to himself through those whom He has blessed so that they might become a blessing.

Walter Washington

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 13)

Leader: Consider and answer us, O Lord our God; light up our eyes, lest we sleep the sleep of death.

People: We have trusted in your steadfast love; our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation.

Leader: We will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with us. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration.....*God Bless America*

✦ The Declaration of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again

from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 622

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ The Prayer of Dedication

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading Romans 6:12-23 *The Message*
(see insert)

Special Music

The Sermon "God's Pension Plan" Rev. King

The Hymn of Meditation and Preparation No. 423
There Is a Balm in Gilead

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Blessing

The Lord's Prayer No. 426 (sung in unison)

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦ The Hymn of Dedication..... No. 572

America the Beautiful (vv. 1-3)

✦ The Benediction

✦ Congregational Response #380 (chorus) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

Daily, walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader - Kym Owens

Acolyte - Lindsey Zieger

The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by the Deacons in memory of loved ones.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 07/02** Worship Service & Lord's Supper, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. 07/03** City Lights, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Tues. 07/04** *Independence Day*
Church Office closed
City Lights 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Wed. 07/05** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
City Lights 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Thurs. 07/06** City Lights 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Fri. 07/07** City Lights, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Today's loose offerings are dedicated to
the
Deacons Helping Hand Fund*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
7/05 Joe Krupa

Flower Sponsors Needed July 9th & 23rd

If anyone is interested, please see Betty Simpkins or call the church office at 935-2148. The cost is \$15.00. Clearly mark your check "Flowers" and place in with the regular offering.



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SUNDAY, JULY 30TH - 10:00 A.M.

KIRSCHBAUM PAVILION

Bring your favorite "covered dish" to share.

Fundraiser for 2017 Salem ASP Teams

It's that time again to "Make a Change!" Loose change collection for ASP can be given to Lindsey, Elise, Morgan, Sierra, Kym, Reid or Beth. Thank you!!

SERMONS FOR THE WEEKS OF SUMMER

July 9, "Now, Here's a Tongue Twister", Romans 7:15-25a
July 16, "Choosing Sides: Flesh vs. Spirit", Romans 8:1-11
July 23, "Tiptoes", Romans 8:12-25
July 30, Ft. Mott Picnic, "Guaranteed to Finish", Romans 8:26-39
August 6, "A Broken Heart", Romans 9:1-5
August 13, "Beautiful Feet", Romans 10:5-15
August 20 "What About the Old Testaments?",
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
August 27, "Living Sacrifices", Romans 12:1-8

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand
Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Interserve USA-Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Harvest Time Worship Center Salem NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle...U.S. Navy
James Morrison...U.S. Air Force



Jamie Spears...U.S. Navy
Andrew Spears...Delaware Air National Guard
Matthew Kemm, M.D...U.S. Army Medical Corps
Austin Brown...U.S. Air Force

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Denise Horton, Having surgery. (*Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack*)
Robert Marino, Diagnosed with Lyme disease. (*Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack*)
Ann Eber, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. (*Mike Eber's mother*)
Mike Smith, Prayers for serious health issues. (*Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell*)
Harry Springer, Prayers for severe health issues. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)
First Presbyterian Church of Salem, The pastoral search process is continuing. We have received from the PCUSA data base a number of resumes for our consideration. We are sorting them out now and taking special notice of those that might be a good fit for us. Don't stop praying for the committee, for our work and for us as individuals (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin and Wendy) that we would appropriate God's wisdom for our task.
Elvena Eastlack, Prayers for severe spinal stenosis. (*Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack*)
Connie DiArchangelo, Prayers for recent diagnosis of serious health issues. (*Mother of a friend of Reid Willis*)
Linda Stokes, Prayers for serious health issues. (*Friend of Erin Owens.*)
Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.
Robert Parker, Health concerns. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)
Randi Gage, Praise for encouraging test results.
Brandon Bush, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)
Bob Hyatt, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)
Elizabeth Colucci, Prayers for health concerns. (*Carol Ives' niece*)
Torrey Reade, Prayers for serious health concerns. (*Friend of Noel Kemm*)
Rev. Jack & Martha Schilthuis, Prayers for health issues.
Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. (*Joe's piano coach*)

Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. (*Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter*)
Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. (*Friend of the Warren/Owens Families*)
Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment. (*Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem*)
PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)
Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery. (*Friend of Betty Simpkins*)
Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.
Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns. (*Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack*)
Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor. (*Friend of the Kings*)
Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment. (*16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell*)
Father Michael J. Doyle, Diagnosed with mouth cancer. (*Parish Priest of Chris Davenport's coworker*)
Dawn Kimble, Prayers for health issues.
Terry Zieger, Prayers for health concerns.
Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. (*Steve Pollack's brother*)
Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.
Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues. (*John King's sister & brother-in-law*)
Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. (*Friend of Sharon Eastlack*)
Amy Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.
Galen & Sara Lenhart, Continued prayers. (*Beth Davenport's parents*)
Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. (*Friend of Beth Davenport*)



Sermon Notes

I. God's Pension Plan Romans 6:12-23, *The Message*

A. Sin described as a way of life – “that old way of life” (vv. 12-14, 3rd sentence).

1. The root of sin – “you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God” (vv. 20-21, 1st sentence).
 - a. Instead of God being at the center of our lives, we become Lord. We may fit God into our agenda somewhere, but, essentially, we are in charge.

B. Living in the freedom of God described.

1. “Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time – remember you’ve been raised from the dead! – into God’s way of doing things” (vv. 12-14, 4th sentence).
 - a. No longer are we, or other persons or things, at the center of our lives, but God is our Lord, once and for all. “. . . you’ve started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in his freedom” (vv. 15-18, last sentence)!

C. Consequences of living a life enslaved to sin.

1. You lose true freedom (vv. 15-18, 3rd sentence and following).
2. No legitimate reason to care about others or about God (v. 19, 2nd sentence)
3. No imperative for right thinking or right living . . . or for ultimate truth (vv. 20-21, 1st sentence).
4. A dead end (vv. 20-21, last sentence).
5. A disastrous Pension Plan – death, i.e. everlasting separation and condemnation from God (vv. 22-23, 3rd sentence).

D. Consequences of living a life as a slave of Christ.

1. True freedom never quits (vv. 15-18, 5th sentence).
2. The new master’s commands enable us to live with a new openness (vv. 15-18, last sentence).
3. The new master brings healing and holiness to our broken lives (v. 19, last sentence).
4. A new hope . . . the anticipation that God is never done with us . . . “more and more of life on the way” (vv. 22-23, 2nd sentence)!
5. A fantastic Pension Plan! – eternal life, i.e. real life rooted in a relationship with the Creator God in Jesus Christ (vv. 22-23, 4th sentence).

Romans 6:12-23 The Message (MSG)

12'14 That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time-remember, you've been raised from the dead!-into God's way of doing things, Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

15-16, So since we're out from under the old tyranny, does that mean we can live any old way we want? Since we're free in the freedom of God, can we do anything that comes to mind? Hardly. You know well enough from your own experience that there are some acts of so-called freedom that destroy freedom. Offer yourselves to sin, for instance, and it's your last free act, But offer yourselves to the ways of God and the freedom never quits. All your lives you've let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in his freedom!

19 I'm using this freedom language because it's easy to picture, You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing-not caring about others, not caring about God-the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness?

20-21 As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right anything for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.

22-23 But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of

listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the

way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.