

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

June 17, 2014
Houston, Texas

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

Psalm 124:8

TE Fred Greco
Christ Church, Katy

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

*Invocation

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Lyrics: Robert Robinson, 1758
Music: Nettleton, Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Trinity Hymnal No. 457

ADORATION

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Lyrics: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
Music: Joanna, Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Trinity Hymnal No. 38

CONFESSION

*Congregation stands

Special thanks to:
American Organ Emporium for providing the organ console this week

Music written and produced by PCA churches/ministries:
Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven – Matthew Smith
His Love Can Never Fail – Indelible Grace

Lyrics: George W. Kitchin, 1887
Music: Crucifer, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916
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SENDING

*Concluding Prayer

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now into the world to love and serve our God.

Congregation: We love because he first loved us.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

TE Bradley Wright
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Sugar Land

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you,
our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE

Words of Assurance

Psalm 32:1-7

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.
 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**Congregation: I acknowledged my sin to you,
 and I did not cover my iniquity;
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly
 offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
 surely in the rush of great waters,
 they shall not reach him.
 You are a hiding place for me;
 you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

***Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven**

1. I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to go.
 2. And if my feet would go astray, they can not for I will not fear, though dark-ness come a-broad o'er all the land,
 3. I will not fear, though dark-ness come a-broad o'er all the land,
 But on-ly that my soul may feed up-on the liv-ing Je-sus guides my falt'-ring steps as joy-ful-ly I
 If I may on-ly feel the touch of his own lov-ing 'Tis bet-ter far that I should walk by faith close to his face,
 And though I may not see his face, my faith is strong and And though I trem-ble when I think how weak I am and
 I may not know the way to go, but oh, I know my That in each hour of sore dis-tress my Sav-ior will be
 My soul is sat-is-fied to know his love can nev-er guide. His love can nev-er fail; His love can nev-er fail.
 My soul is sat-is-fied to know his love can nev-er fail.
 My soul is sat-is-fied to know his love can nev-er fail.

Lyrics: E. S. Hall, 1897
 Music: Christopher Miner, 2004
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COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

TE David Wakeland

Southwest Presbyterian Church, Bellaire


Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



1. Je sus walked this lo - nesome val - ley, he had to
 2. Je - sus prayed for his dis - ci - ples; he prayed a -
 3. Je - sus died on Cal - vary's moun - tain; he died a -
 4. Je - sus rose from death's dark pri - son; he lives a -



walk it by him - self; O, no - bo - dy else could walk it
 lone for you and me. O, no - bo - dy else could bear such
 lone for you and me. O, no - bo - dy else could die for
 gain for you and me. O, no - bo - dy else could bring us




for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
 sor - row; he prayed a - lone for you and me.
 sin - ners; he had to die for you and me.
 vic - tory; he is a - live to set us free.


Lyrics and Music: African American spiritual, vss. 2-4 Jack Schrader

Lyrics vss. 2-4 © 1996 Hope Publishing Company


His Love Can Never Fail



1. Once on a drear-y moun-tain We wand-ered far and wide, Far from the cleans ing fount-ain,
 2. Dear Lord, re-ceive the glo - ry Of each re-cov-ered soul. Oh who can tell the sto - ry



Far from the pierc-éd side. But Je - sus sought and found us. And washed our guilt a - way.
 Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the mer - it. Be yours a - lone the praise



With cords of love he bound us To be his own to - day.
 And ours a thank-ful spi - rit To serve you all our days.




Re - deemed, re-stored, for - gi - ven, through Je - sus' pre - cious blood. Heirs



of his home in hea - ven, Oh, praise our pardon - ing God.



Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior In your true love and fear



And grant us by your fa - vor The grace to per - se - vere.

3. Till in your new cre-a-tion When Earth meets hea-ven's shore We find our full sal-va-tion
 And praise you ev-er-more. Re-deemed, re-stored, for -
 -gi-ven, through Je-sus' pre-cious blood. Heirs of his home in hea-ven, Oh,
 praise our God. Re-deemed, re-stored, for - gi - ven, through
 Je - sus' pre - cious blood. Heirs of his home in hea - ven, Oh,
 praise our pardon - ing God. Praise our God.

Lyrics: Henry W. Baker, 1876
 Music: Matthew Smith, Jeff Pardo
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***Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Please greet those around you in the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Christ's Church

RE Andy Yung
 Grace Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands

The Offering

Psalm 23 (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

1. The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2. Where streams of li-ving wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 3. Per-verse and foo-lish, oft I strayed, but yet in
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
 5. Thou spreadst a ta-ble in my sight; thy un-ction
 6. And so through all the length of days, thy good-ness

fail - eth - nev - ver. I noth - ing lack - if
 soul he - lea - deth; and where the ver - dant
 love he - sought me; and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 grace bes - tow - eth; and oh, what tran - sport
 fail - eth - ne - ver; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - e - ver.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial fee - deth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - e - ver.

Lyrics: Psalm 23, set by Henry W. Baker, 1868
 Music: St. Columba, Old Irish hymn melody

HEARING

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:1-14

Sermon

"A Beautiful Orthodoxy" Ray Cortese
 Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, Lecanto, Florida

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June 18, 2014
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GATHERING

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 93:1

TE Duncan Rankin
Christ Church, Katy

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Congregation: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

Congregation: He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

ADORATION

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: Hail to the Lord's a - noin - ted, great Da - vid's grea - ter Son!

The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: Hail in the time ap - poin - ted, His reign on earth be - gun, **Fine**

The third staff concludes the piece. The lyrics are: His reign on earth be - gun!

*Congregation stands

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Congregation: Amen.

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Music written and produced by PCA churches/ministries:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed – Indelible Grace
Jesus, Priceless Treasure – Christ Community Church, Franklin, TN

The Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Lyrics: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century
Music: Slane, Traditional Irish melody

Trinity Hymnal #642

HEARING

Scripture Reading

Galatians 6:11-18

Sermon

"Crucifixion x 3" Derek W. H. Thomas
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Caroli

RESPONDING

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709
Music: Hamburg, Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824

Trinity Hymnal No. 252

SENDING

***Concluding Prayer**

TE Lou Veiga
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Houston

***Charge and Benediction** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leader: May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body
be kept sound and blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



1. He comes to break op-pres-sion, to set the cap-tive free, To take a-way—
2. He comes in suc - cor spee - dy to those who suf - fer wrong, To help the poor—
4. He shall come down like sho - wers up - on the fruit - ful earth, Love, joy, and hope,



— trans-gres-sion, and rule in e - qui - ty. —
— and nee - dy, and bid the weak be strong.
— like flo - wers, spring in His path to birth.



3. To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
5. The tide of time shall ne - ver His co - ve - nant re - move.



Whose souls, con demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
His Name shall stand for - e - ver, That Name to us is Love.

Lyrics: James Montgomery, 1821
Music: Sandra McCracken, 2012

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***Prayer of Adoration**

**All glory and honor be unto you, Lord God Almighty,
for in your sovereign and gracious design
you have not left us to ourselves
but have adopted us as your own
and called us to be a new people for your service
that we, the church, for whom Christ died,
might be a holy nation.**

**So work within us this day
that we might genuinely declare in our words and deeds
the praise of your glorious grace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Lyrics: Martin Luther, 1529, based on Psalm 46
Music: Ein' Feste Burg, Martin Luther 1529

Trinity Hymnal No. 92

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

TE Linc Ashby

Oaklawn Presbyterian Church, Houston

God of grace, in every age

you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

Forgive our indifference to your will.

You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.

You have commanded us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.

Have mercy on us, your servants.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

help us to know, serve, and love you more,

to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE


Words of Assurance

Psalm 145:13-14


Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure




1. Je - sus, price-less treas - ure, Source of pur - est pleas - ure, Tru - est friend to
2. In thy strength I rest me, If thine arms pro - tect me, Who can reach me
3. Ban - ished is our sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters




me. Long my heart hath pant - ed, 'Til it well - nigh
here? Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be
in. Those who love the Fa - ther, Though the storms may



faint - ed, Thirst - ing af - ter thee. Thine I
quak - ing, God dis - pels our fear. Sin and
ga - ther, Still have peace with - in. Yea, what -



am, O spot - less lamb, I will suf - fer naught to hide thee,
hell in con - flict fell, With their heav - iest storms as - sail us;
e'er we here must bear, Still in thee lies pur - est pleas - ure -



Ask for naught be - side thee, Ask for naught be - side thee.
Je - sus will not fail us; Je - sus will not fail us.
Je - sus, price - less treas - ure, Je - sus, price - less treas - ure.

Lyrics: Johann Franck, 1655
Music: David Hampton, 2002
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*Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Please greet those around you in the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Hosanna Presbyterian Church, Tomball

hea - ven. 4. For yours is the king - dom, and
yours is the power, and yours is the glo - ry, for -
D.S. ev - er - more. *May your hea - ven.*

Lyrics and Music: Eric Priest, 2006
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SENDING

*Concluding Prayer

TE Dave Muntsinger
Spring-Cypress Presbyterian Church, Spring

*Charge and Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

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June 19, 2014
Houston, Texas

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

Psalm 8

TE Dennis Hermerding
King's Cross Church (Plant), Cypress

Leader: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Congregation: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: Through the praise of children and infants,
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

**Congregation: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Come, Thou Almighty King

Lyrics: Anonymous, ca. 1757
Music: Trinity, Felice de Gardini, 1769

Trinity Hymnal No. 101

ADORATION

*Prayer of Adoration

**We give you thanks, great God, our Father,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,**

*Congregation stands

1. Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, _____ Ho - ly is your name.
2. Hea - ven's your throne, _____ the earth is at your feet,
3. For - give us our debts, _____ grant us love so that we too

Let all of cre - a - tion _____ re - sound _____ with your praise.
Send us your Spi - rit _____ to make our world com - plete.
May for - give o - thers _____ as we've been for - given by you.

Send now your king - dom to the earth _____ you _____ love.
You know our needs, _____ give to us our dai - ly bread,
Save us from temp - ta - tion, _____ and lead us in your truth,

Rule in per - fec - tion, _____ just as you _____ rule a - bove.
So we can bless oth - ers _____ in the same way we've been fed.
And de - li - ver from e - vil _____ those who put their trust in you.

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May your king - dom come; May your will be done _____ on the

1.2.
earth as _____ it is _____ in hea - ven. _____

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Music written and produced by PCA churches/ministries:

Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory (By Thy Mercy) – Greg Thompson
recorded by Indelible Grace & Arrabon

I Love the Lord (Psalm 116) – Indelible Grace / Belmont RUF

The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail – Red Mountain Church, Birmingham, AL

Scripture Reading

Acts 20:17-38

Sermon

“Grace-Filled Conviction”

Bill Sim

New Church of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

RESPONDING

***The Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less)**

Trinity Hymnal No. 521

Lyrics: Edward Mote, 1834

Music: Solid Rock, William Bradbury, 1863

***May Your Kingdom Come**

knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come

can separate us from your great love

made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSON AND LAMENT

Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory (By Thy Mercy)

1. Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry, bend from heav'n thy
 2. From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness, From the hard - 'ning
 3. When temp - ta - tion sore - ly pres - ses, In the day of
 4. When the world a - round is smi - ling, In the time of

gra - cious ear; while our wait - ing souls a - dore thee,
 pow'r of sin, From all ma - lice and un - kind - ness,
 Sa - tan's pow'r, In our times of deep dis - tres - ses,
 wealth and ease, Earth - ly joys our hearts be - guil - ing,

friend of help - less sin - ners, hear:
 From the pride that lurks with in,
 In each dark and try - ing hour.
 In the day of health and peace.

By thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord,
 by thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord, good Lord.

Lyrics: James J. Cummins, 1839

Music: Greg Thompson, 2004

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Prayer of Lament

TE Juan Carlos Martinez

Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Houston

ASSURANCE

Words of Assurance

Psalm 116:1-2

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice
and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

***I Love the Lord (Psalm 116)**

1. I love the Lord; He heard my cries, and pit - ied eve - ry groan: Long
 2. What shall I ren - der to my God for all his kind - ness shown? My
 3. How hap - py all your ser - vants are! How great your grace to me! My

as I live, when troub - les rise, I'll hast - en to his throne. I
 feet shall vi - sit your a - bode, my songs ad - dress your throne. How
 life, which you have made your care, Lord, I de - vote to thee. Now

love the Lord; he bowed his ear, and chased my griefs a - way O
 much is mer - cy your de - light, when un - to you I cry; How
 I am yours, for - e - ver yours, nor shall my pur - pose move; Your

let my heart no more des - pair, while I have breath to pray!
 dear your ser - vants in your sight! How pre - cious when they die!
 hand has loosed my bonds of pain, and bound me with your love!

Lyrics: Psalm 116, Isaac Watts, 1719

Music: Laura Taylor, 2001

Music © 2001 Laura Taylor

***Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
Congregation: And also with you.

Please greet those around you in the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the World

TE Todd Crusey
Grace Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands

The Offering

The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

We tra - vel through a bar - ren land, With dan - gers
 Huge sor - rows meet us as we go, And de - vils
 Some - times we're temp - ted to des - pair, But Je - sus
 We trust up - on the sa - cred word, The oath and

thick on ev' - ry hand; But Je - sus
 aim to o - ver - throw; But vile in -
 makes us then his care; Though nume - rous
 pro - mise of the Lord; And safe - ly

guides us through the vale; O, the
 fer - nals can't pre - vail; O, the
 foes our souls as - sail; O, the
 through each temp - est sail; O, the

Chris - tian's hope can ne - ver fail.
 Chris - tian's hope shall ne - ver fail.
 Chris - tian's hope can ne - ver fail.
 Chris - tian's hope can ne - ver fail.

Lyrics: Author unknown, published in the Gadsby Hymnal, 1838 (Gospel Mag. 1799)

Music: Benj Pocta, 2004

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HEARING