

# Second Parish OPC

## Morning Worship

~February 9, 2025~

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Prayer

Search me, O God. Search me, O Father, and know my heart, know my heart.  
Try me, O God. Try me, O Father, and know my thoughts, know all my thoughts.

The Lord Calls us to Worship

Responsive Call to Worship | Psalm 95:1-2

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Our Response of Praise and Prayer

Trinity Hymnal 385 | *O God to Us Show Mercy* (Psalm 67)

O God, to us show mercy And bless us in thy grace;  
Cause thou to shine upon us The brightness of thy face;  
That so thy way most holy On earth may soon be known,  
And unto ev'ry people Thy saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise thee, Let all the nations sing;  
In ev'ry land let praises And songs of gladness ring;  
For thou shalt judge the people In truth and righteousness,  
And through the earth the nations Shall thy just rule confess.

O God, let people praise thee, Let all the nations sing,  
For earth in rich abundance To us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us, Our God shall blessing send,  
And all the earth shall fear him To its remotest end. Amen

Opening Prayer

Songbook 38 | *We Are God's People*

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:  
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:

Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

## **God Calls us to Covenant Obedience and Faith**

### **Scripture Reading | Romans 12:9-21**

*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Heavenly Father, we confess that even though our Savior offered himself as a sacrifice for us, we have often failed to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. We have allowed the distractions and desires of this world to hinder our love toward you and others. We have not submitted our will to yours, and have fallen short of living lives that adorn the gospel in all things. Forgive us for our lukewarm dedication and empower us to surrender our entire selves to You, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds and to live as true instruments of Your love. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

### **Assurance of God's Pardon and Love | Psalm 103:10-12**

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 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.*

### **Songbook 15 | Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Savior and my God  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Scripture | 1 Peter 2:11-12**

### **Sermon | WITNESSING: KINGDOM EXILES FOR GOOD, PART 3**

### **Trinity Hymnal 460 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (2nd Tune)**

Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise. Amen

Benediction

Postlude