



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Lent

16 March 2025

It was just what it ought to be, and it looked what it was. —Jane Austen

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—Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system has a fermata over the final note of the vocal line. The third system ends with a double bar line. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Call to Worship—Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 7-9

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Reader 1: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Reader 2: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

All: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!

Congregational Psalm—All Nations Clap Your Hands (Psalm 47)



All na - tions clap your hands, let shouts of tri - umph ring,
He stilled the peo - ple's rage, ty - rants He cast a - side
With shouts a - scends our King, with trump - ets' stir - ring call;
O sing in joy - ful strains, with psalms His truth make known;
The heirs of gen - tile thrones as Abr - am's child - ren meet.

For migh - ty o - ver all the lands the Lord Most High is___ King.
For us He chose our her - i - tage, be - lov - ed Ja - cob's pride.
O praise ye God, His prais - es sing, for God is Lord of___ all.
He o - ver all___ the na - tions reigns up - on His ho - ly___ throne.
The shields of earth Je - ho - vah owns; ex - al - ted is___ His seat.

Text: Psalm 47:1-9, *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. 2018;
Music: THIRD AVENUE, Henry C. Haffner & Elizabeth Dowdell, 2018.

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—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: CLINGMAN'S DOME, Henry C. Haffner, 2025.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:1-4

When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him. And behold, a leper came to Him and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.” And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

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.

Reading of the Word—Acts 10:1-23

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort,² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.”⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter.⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.”⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him,⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

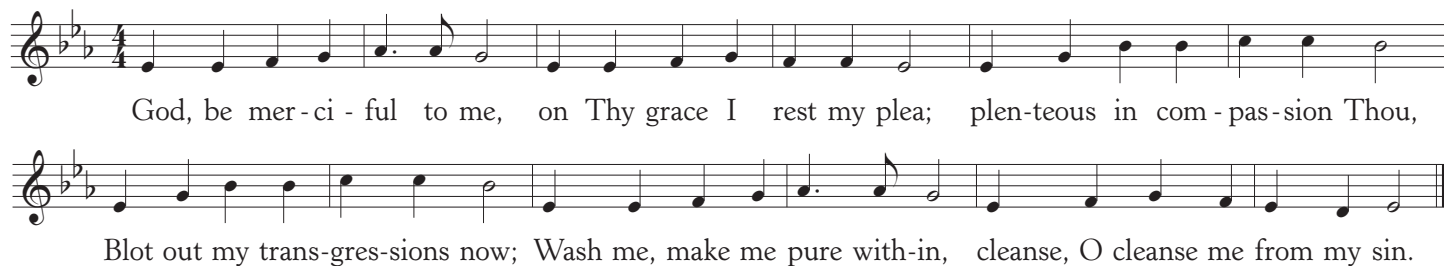
⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate ¹⁸ and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. ¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” ²¹ And Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?” ²² And they said, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” ²³ So he invited them in to be his guests.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 1



God, be mer-ci-ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea; plen-teous in com-pas-sion Thou,
Blot out my trans-gres-sions now; Wash me, make me pure with-in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Text: from Psalm 51:1-2, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: REDHEAD 76, Richard Redhead, 1853.

Sermon—What God Has Made Clean

—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—from Psalm 51:1-2, 4, 7, 10

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

All: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin!

Pastor: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

All: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

UNISON



O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

Slightly faster

WOMEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

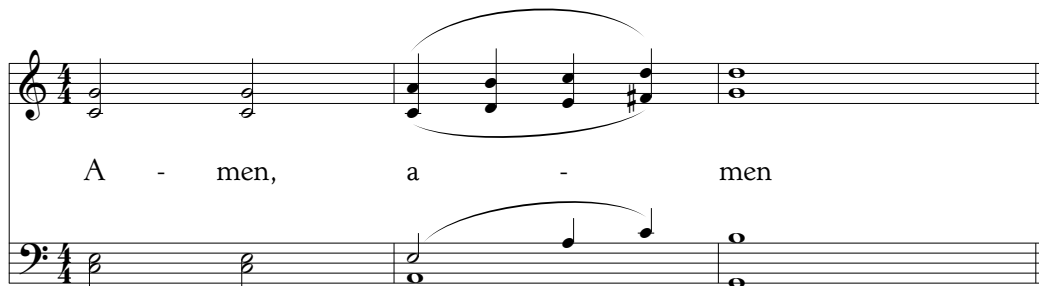
Assurance of Pardon—1 John 4:7-9; Mark 12:30

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

Sung Response—Twofold Amen



A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th century.

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:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

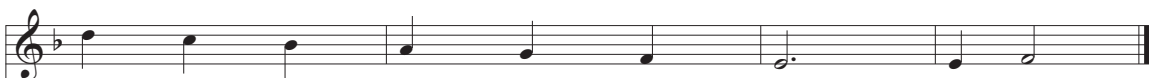


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

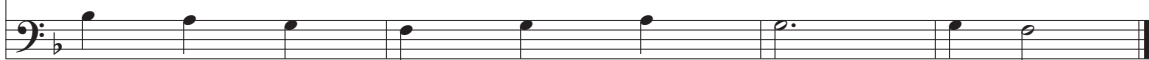
MEN



We praise You, we bless_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

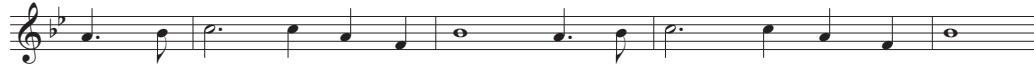
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

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—Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me



Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee;
Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, simp - ly to the cross I cling;
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy wound - ed side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the doub - le cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776; Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830.

Congregational Hymn—Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
I'll lay my tro - phies down all down at Jesus' feet.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: ALL TO CHRIST, John T. Grape, 1865.

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 Hymn—Not All The Blood Of Beasts

Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain
But Christ, the Heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way;
My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of Thine,
My soul looks back to see the bur - dens Thou didst bear
Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;

Could give the guil - ty con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
While, like a pen - i - tent, I stand, and there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and hopes her guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709, alt. 1961; Music: SOUTHWELL, William Damon, 1579.

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 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re - store me,



Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: attr. St. Patrick, 5th Century, tr. C. F. Alexander, 1889; Music: CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish melody, arr. Richard Terry, *The Westminster Hymnal*, 1912.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Today's sermon text from Acts 10 includes Peter's striking vision of animals descending from heaven, including animals that the Jews considered ceremonially unclean. A divine voice commands him to kill and eat these "unclean" creatures, foreshadowing the spreading of the gospel to gentiles—people likewise considered ceremonially unclean. You'll notice many references to cleanliness in this morning's worship service. We'll hear Jesus say "be clean" (Matthew 8:3) and an angel refer to "what God has made clean" (Acts 10:15). We'll recognize both the inability of animal sacrifices to "wash away the stain" of sin (*Not All The Blood Of Beasts*) and that Jesus' blood "can make the foulest clean" (*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*). We'll pray and sing from Psalm 51, confessing our need for "clean hearts" (Psalm 51:10) and asking the Lord to "cleanse me from my sin" (*God Be Merciful To Me—Psalm 51*). We cry out, "Wash me, Savior, or I die" (*Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me*), trusting that Jesus can "change the leper's spots" and wash our garments white (*Jesus Paid It All*).—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Devout, Fear, Alms, Pray, Vision, No, Lord, Sent
Keystone Verse: Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say. (Acts 10:22)



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