

# The Order for the Worship of God

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

Ten o'clock a.m.

## The Service of Preparation

### Silent Preparation

*God, the Father, whose very nature is mercy and forgiveness, despises a harsh and unforgiving heart. That truth may frighten us today. It's intended to free us. To free us from grudges and bitterness. To free us to love and accept and forgive. To free us to be a channel of God's grace even to our enemies. Let God liberate you of any trace of unforgiveness today. And see how much lovelier life can be when you live it God's way.*

Peter Wallace

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

The Choral Introit "Knowing You" (Phil. 3:7) Kendrick

✦ The Call to Worship (from Exodus 15)

Leader: We will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the Lord is our strength and our might, and he has become our salvation.

**People: The Lord is our God, and we will praise him, our ancestor's God, and we will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.**

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The Lord will reign forever and ever. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 1  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (vv. 1, 3)

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious and merciful Lord, you have instructed us to come to you asking for forgiveness of our sins and with that instruction you have included the holy intention that we be forgiven as we forgive those who sin against us.

**People: We need help, Lord. We confess this morning that we are not very good at forgiving others and often we have an unforgiving spirit toward you.**

Leader: Wash us in your Spirit so that our hearts would seek reconciliation rather than revenge, warmth rather than a coldness of spirit, transformation rather than isolation;

**All: Because you died to forgive us. Amen**

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 Hymn of Meditation ..... No. 497  
*Near to the Heart of God* (vv. 1, 3)

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35  
(pp. 823-24 in pew bible)

The Anthem "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ARR. Ringwald

The Sermon "Don't Let Your Forgiver Get Broken!" Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Dedication..... No. 519  
*Something Beautiful*

✦ The Benediction

✦ The Congregational Response (chorus)                      *On Eagle's Wings*  
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you*  
*on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you*  
*in the palm of his hand.*

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

**Elder/Reader** - Keith Campbell

**Acolyte** - Andrea Zieger

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday school will resume at 9:30 a.m. and the Worship Service will return to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, Pastor's Bible Study will resume at 6:30 p.m. Choir to follow at 7:30 p.m.
- There will be a Deacon's Meeting Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

**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)*

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**Sermon Notes**

- I. Don't let your forgiver get broken! Matthew 18:21-35
- A. How many times?
1. Amos 1:9, 11, 13 ff. - "For three sins, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath."
  2. Rabbinic law - 3 strikes and your out.
  3. Peter is being generous when he suggests seven times.
  4. Verse 22 - 77 times is intended as hyperbole. Keep forgiving!
- B. The Parable
1. Ten thousand talents.
    - a. V. 24 - 1 talent is equal to 15 years' wages.
    - b. V. 28 - 100 denarii is equal to 100 days' wages.
  2. Our sinfulness causes us to instinctively resent forgiveness and seek revenge.
    - a. We grow cold and shun the one we resent .... Or begin to gossip and slander them .... While pretending to maintain the relationship.
    - b. We destroy the relationship completely, never having anything to do with the person again.
    - c. We redefine what is sinful, making it unnecessary to forgive anything, sometimes fully and lovingly relating to the other person, but, more often, labeling them as different or alternative, but not sinful.
    - d. It's easy to forgive something that we don't regard as a serious offense.
  3. Verses 34-35 - God looks upon our failure to forgive as a serious offense.
    - a. There are consequences and they are severe.

*The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by Mally & Eppie Jones in honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup>*

*Wedding Anniversary  
and*

*The flowers at the steps today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Morgan Owens' birthday by her family and friends.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 09/17** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
- Tues. 09/19** Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 09/20** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENT WITH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.:** Beginning a new DVD series together by Matt Chandler called Rediscovering Redemption.  
*Hope to see you there! It's a great time to invite a friend to join our group!!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**9/21** Morgan Owens

**9/22** Logan Davis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**9/17/1955** Mally & Eppie Jones

SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF FALL

- September 24, "Is This Any Way to Run a Business?", Matthew 20:1-16
- October 1, "Who's the Boss?", Matthew 21:23-32
- October 8, "Let Me Make This Very Clear", Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15, "Kingdom Etiquette", Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22, "Foiled Again", Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29, "Uncle!", Matthew 22:34-46

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

**Ellie Hall** - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand  
**Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle** - Living in Haddon Heights NJ,  
and seeking a new call.  
**Trinity Preparatory School** - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Elyon Bible Church 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:

**Chris Davenport**, Recovering from knee surgery.

**Chelsea Slaughter & Baby Amelia**, Salem resident (daughter of Chris Davenport's co-worker, Gail Slaughter) is in ICU at Christiana Hospital due to pregnancy difficulties. Baby Amelia is in ICU too.

**Elvena Eastlack**, Recovering from second major back surgery.  
(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack)

**Charis and Ana Williams**, Undergoing treatment for Lyme Disease and related complications.

**Peg Ingram**, Recovering from Lyme Disease.

**First Presbyterian Church of Salem**, Continue to pray for the work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. We are still sorting through resumes presented to us. Please pray that God's candidate will surface in a timely manner and that we will be able to make the call with the assurance that the Lord is directing our choice. Pray for each one of us (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin and Wendy) that we will continue to do this work faithfully, committed to the task that you, the congregation, has given us. Pray for John also, giving thanks for his ability to joyfully shepherd this flock while he waits for this interim season to come to a close.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

**Colton Colican**, Recovering from extensive injuries resulting from an auto accident. (Friend of Lindsey Zieger)

**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)

**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)

**Brandon Bush**, (Friend of Reid Willis)

**Bob Hyatt**, (Friend of Reid Willis)

**Elizabeth Colucci**, Prayers for health concerns. (Carol Ives' niece)

**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)

**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)

**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.