



PARISH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Easter Season
May 10th, 2026

Quotes for reflection:

After He has endued us with His Spirit, God does not leave us to be guided by ourselves (for then we should fall again to our former misery); but He directs us, He lifts us up, He leads us, He confirms and sustains us by the same grace and by the same Spirit dwelling in us, that walking in the way of His commandments we may at length attain to everlasting happiness.

—William Perkins

By reason of these remains of indwelling sin, and also because of the temptations of the world and of Satan, those who are converted could not persevere in that grace if left to their own strength. But God is faithful, who, having conferred grace, mercifully confirms and powerfully preserves them therein, even to the end.

—*Canons of Dort*

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—2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

Sung Response—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah, Vs. 1



Christ is ris - en! Hal-le - lu - jah! Ris-en our vic - tor-ious Head!



Sing His prais-es! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore Him, as His light once more ap - pears,



Bow-ing down in joy be - fore Him, ris-ing up from grief and tears,



Sing His prais-es! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

CCLI #2844402 Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863; Music: BEACH SPRING (FOUNT OF GLORY),
attr. B. F. White, 1844, R.W. Thompson, 1854, arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 40:1–5

Pastor: Wait patiently for the Lord, and He will incline to you and hear your cry.

All: He drew us up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set our feet upon a rock, making our steps secure.

Reader 1: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

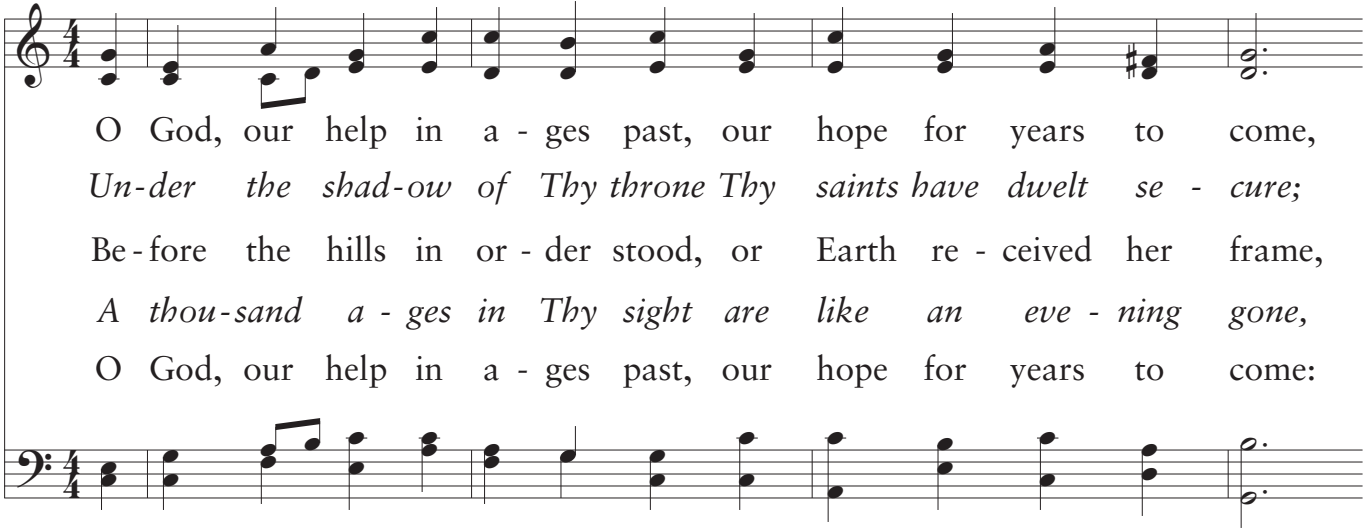
Reader 2: Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

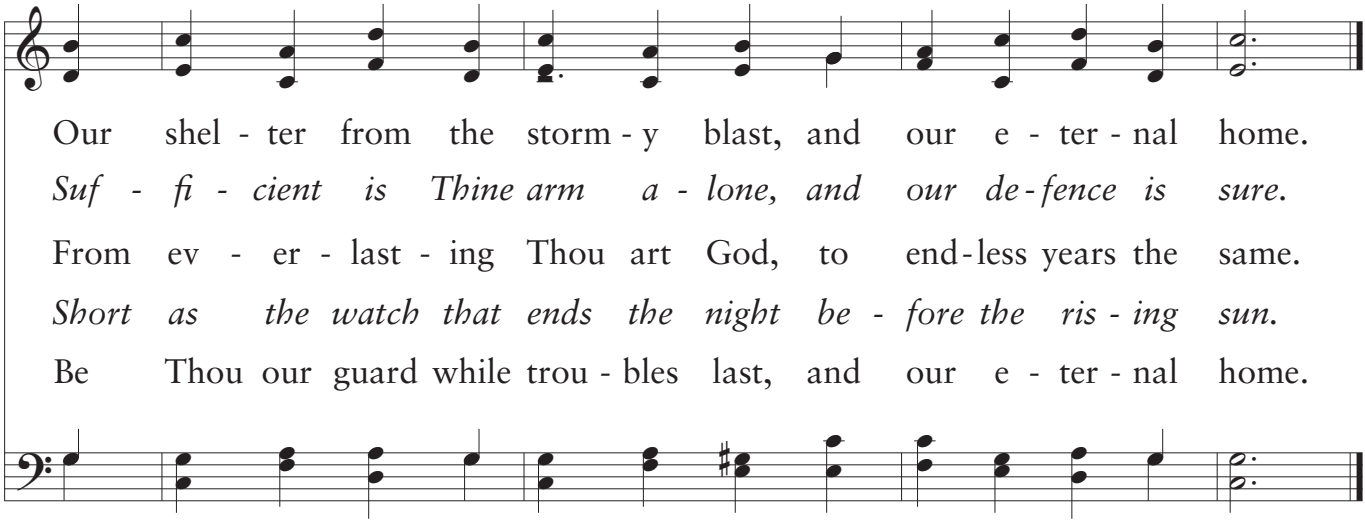
All: You have multiplied, O Lord, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us. None can compare with You!

Pastor: Let us proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

Congregational Hymn—O God, Our Help In Ages Past (Psalm 90)



O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
Un-der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
Be-fore the hills in or - der stood, or Earth re - ceived her frame,
A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de-fence is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end-less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719;
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1708.

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.

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 3:14–18

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
It is God: His love looks might - y, but is might - ier than it seems;

There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in His blood.
There is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
'Tis our Fath - er: and His fond - ness goes far out be - yond our dreams.

There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in Heaven;
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of our mind;
Souls of men! why will ye scat - ter like a crowd of fright - ened sheep?
Was there ev - er kind - er shep - herd half so gen - tle, half so sweet,

There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
Fool - ish hearts! why will ye wan - der from a love so true and deep?
As the Sav - ior who would have us come and gath - er at His feet?

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, William Moore, 1825.

Sermon Text—Psalm 37:21–40

- 21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;
22 for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by Him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord,
when He delights in his way;
24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the Lord upholds his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.
26 He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.
- 27 Turn away from evil and do good;
so shall you dwell forever.
28 For the Lord loves justice;
He will not forsake His saints.
They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land
and dwell upon it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks justice.
31 The law of his God is in his heart;
his steps do not slip.
- 32 The wicked watches for the righteous
and seeks to put him to death.
33 The Lord will not abandon him to his power
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
- 34 Wait for the Lord and keep His way,
and He will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.

- 35 I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.
- 36 But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;
though I sought him, he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
for there is a future for the man of peace.
- 38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
- 40 The Lord helps them and delivers them;
He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in Him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O Come Before The Lord, Our King (Psalm 95), Vs. 3



O come and let us wor - ship now, be - fore our Mak - er let__ us bow;



We are His sheep and He our God, He feeds our souls in pas - tures broad;



He safe - ly leads us in__ the way; O come and hear His voice to - day.

Text: Psalm 95:6–7, *The Psalter*, 1912;
Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

Sermon—*There Is A Future For the Man Of Peace*

—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 Isaiah 31:1, 6–7

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have pronounced woe upon those who go to man for help and rely on their own resources. Woe to us when we trust in armies because they are many and because they are very strong.

All: We have not looked to the Holy One of Israel or consulted the Lord.

Pastor: Turn to Him from whom you have deeply revolted, O children of Israel.

All: Today we cast away our idols of silver and our idols of gold, which our hands have sinfully made.

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 31:4–5; John 3:16–17

The Lord says to us, “As a lion or a young lion growls over his prey, and when a band of shepherds is called out against him he is not terrified by their shouting or daunted at their noise, so the Lord of hosts will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its hill. Like birds hovering, so the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem; He will protect and deliver it; He will spare and rescue it.”

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—'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus, Vs. 4



I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Text: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

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:

WOMEN



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,

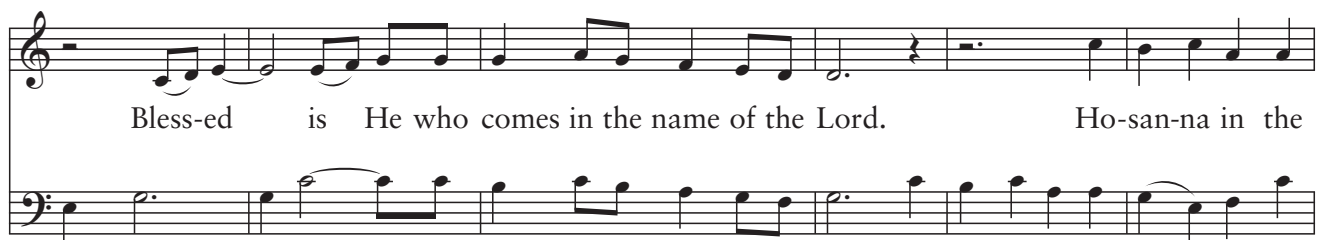
MEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might.



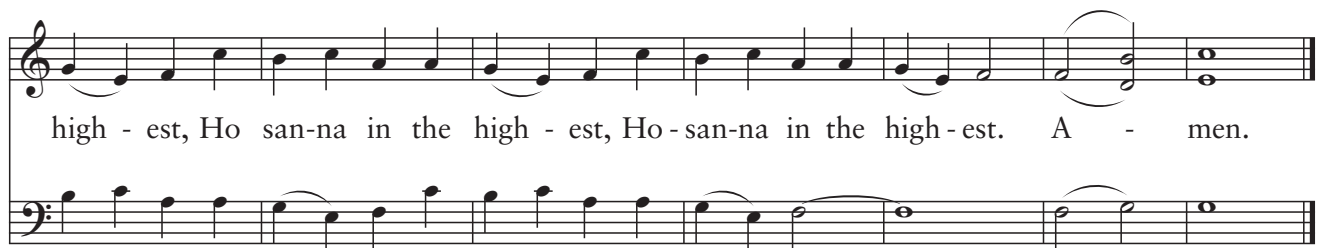
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the

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high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. A - men.

san-na in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.

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—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee



If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways,
Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure in cheer-ful hope, with heart con-tent
Sing, pray, and keep His ways un-swerv-ing, per-form thy du - ties faith - ful - ly,



He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.
To take what-e'er thy Fa-ther's plea-sure and His dis - cern - ing love hath sent,
And trust His Word: though un - de - serv-ing, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.



Who trusts in God's un - chang-ing love builds on the rock that naught can move.
Nor doubt our in - most wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.
God nev - er yet for - sook in need the soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1641, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Music: NEUMARK, Georg Neumark, 1657.

Congregational Hymn—Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pass - ions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er will be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see.



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vi - ded;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: FAITHFULNESS (RUNYAN),
William M. Runyan, 1923.

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*

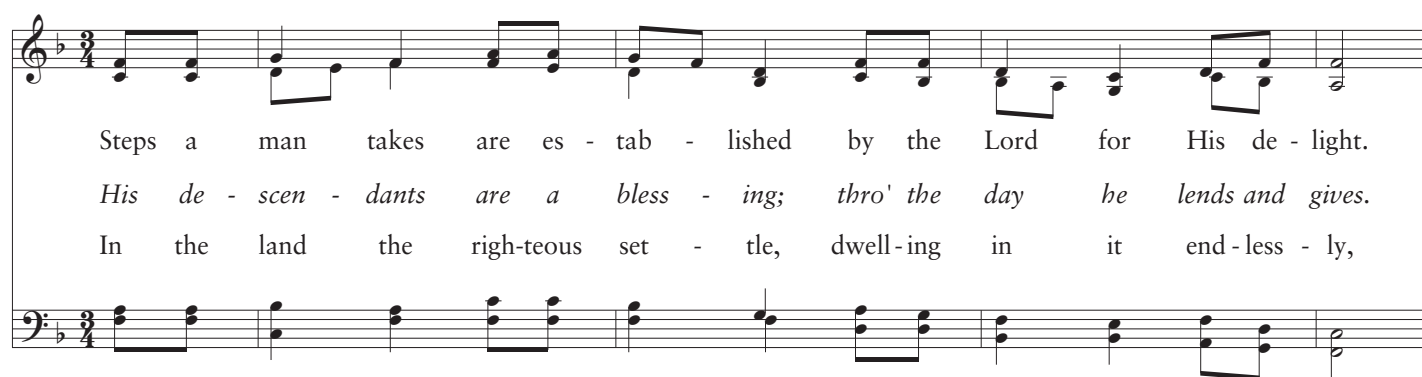
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

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.

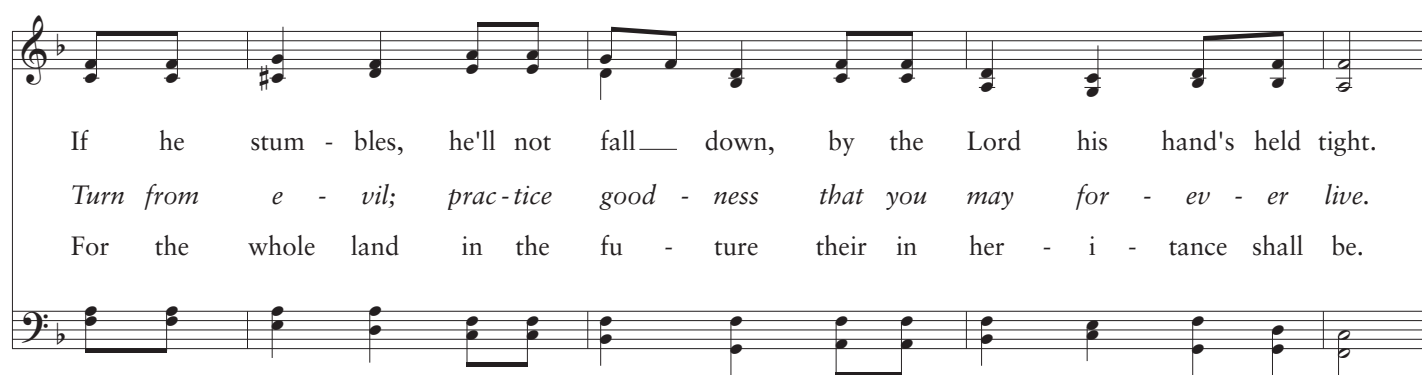
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

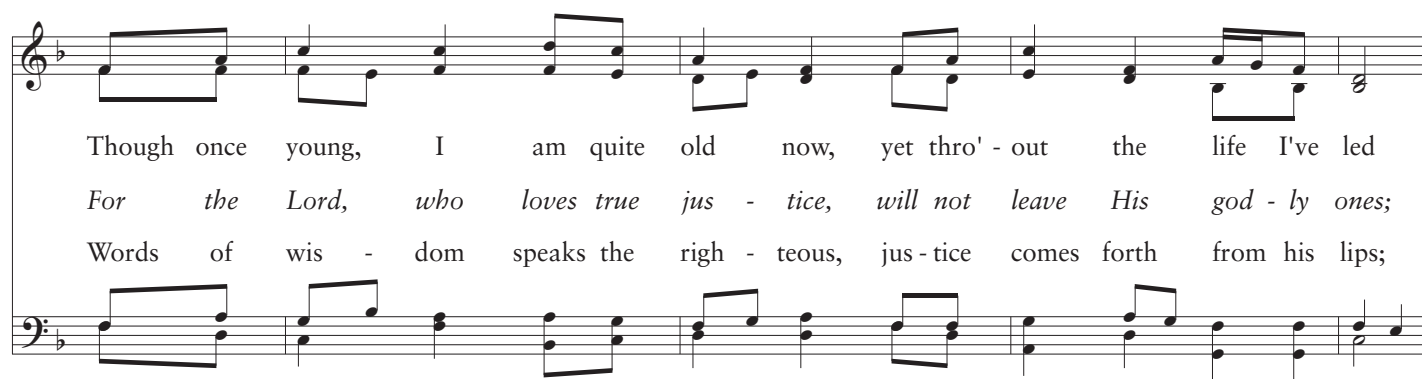
Congregational Psalm—Steps A Man Takes (Psalm 37)



Steps a man takes are es - tab - lished by the Lord for His de - light.
His de - scen - dants are a bless - ing; thro' the day he lends and gives.
In the land the righ-teous set - tle, dwell-ing in it end - less - ly,



If he stum - bles, he'll not fall — down, by the Lord his hand's held tight.
Turn from e - vil; prac-tice good - ness that you may for - ev - er live.
For the whole land in the fu - ture their in her - i - tance shall be.



Though once young, I am quite old now, yet thro' - out the life I've led
For the Lord, who loves true jus - tice, will not leave His god - ly ones;
Words of wis - dom speaks the righ - teous, jus - tice comes forth from his lips;



I've not seen the just for - sak - en nor their chil - dren beg - ging bread.
They will be pre - served for - ev - er, while cut off are sin - ner's sons.
Since God's law with - in his heart is, in his steps he nev - er slips.

Text: Psalm 37:23-31, *Book of Psalms for Worship*, 2010; Music: BEACH SPRING (FOUNT OF GLORY),
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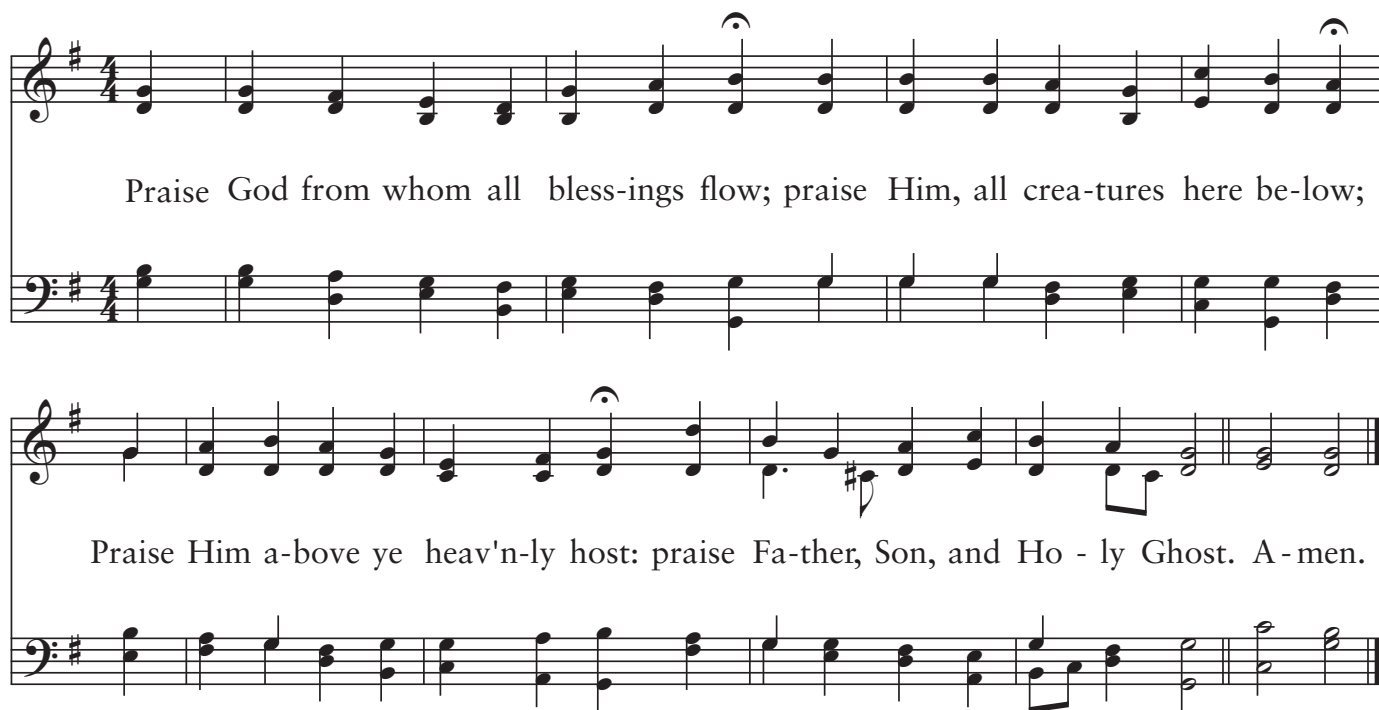
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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—Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. —Psalm 37:24

Many of the hymns we'll be singing this morning respond to this glorious promise found in Pastor Jamie's sermon text. We'll give thanks for God's providential care throughout the ages with psalms and hymns like *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* (Psalm 90), *He Who Trusts In The Lord* (Psalm 125), *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy*, and *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. We'll remind one another that "God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted Him indeed," and rest in the comfort that "I know that Thou art with me, [and] wilt be with me to the end." The closing hymn of the service, *Steps A Man Takes* (Psalm 37), takes its text from this central portion of Psalm 37, beginning at verse 23 and concluding with verse 31. While we've never sung this text at Parish (it's found in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America's *Book of Psalms for Worship*), we should be familiar with the tune used in this setting, BEACH SPRING. We use this venerable American melody for the text *Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah*, in an arrangement by former Music Director Gregory Wilbur, which we've been singing at the opening of every service in the Easter season.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Wicked, Righteous, Cut Off, Inherit, Borrow, Give, Ruthless, Just, Wait, Save, Refuge

Keystone Verses: The Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.
(Psalm 37:40)