

# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2019



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 12, 2019  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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### Prelude

“Processional”  
J. Marty Cope, *organ*

*William Mathias*

### \*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People: Extol Him, all peoples!**

Minister: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**People: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise  
the LORD!**

Psalm 117

\*Easter Hymn No. 281 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives—  
Glory, Hallelujah!”

*SHOUT ON*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Profession of Faith—The Preeminence of Christ

Dr. Mark Fulmer 8:00  
The Rev. Matt Fray 9:30  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

**He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.**

**For by Him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,**

**whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things,  
and in Him all things hold together.**

**And He is the head of the body, the church.**

**He is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything He might be preminent.**

**For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

Colossians 1:15-20

\*Hymn

No. 308

"Jesus Paid It All"

ALL TO CHRIST

8:00

9:30/11:00

"His Mercy Is More"  
Stanzas: 1, 2

Boswell/Papa



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om -  
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; what  
What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His



ni - scient, all kno - wing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He  
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; —  
stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; —



our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord! —



His mer - cy is more. — Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry



morn; our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

9:30

11:00

John Nathan Charles Jones  
Peter James McWay  
William Rudd Walden  
Konrad Philip Wenzel

Olivia Rose Hargrave  
Haven Sloan Gingg  
Storm Wyatt Ruleman

## Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

### \*Hymn

9:30/11:00

“His Mercy Is More”

Stanza: 3

(please see page 3)

Boswell/Papa

## Public Confession of Sin

O eternal God and merciful Father,  
we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty  
against which we have frequently and grievously sinned.  
We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death.  
We are unclean before You and children of wrath.  
We often transgress Your commandments;  
failing to do what You have commanded us,  
and doing that which You have expressly forbidden.  
We all like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned everyone to his own way.  
Wash us in the pure fountain of Christ’s blood,  
so that we may become clean and white as snow.  
Cover us with His innocence and righteousness,  
for the glory of Your Name.  
Deliver our understanding from all blindness,  
and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion.

## Private Confession

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2.4-6

## Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Fulmer 8:00  
Mr. Fray 9:30  
Mr. Lamberth 11:00

## Musical Offering

8:00 "Voluntary in D Minor, Allegro" William Walond  
Mr. Cope, organ

9:30/11:00 "Be Not Afraid" Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director • Dr. Nathan Davy, piano

*Be not afraid for I have redeemed you; be not afraid, I have called you by name.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through  
the floods, they will not sweep over you; when you walk through the fire, you  
will not be consumed; you are Mine, you are precious in My sight.  
My love for you is everlasting, My love for you shall have no end.*

## \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD; your Redeemer is  
the Holy One of Israel. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Isaiah 41.14b

People: **And also with you.**

## \*The Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 15.1-13; 18.6-8, 31-33

*After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run  
before him.*

<sup>2</sup> *And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And  
when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment,  
Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he  
said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel,"*

<sup>3</sup> *Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is  
no man designated by the king to hear you."*

<sup>4</sup> *Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man  
with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice."*

<sup>5</sup> *And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his  
hand and take hold of him and kiss him.*

<sup>6</sup> *Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So  
Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.*

<sup>7</sup> *And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and  
pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron.*

<sup>8</sup> *For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the  
LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to  
the LORD.'"*

<sup>9</sup> *The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.*

<sup>10</sup> *But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel,  
saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom  
is king at Hebron!'"*

<sup>11</sup> *With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited  
guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing.*

<sup>12</sup> *And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the  
Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew  
strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.*

<sup>13</sup> *And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have  
gone after Absalom."*

<sup>18.6</sup> So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.

<sup>7</sup> And the men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the loss there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.

<sup>8</sup> The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword.

<sup>31</sup> And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you."

<sup>32</sup> The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man."

<sup>33</sup> And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

## The Sermon

"The Heart of Rebellion"

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please  
continue at the closing hymn.

## \*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving 8:00

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

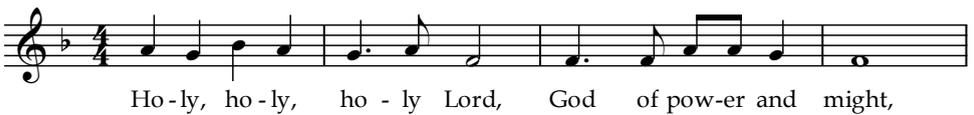
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**



## \*The Words of Institution 8:00

**Communion 8:00**

*The bread being served at Communion is gluten-free.*

*Please come forward down the center aisle.  
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.  
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

**\*Closing Hymn No. 455** “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

SAGINA

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

“Finale” from *Symphony 2*  
Dr. Davy, organ

Charles-Marie Widor

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of our mother, Lori Davy, and in memory of her mother, Mary Dobransky, by the Davy children.*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**



*Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you joined us today.*

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women’s Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” Romans 12:10, 12, 13*

## **SERMON NOTES**

2 Samuel 15.1-13; 18.6-8, 31-33  
“The Heart of Rebellion”

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 12, 2019

### Praise

**Call to Worship:** *(everyone together)*

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

**“His Mercy Is More”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page three.

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 15.1-13; 18.6-8, 31-33 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

**Questions for Discussion:** *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. What does it mean to be a rebel? Have you ever rebelled against someone in authority over you? Why?
2. Have you ever done something that you knew was wrong in order to get people to like you?
3. How much do you think about how other people see you? How much do you think about how God sees you? According to the Gospel, how does God see you?
4. Do you wish you had more control over your life? What things in your life are you most worried about? What does worry have to do with control?
5. What does it mean to be content? Why do we sometimes want more than what we have been given?
6. In what ways are we like Absalom? How have we rebelled against our Heavenly Father?
7. What did King David wish he could have done for his rebellious son? What has God done for His rebellious sons and daughters?

**Scripture Memory for May:** *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

2 Samuel 22.31-32

This God—His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

### Prayer

**Prayer:** *(saying together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.