



Order for the Worship of God

161st Meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery
hosted by
Union Presbyterian Church, Brownwood
April 25, 2025

“God Called You”

Alone you stood before God
When he called you; alone you
Had to answer that call; alone
You had to struggle and pray;
And alone you will die and give
An account to God. You cannot
Escape from yourself; for God has
Singled you out. If you refuse to
Be alone you are rejecting
Christ’s call to you, and you can
Have no part in the community
Of those who are called...But
The reverse is also true; let those
Who are not in community
Beware of being alone. Into the
Community you were called,
The call was not meant for you
Alone; in the community of the
Called you bear your cross, you
Struggle, you pray.

By Dietrich Bonhoeffer from *The Cost of Discipleship*, MacMillan, New York, 1963
and initially published in 1937.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND CONTEMPLATION

PRELUDE: "Devotion" Janet Linker, 1982

Diane Deatheridge

Meditate and ready your mind for Word and Worship.

WELCOME, BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS, POEM:

"God Called You" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1937

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 97

Elder Cindy Hallum

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries round about. His flashes of lightning lit up the world.

People: **The earth saw and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory.**

Leader: Let all those who serve graven images and boast themselves of idols be ashamed; worship him, all you gods. Zion heard this and was glad, and the daughters of Judah have rejoiced because of your judgments, O Lord. For you are the Lord Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: **Hate evil, you who love the Lord, who preserves the souls of his godly ones; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown like seed for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. Be glad in the Lord, you righteous ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

* **HYMN:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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APOSTLE'S CREED:

Hymnal introduction, #35

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, our God, the Bible describes you as life's greatest treasure. We confess that, instead, we often treat you as a token. You're also described as a pearl of great price, yet we treat you as secondhand and forgotten. We have been seduced by the overblown pleasures of this world. We have missed out on the priceless pleasures of fellowship with you. We've missed out. We've missed the mark. Have mercy on us. We aim to follow you in Jesus' name. *(Moment for silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Leader: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* [Jn 3:16]

People: **Because of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

* **GLORIA PATRI:** "Glory Be to the Father"

#581

**Sharing of Joys, Hopes and Concerns;
Pastoral Prayers of the People; Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Doug House
#35 in the front of the hymnal

MEDITATING ON AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

VOLUNTARY: "Pachelbel's Canon of Peace in D" arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen, 2001

PROCLAMATION: "Communion Made Possible"
ACTS 2:42-47 AND MATTHEW 19:16-30
The Reverend Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo
Ministry Engagement Advisor for the South Region of the
PC(USA) Office of Ministry Engagement and Support

OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY:
The offering tonight is designated giving for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Open to every created one.

CLOSING HYMN: "More Precious than Silver"

*Lord, you are
More precious than silver.
Lord, you are
More costly than gold.
Lord, you are
More beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire
Compares with you.*

<repeat one time>



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Rise Up, O Men of God" Matt Limbaugh, 2003

Diane Deatheridge

Liturgists – Rev. Dr. Scott Campbell, Elder Cindy Hallum, and Rev. Doug House

Choir Director – Elder Nancy Jo Humfeld

Pianist/Organist – Diane Deatheridge

Music Team – Choir Members: Elder Nancy Jo Humfeld, Elder Valeri Deason, Elder Gene Deason, Elder Cindy Hallum, Elder Chris Hallum, Rev. Doug House, Phillip Valles, and Brandon Nichols. Violinist: Brandon Pierce