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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

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If every sin were now visited with public punishment, nothing would seem to be reserved for the final judgment; on the other hand, if no sin clearly received divine punishment now, we would not believe in God's providence at all. —Augustine of Hippo

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Gospel Invitation—Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

### Sung Response—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, and in our souls take up Your rest;". The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Come, with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, to fill the hearts which You have made." The bass line continues with the same key signature and concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, c. 800, tr. Edward Caswall, 1849;  
Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 96:1-4, 9-10

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Reader 1: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Reader 2: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

Pastor: Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

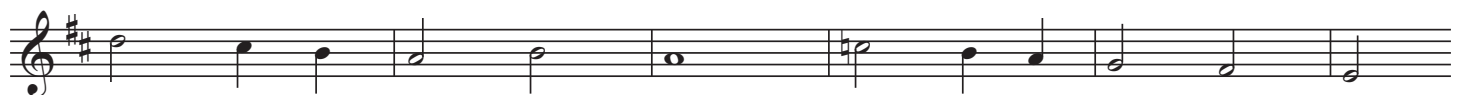
## Congregational Hymn—Come Down, O Love Divine



Come down, O Love di - vine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
O let it free - ly burn, til earth - ly pas - sions turn  
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing.  
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let Thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
For none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, 15<sup>th</sup> century, tr. Richard Littledale, 1867;  
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

# 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. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

## Congregational Psalm—The Voice Of The Lord Is Over The Waters (Psalm 29)



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!  
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!  
The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es - ty!  
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh - ty flee!  
The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n - ly chor - us; Give to the Lord, all glo - ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord

Women



in beau-ty of ho - li - ness. in beau-ty of ho - li - ness.

Men



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Text: based on Psalm 29:1-9, Nathan George, 2013; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

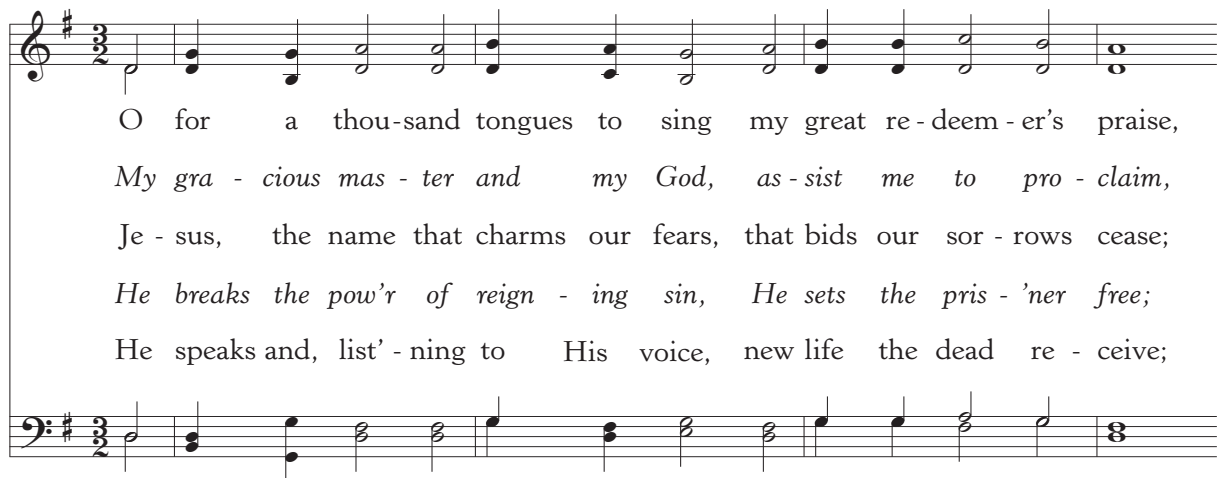
## Scripture Reading—Acts 4:7-12

When the rulers had set Peter and John in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

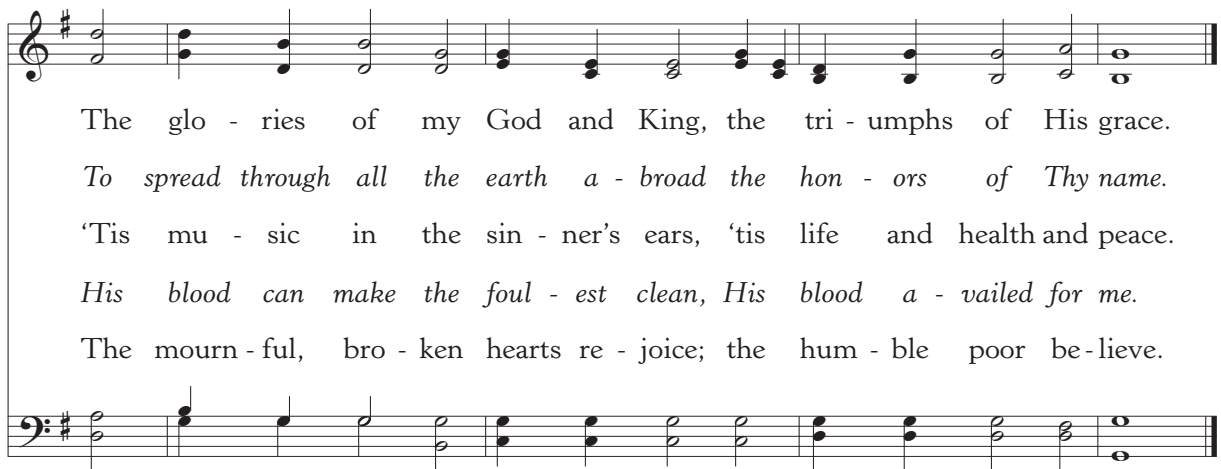
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Congregational Hymn—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing



O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,  
My gra-cious mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;  
He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, He sets the pris-'ner free;  
He speaks and, list'-ning to His voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



The glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.  
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of Thy name.  
'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.  
The mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice; the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

## Baptism of ClaraMae George, daughter of Jonathan and Lela Grace George

## Reading of the Word—Psalm 9:1-20

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.<sup>3</sup> When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before Your presence.<sup>4</sup> For You have maintained my just cause; You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.<sup>5</sup> You have rebuked the nations; You have made the wicked perish; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.<sup>6</sup> The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities You rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.<sup>7</sup> But the Lord sits enthroned forever; He has established His throne for justice,<sup>8</sup> and He judges the world with righteousness; He judges the peoples with uprightness.<sup>9</sup> The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.<sup>10</sup> And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.<sup>11</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples His deeds!<sup>12</sup> For He who avenges blood is mindful of them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.<sup>13</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord! See my affliction from those who hate me, O You who lift me up from the gates of death,<sup>14</sup> that I may recount all Your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in Your salvation.<sup>15</sup> The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.<sup>16</sup> The Lord has made Himself known; He has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Selah*<sup>17</sup> The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.<sup>18</sup> For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.<sup>19</sup> Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before You!<sup>20</sup> Put them in fear, O Lord! Let the nations know that they are but men!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Spirit Of The Living God

The image shows four staves of musical notation for a sung response. Each staff is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." for the first and fourth staves; "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." for the second staff; and "Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!" for the third staff.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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## Sermon—A Stronghold For Troubled Times

—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 Psalm 10:1, 4, 6, 13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Why, O Lord, do You stand far away? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble? In the pride of our faces, we do not seek You; all our thoughts are, “There is no God.”

All: **We say in our hearts, “I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”**

Pastor: We renounce God and say in our hearts, “He will not call to account.”

All: **We say in our hearts, “God has forgotten, He has hidden His face, He will never see it.”**

## Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 32:1-2, 5; John 3:16-17

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. 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.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Pastor: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Response—Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word, Vs. 3



O Com-fort - er of price-less worth, send peace and un - i - ty on Earth;



Sup - port us in our fin - al strife, and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1541, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. 2007; Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## 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:

WOMEN

MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, -  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
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# 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—Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, 'til I am whol - ly Thine,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I ne - ver die,

That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til my will is one with Thine, to do and to en - dure.  
Un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with Thy fire div - ine.  
But live with Thee the per - fect life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1878, Music: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1888.

## Congregational Hymn—There Is A Redeemer

There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son;  
Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;  
When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - - - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er in that ho - ly place.

*Chorus*

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son,  
And leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

The musical score consists of four systems. Each system has a vocal line in treble clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—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 Psalm—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9)



O Lord most high, with all my heart, Your great works I will pro - claim;  
*The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, seat - ed on His judg - ment throne;*  
Je - ho - vah will a re - fuge prove, re - fuge strong for all op - pressed,  
*All they, O Lord, that know Your name, place their trust in the Word of truth,*



I will be glad and give You thanks and sing the prais - es of Your name.  
*The right - eous judge of all the world will make His per - fect jus - tice known.*  
A safe de - fense, where wear - y souls in troub - led times may sure - ly rest.  
*For You have ne - ver turned a - way from those who tru - ly seek for You.*



*Hope of the poor, to You we cry! A - rise, O Lord, de - fend the weak!*



*Sing Praise to the Lord en - throned on High! De - clare to all His might - y deeds!*

Text: from Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11, 18-19, *The Psalter*, 1912;  
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

## 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—Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs. 2

Great Com-for-ter, to Thee we cry; O high-est gift of God most high,  
O fount of life, O fire of love, and sweet a - noin-ting from a - bove!

The musical score is written in 2/2 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with chords. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, c. 800, tr. Edward Caswall, 1849;  
Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

*Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...*  
—Acts 2:2-4

This morning, along with the rest of the Western church, we remember the events of the day of Pentecost recorded in the book of Acts. Known as *Whitsunday* in the English-speaking world, this celebration focuses on the coming of the Holy Spirit. Red is used on the bulletin cover and in the decorations in the sanctuary to remind us of the tongues of flame which fell upon the disciples in the upper room. Hymns such as *Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Come Down O Love Divine, Spirit Of The Living God, Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word, Breathe On Me Breath Of God, and There Is A Redeemer* celebrate the “Comforter of priceless worth,” who promises to “fall fresh on [us],” visits us with “ardor glowing,” “fills us with life anew,” and remains with us until our work on earth is done. As we walk through the service this morning let’s be mindful of the Spirit’s work, as He graciously descends to us today every bit as much as He did to the disciples on the first Pentecost, bringing “peace and unity” among the brethren and leading us “out of death to life.” —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Praise and Judgment, Righteousness and Wicked, Nations and Needy  
**Keystone Verse:** Those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. (Psalm 9:10)



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