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We read of the river of pleasure at God's right hand; but will not this in time be dried up? No. There is a fountain at the bottom which feeds it. "With the Lord is a fountain of life." Thus God is the chief good, and the enjoyment of God for ever is the highest felicity of which the soul is capable. —Thomas Watson.

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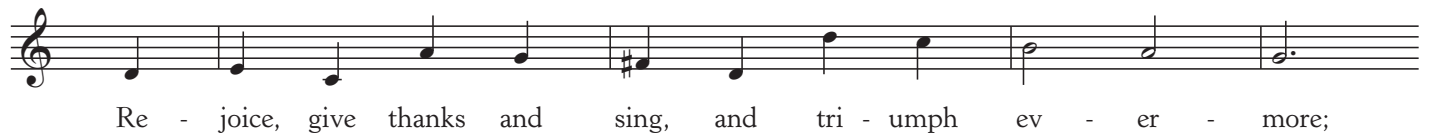
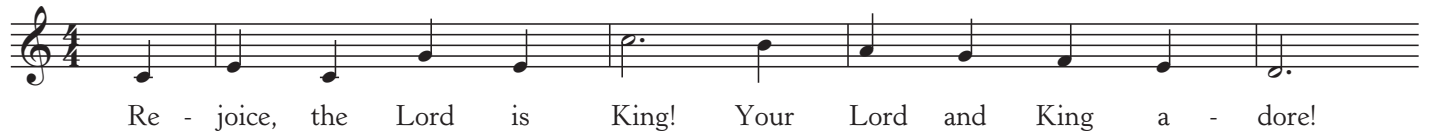
## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*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—Isaiah 55:1

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

### Sung Response—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

### Call to Worship—from Psalm 16:1-2, 5-6, 8, 11

Pastor: Preserve us, O God, for in You we take refuge.

All: **You are our Lord; we have no good apart from You.**

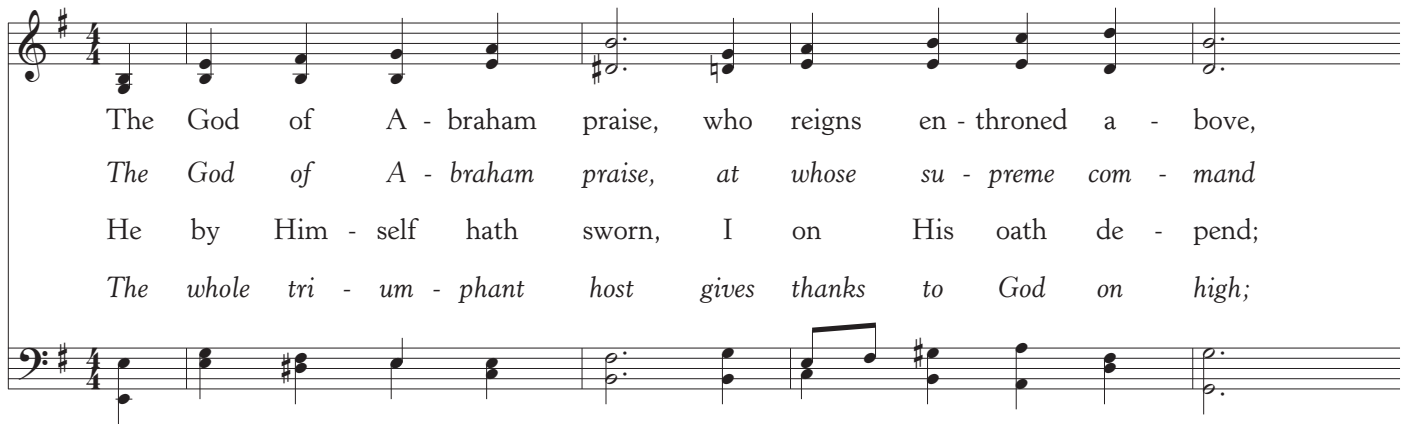
Reader 1: The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; You hold our lot.

Reader 2: The lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; indeed, we have a beautiful inheritance.

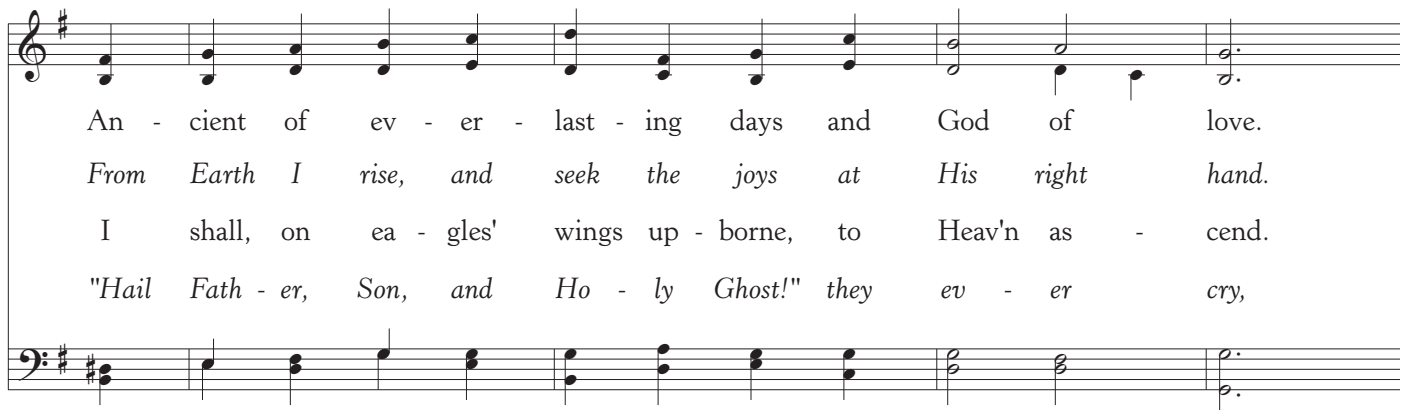
All: **We have set the Lord always before us; because He is at our right hand, we shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: You make known to us the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

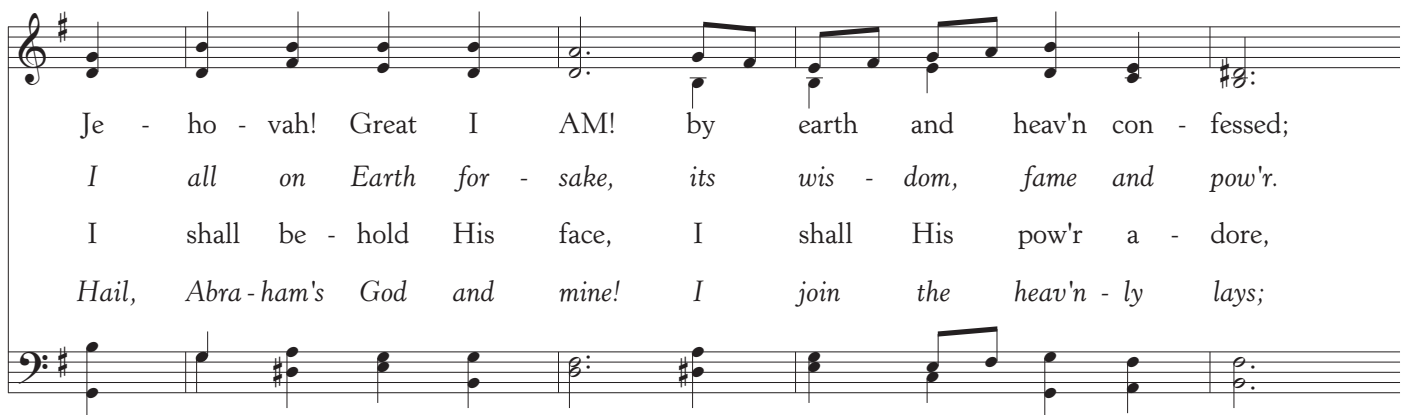
## Congregational Hymn—The God Of Abraham Praise



The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,  
The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand  
He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His oath de - pend;  
The whole tri - um - phant host gives thanks to God on high;



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
From Earth I rise, and seek the joys at His right hand.  
I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to Heav'n as - cend.  
"Hail Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry,



Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on Earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame and pow'r.  
I shall be - hold His face, I shall His pow'r a - dore,  
Hail, Abra - ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays;



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er - blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace for - ev - er - more.  
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine, and end - less praise.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1770; Music: LEONI, Jewish melody, arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770.

# 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 Lord I Will At All Times Bless (Psalm 34)



The Lord I will at all times bless; with praise my mouth employ; —  
O children, come, and gather round for wisdom you should hear; —  
The troubles that afflict the just in number many be; —



My soul shall in Jehovah boast, the humble hear with joy —  
I'll teach you how to understand and seek the Lord with fear —  
But God delivers from them all the righteous He sets free. —



O let us magnify the Lord, exalt His name with me. —  
Restrain your lips from speaking lies, control your foolish tongue. —  
Your bones He carefully will keep, whatever shall befall, —



Look up to Him, and so your faces radiant shall be.  
Depart from ill, do good, seek peace, so shall your days be long.  
For not so much as one of them can be broken at all.

### Chorus



Taste — and see — that the Lord — is good; — Take refuge in — His blessing —

*Last time, to Coda*



Fear — Him, you saints: — those who fear — the Lord lack no — good thing.

### Coda



The righteous cry unto the Lord salvation He imparts; —



The Lord is ever near to them who ache from broken hearts. — A — men.

Text: Psalm 34:1-22, *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;  
Music: BETHESDA/DUPLEX, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

## Scripture Reading—1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn—What Wondrous Love Is This

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this  
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing down  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,  
Be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul,  
Who is the great I AM while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,  
I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?  
For my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## Reading of the Word—Psalm 17:1-15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit! <sup>2</sup> From Your presence let my vindication come! Let Your eyes behold the right! <sup>3</sup> You have tried my heart, You have visited me by night, You have tested me, and You will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. <sup>4</sup> With regard to the works of man, by the word of Your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. <sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast to Your paths; my feet have not slipped. <sup>6</sup> I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words. <sup>7</sup> Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand. <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings, <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. <sup>10</sup> They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. <sup>11</sup> They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground. <sup>12</sup> He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush. <sup>13</sup> Arise, O Lord! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by Your sword, <sup>14</sup> from men by Your hand, O Lord, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. <sup>15</sup> As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your likeness.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—There Is A Redeemer, Vs. 3

When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

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.

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## Sermon—*Beholding God's Face*

—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 6:9-10 and Psalm 139:23-24

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Search us, O God, and know our heart! Try us and know our thoughts! We keep on hearing, but we do not understand; we keep on seeing, but we do not perceive.

All: **We have made our hearts dull, and our ears heavy, and our eyes blind.**

Pastor: We have not seen with our eyes, or heard with their ears, or understood with our hearts.

All: **We have not turned to You to be healed. Lead us in the way everlasting!**

## Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 55:6-7; Romans 1:16-17

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: **It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

## Sung Response—Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, refrain



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in His won-der - ful face, \_\_\_\_\_



And the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim, in the light of His glo-ry and grace.

CCLI #2844402; Text: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922; Music: LEMMEL, Helen H. Lemmel, 1922.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

*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, God of pow'r and might

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.



## 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—The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



The King shall come when morn - ing\_dawns, and light tri - um - phant breaks;  
Not as of old a\_\_\_ lit - tle\_\_\_ child to bear, and fight, and die,  
O bright - er than that\_\_\_ glor - ious morn shall this fair morn - ing be,  
And let the end - less\_\_\_ bliss be - gin, by wear - y saints fore - told,  
The King shall come when morn - ing\_dawns, and light and beau - ty brings:



When beau - ty\_\_\_ gilds the east - ern hills, and life to joy\_\_\_ a - wakes.  
But\_\_\_ crowned with glo - ry like the\_\_\_ sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
When Christ, our King, in beau - ty\_\_\_ comes, and we His face shall see.  
When right shall tri - umph ov - er\_\_\_ wrong, and truth shall be\_\_\_ ex - tolled.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: Ancient Greek Hymn, tr. John Brownlie, 1907; Music: MORNING SONG, Elkanah Kelsay Dare, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

### Congregational Hymn—God Moves In A Mysterious Way



God moves in a mys - ter - ious way His won - ders to per - form;\_\_\_  
*You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds you so much dread\_\_\_*  
His pur - po - ses will ri - pen fast, un - fold - ing ev - 'ry hour;\_\_\_



He plants His foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm. \_\_\_  
*Are filled with mer - cy, and shall break in\_\_\_ bless - ings on your head. \_\_\_*  
The bud may have a bit - ter\_\_\_ taste, but sweet will be the flow'r. \_\_\_



Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of\_\_\_ nev - er fail - ing skill\_\_\_  
*Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust Him for His grace; \_\_\_*  
Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, and scan His work in\_\_\_ vain;\_\_\_



He trea - sures up His bright de - signs, and works His sov' - reign will.  
*Be - hind a frown - ing pro - vi - dence He hides a smil - ing face.*  
God is His own in - ter - pre - ter, and He will make it plain.

Text: William Cowper, 1774, alt. 2019; Music: ELKINS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.


# 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 Hear My Righteous Plea (Psalm 17)



O hear my righ - teous plea, — Lord, and lis - ten to my cry!  
By night You came and sought me, You searched my heart and mind.  
Show stead - fast love, O Sav - ior of those at Your right hand  
You fill their life with trea - sure; their sons are sat - is - fied.



Give ear un - to my prayer — made from lips that do not lie!  
Though test - ed and ex - am - ined, yet moth - ing did You find.  
Who flee to You for ref - uge when foes a - gainst them stand.  
They leave their young the for - tune which they have set a - side.



From heav - en send ap - prov - al and vin - di - cate my name;  
I stead - fast - ly de - ter - mined my mouth would not trans - gress;  
Be - neath Your wings O hide me, the ap - ple of Your eye.  
But I, in vin - di - ca - tion Your face will sure - ly see;



O may Your eyes the right — see and set me free from blame.  
I keep from men of vio - lence, from works of wick - ed - ness.  
Pro - tect me from the vio - lent who press on ev - 'ry side.  
When wak - ing to Your like - ness, I sat - is - fied will be.

Text: Psalm 17:1-4, 7-9, 14-15, OPC/URCNA Psalter, 2016; Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh hymn melody, arr. Daniel Evans, 1875, harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

# 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—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

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

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. —Matthew 5:8*

In last week's sermon, Pastor Jamie mentioned the "beatific vision," the immediate knowledge of God which we will experience in eternity—or more simply, "the happy sight of God." You'll find references to this concept at the end of Psalm 17 (vs. 15), as well as in many of the hymns and psalms we sing this week. *The God Of Abraham Praise* and *There Is A Redeemer* look forward to a future beatific vision: "I shall behold His face," and "When I stand in glory, I shall see His face." *The King Shall Come* makes this hope explicitly eschatological, looking to the time when "Christ, our King, in beauty come and we His face shall see." Both *The Lord I Will At All Times Bless—Psalm 34* and *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* encourage us to "look up" to our Savior, finding in His face a brightness that overshadows the things of the world and causes our own faces to be radiant. Even *What Wondrous Love Is This* (which is closely related to the Scripture reading from 1 John 3) and *God Moves In A Mysterious Way* use the imagery of faces and facial expressions: the Lord is described as having both a "righteous frown" and a "smiling face." —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Just, Steadfast Love, Keep, Wicked, Violence, Arise, Portion, Righteousness, Satisfied

**Keystone Verse:** As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your likeness. (Psalm 17:15)



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