



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, August 30, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship:** Responsive Reading of **Psalm 46:1-4**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Congregation: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Pastor: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

All: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

* **Hymn:** #92 Red Hymnal "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*"

* **Prayer of Invocation**

Corporate Confession of Sin: *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

Our Father, save us from ourselves, from the artifices and deceits of sin, from the treachery of our perverse nature, from denying your charge against our offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends; for we know that our thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from you. Although you are love itself, we have contrived to tempt you to the uttermost, to wear out your patience; have lived evilly in word and action. O, Father of our spirits, King of our lives, cast us not into destruction, drive us not from your presence, but wound our hearts that they may be healed; break them that your own hand may make them whole.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 40:1-3

* **Hymn of Worship:** Bulletin Insert "*My Dwelling Place*"

* **Corporate Confession of Faith:** Westminster Confession of Faith 21.1

Question: *How do we understand the connection between the created order, God, and what constitutes authentic worship unto him?*

Answer: The design, order and beauty of creation provides evidence of God. Being Lord and sovereign over everything, God is good and does good to all his creation. Therefore, he is to be held in awe, loved, praised, called on, trusted, and served with all the heart, soul, and strength. The living God accepts our worship when we offer it in obedience to his revelation of worship's true character. Worship ought not to be offered according to imagined fantasies and invented techniques, Satanic suggestions, using visible representations of God or through any way not directed by the Scripture.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 18:1-15

Congregational Prayers

Scripture Memory: Ephesians 2:13-15

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Deacons to extend offering plate; it will not be passed)

Anthem: Piano Instrumental by Lori Gaines

* **Hymn:** #731 Red Hymnal "*Doxology*"

* **Prayer**

* **Hymn of Preparation:** #26 Black Hymnal "*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*"

Scripture Reading: Revelation 8:1-5

Sermon: "*The Opening of the Seventh Seal*" - Pastor Wes James

* **Hymn of Response:** #292 Black Hymnal "*How Rich a Treasure We Possess*"

* **Benediction**

***Sermon Outline
Revelation 8:1-5
“The Opening of the Seventh Seal”***

Proposition: At the opening of the seventh seal silence breaks out amongst all the heavenly host at the accomplishment of the prayers of the saints in the righteous judgment of God.

Main Point One: The Silence

Main Point Two: The Prayers

Main Point Three: The Judgment