



Second Parish OPC

Morning Worship

~ September 6, 2026 ~

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Prayer and Song Response

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 47:6-8

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

People: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Pastor: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

We Respond in Prayer and Praise

Trinity Hymnal 223 | *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice In my behalf appears:
Before the Throne my Surety stands, Before the Throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, For me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, They strongly plead for me;
"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Prayer of Adoration

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

We Confess Our Faith | The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

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.

Scripture | Hebrews 8:1-18

Sermon | HIGH PRIEST OF A BETTER COVENANT

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Songbook 45 | *Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*

Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view His pierced hands;
points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, when, at His table, sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not Him;
O may His love the scales displace, and bid us see Him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint your glory see!

Deacons Offering

Trinity Hymnal 367 | *We Give Thee but Thine Own (stanzas 1,2,4)*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Benediction

Postlude