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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Epiphany Season
January 11th, 2026

Quotes for reflection:

The test of true belief in the ascended Jesus is to submit the will to Him, to be chiefly desirous of knowing His will, and ready to do it. “Who art Thou, Lord?” should be followed by “What shall I do, Lord?” —Alexander Maclaren

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

—Charles Wesley

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Matthew 11:5

The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!', 'Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!', 'Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;', and 'Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,
arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—Psalm 36:5-10

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.

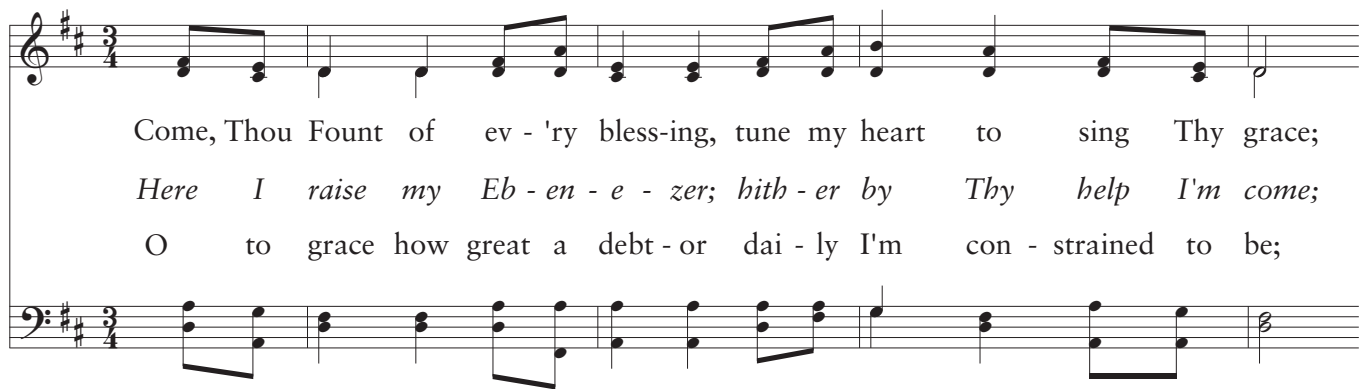
Reader 1: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Reader 2: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

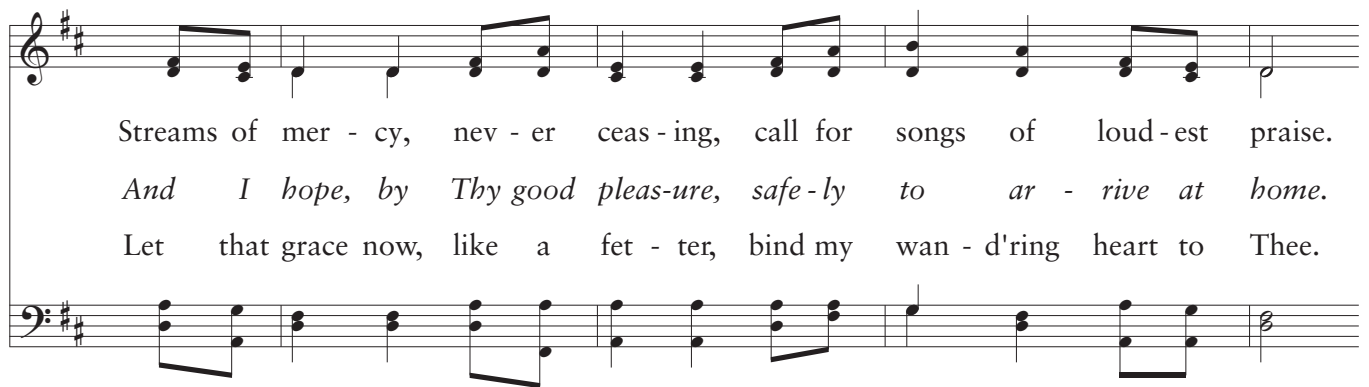
All: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Pastor: Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!

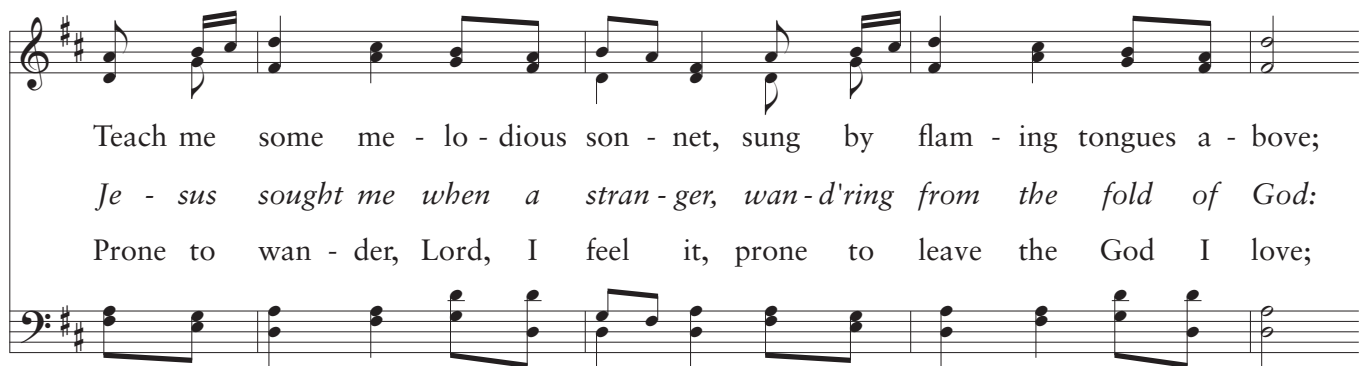
Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



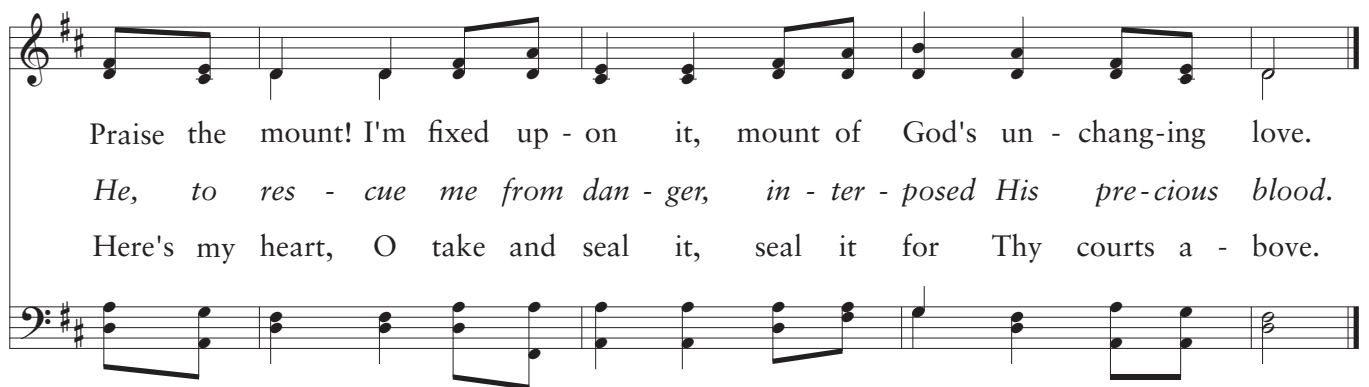
Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

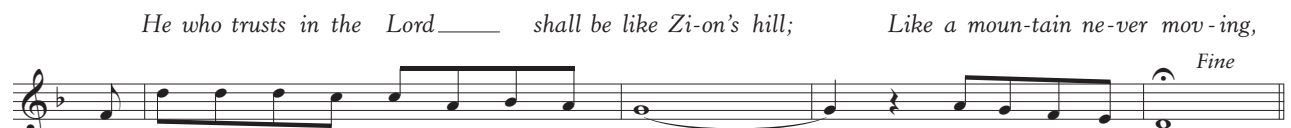
The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church’s songbook.

Congregational Psalm—He Who Trusts In The Lord (Psalm 125)

Chorus



He who trusts in the Lord_____ shall be like Zi-on's hill; Like a moun-tain ne-ver mov-ing,

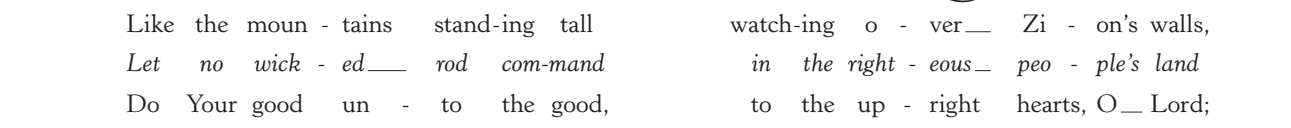


Through storm-y gales and win-ter's i - cy chill,_____ He is stand-ing still. *Fine*

Verse



Like the moun - tains stand-ing tall watch-ing o - ver__ Zi - on's walls,
Let no wick - ed__ rod com-mand in the right - eous__ peo - ple's land
Do Your good un - to the good, to the up - right hearts, O__ Lord;

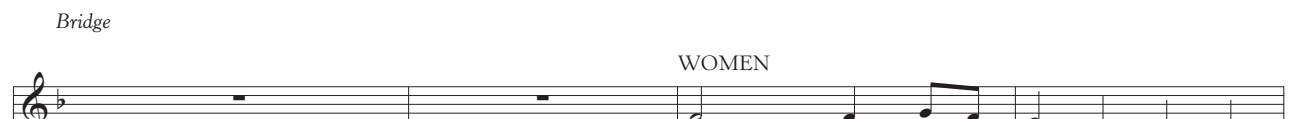


So the Lord de - fends His peo - ple from their foes both great and small.
Lest His folk, in__ bit - ter an - ger, they stretch out a - veng - ing hands
Those who turn down crook-ed path-ways meet the end that e - vil should.

AFTER VS. 3, TO BRIDGE

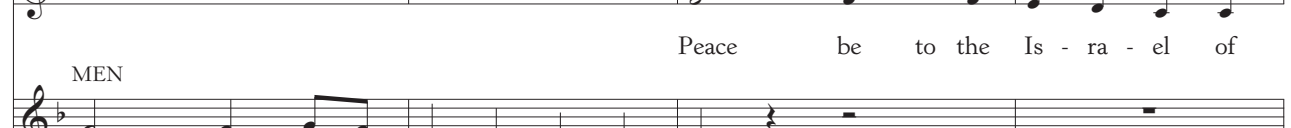
Bridge

WOMEN

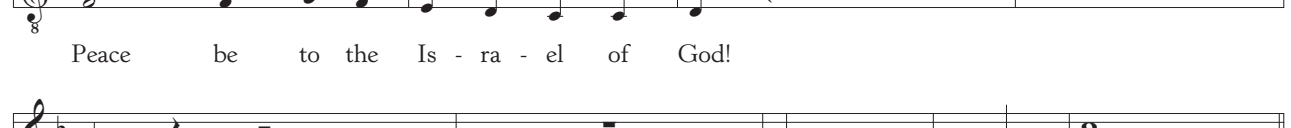


Peace be to the Is - ra - el of

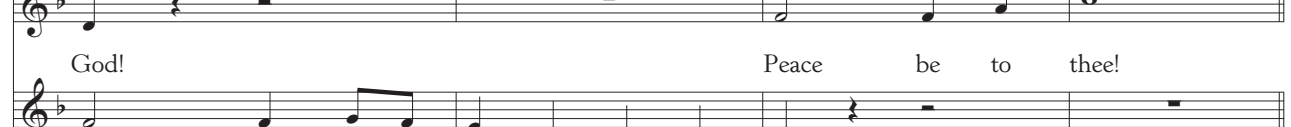
MEN



Peace be to the Is - ra - el of God!



God! Peace be to thee!



Peace be to the Is - ra - el of God! *D.C. al Fine*

Text: based on Psalm 125:1-5, Henry C. Haffner, 2025; Music: CLINGMANS DOME, Henry C. Haffner, 2025.

Baptism of Verity Huck, daughter of Elliot and Rachel Huck

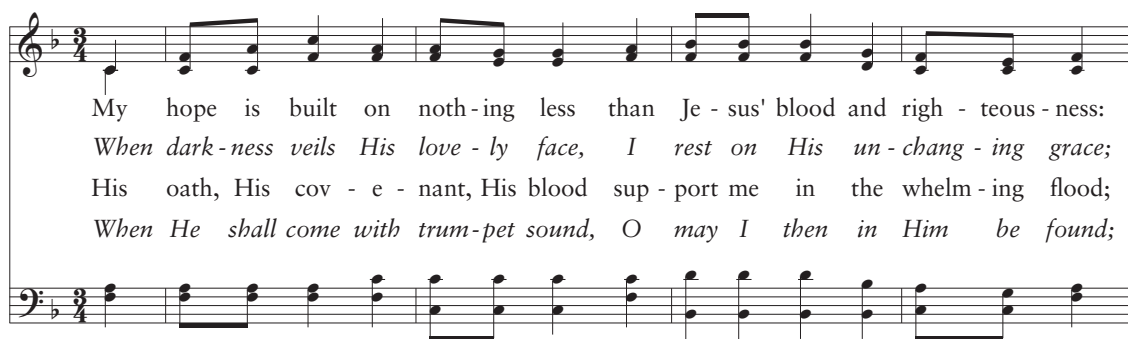
Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:13-18

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less



My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness:
When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace;
His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in Him be found;

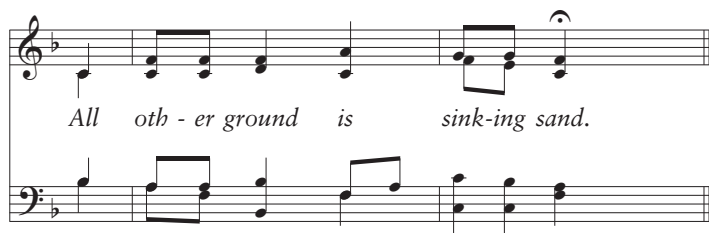


I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

Refrain



On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,



All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Sermon Text—Acts 21:37-22:21

As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, “May I say something to you?” And he said, “Do you know Greek? ³⁸ Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?” ³⁹ Paul replied, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people.” ⁴⁰ And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

^{22:1}“Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you.” ² And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said:

³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. ⁴ I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, ⁵ as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

⁶ “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. ⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ ⁸ And I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ ⁹ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. ¹⁰ And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’ ¹¹ And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

¹² “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well-spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from His mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’

¹⁷ “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance
¹⁸ and saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.’ ¹⁹ And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in You. ²⁰ And when the blood of Stephen Your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ ²¹ And He said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—At The Name Of Jesus, Vs. 3

In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due

All that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;

Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;

Let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

Sermon—*Was Blind, But Now I See*

—Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Joshua 24:14-24

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. The Lord has commanded us to fear Him, and to serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. He commanded us to put away the gods that our fathers served. He called us to choose whom we would serve, whether the Lord, Himself, or foreign gods.

All: Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers out of the house of slavery. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.

Pastor: You are not able to serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God.

All: No, but we will serve the Lord.

Pastor: You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve Him.

All: We have failed to serve the Lord our God and to obey His voice.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response—Kyrie

The musical score is for a Kyrie response, featuring two parts: Women and Men. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The Women part is written on a treble clef staff, and the Men part is written on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lord have mer-cy — Christ have mer-cy — Lord have mer-cy — Up - on us." The score includes musical notation for both parts, with lyrics written below the notes. The Women part has a melodic line with some rests, while the Men part has a more rhythmic line with some rests. The lyrics are: "Lord have mer-cy — Christ have mer-cy — Lord have mer-cy — Up - on us."

WOMEN

Lord have mer-cy — Christ have mer-cy —

MEN

Lord have mer-cy — Christ have mer-cy —

— Lord have mer-cy — Up - on us.

Lord have mer-cy — Up - on us.

Text: Traditional; Music: Nathan George & Henry C. Haffner, 2012.

Assurance of Pardon—from 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Matthew 11:28

God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

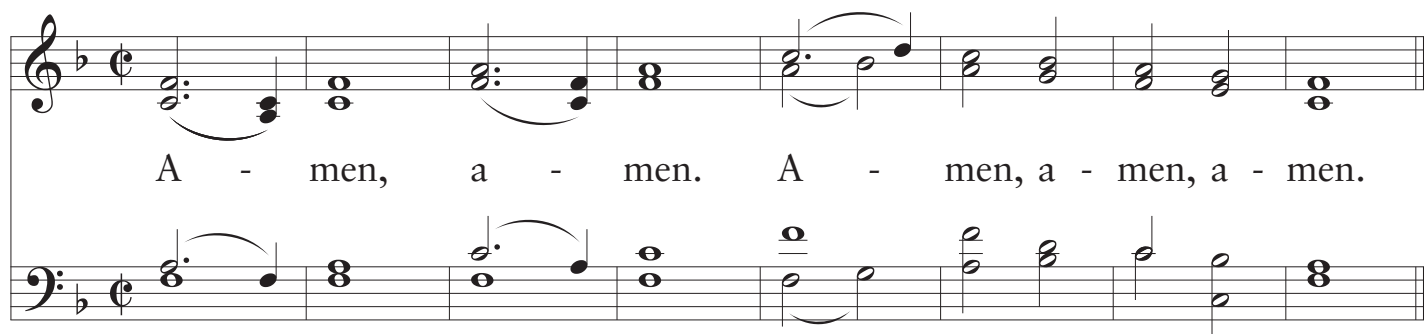
All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: He says to us, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Amen.

Sung Response—Fivefold Amen



Text: Traditional; Music: Traditional African-American spiritual,
arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,

Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y be un - to Thee,

O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—Come, Ye Disconsolate



Come, ye dis - con - so-late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
Joy of the de - so-late, light of the stray - ing,
Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing



Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Here speaks the com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that Heav-en can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that Heav-en can - not cure."
Earth has no sor - row but Heav-en can re - move.

CCLI #2844402 Text: Thomas More, 1816; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2007.

Congregational Psalm—The Wicked Man Fears Not The Lord (Psalm 36)



The wick - ed man fears not the Lord, But trusts in his own way.
But Your a - bun - dant love ex - tends To heav - en, Lord most high.
Let not Your stead - fast love de - part, Nor let us fall to — pride,

Vs.1 & 2, then Chorus



In his in - i - qui - ty as - sured He — sins both night and day.
In just - ice You pre - serve the men And beasts who to You cry.
But help us be up - right of heart, And Your name glor - i - fy.

Chorus



Un - der the sha - dow of Your wings Is a ri - ver of de - light.



In You, — we true a - bun - dance find, And in Your light, see light.

Text: based on Psalm 36, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2018;
Music: FLAT CREEK, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

GOD’S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Congregational Hymn—Be Thou My Vision



Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 Be Thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight;
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,
Thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways:
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 Raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Ancient Irish Poem, tr. Mary Byrne, 1905;
 Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish melody.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—2 Corinthians 4:6

Now may God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” shine in your hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:

Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

CCLI #2844402 ©1936 Oxford University Press; Text: Revelation 1:5-6;
Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

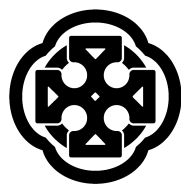
Worship Notes:

After a six-week break during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we are returning to our sermon series through Acts. This morning, we'll hear Paul doing a bit of "returning" as well, retelling the story of his conversion and call to ministry. The familiar "Road to Damascus" account is told in Acts 22 with fresh details and insights, some of which are reflected in this morning's service. Paul mentions that he "could not see because of the brightness of that light," but we confess from the psalms that "in [Christ's] light do we see light" (Psalm 36:9; *The Wicked Man Fears Not The Lord—Psalm 36*). We are reminded that Jesus brought "light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10), and we respond by naming Him the "light of the straying" and praying for His will to enfold us "with its light and power" (*Come, Ye Disconsolate; At The Name Of Jesus*). Paul tells us that he regained his sight "at that very hour" following Ananias' prayer, and we ask for the Lord to be our vision and our light as we go forth into a lost and dying world (*Be Thou My Vision*). Even when "darkness veils His lovely face" (*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*), we trust that His grace will reveal to us the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Defense, Persecute, Light, Lord, Sight, Witness, Righteous One, Baptize, Sins

Keystone Verses: For you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name. (Acts 22:15-16)



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