



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To continue in atheism, I would have needed to believe that nothing produces everything, that non-life produces life, randomness produces fine-tuning, chaos produces information, unconsciousness produces consciousness, and non-reason produces reason. I simply didn't have that much faith. —Lee Strobel

The first three words of the Gospel: Guilt, Want, and Substitution. —Martin Luther

## 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—Psalm 25:10

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

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;

Praise is His gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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

### Call to Worship—based on Psalm 5:1-3, 7-8, 11-12

Pastor: Lord, let all who take refuge in You rejoice in the Lord. Let them ever sing for joy.

All: **Let those who love Your name exult in You.**

Reader 1: Give ear to our words, O Lord; consider our meditation. Harken unto the voice of our cries, O King, our God.

Reader 2: O Lord, in the morning will we lift up our voices and unto You will we look.

All: **Lead us, O Lord, in Your righteousness.**

Pastor: You bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover us with favor as with a shield.

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



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 - demption 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.

# 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—Who Shall Abide In the Tents Of The Lord (Psalm 15)

Chorus



Who shall a-bide in the tents of the Lord, who shall dwell on His ho - ly hill?

Fine



Who shall a-bide in the tents of the Lord, who shall dwell on His ho - ly hill?

Verse



His walk is blame - less; He does what is right His heart shall speak truth to the end;

His eyes look scorn - ful - ly down on the vile, he hon - ors the fear of the Lord;



His tongue tells no lies, His hands do no e - vil He ne - ver brings shame on a friend.

He lends to the poor with-out seek-ing prof-it, when hurt-ing, he still keeps his word.

TO CHORUS

TO CHORUS, THEN BRIDGE

Bridge



He who does this, he who does this he shall ne - ver be moved.



He who does this, he who does this he shall ne - ver be moved.

TO CHORUS

Text: based on Psalm 15:1-5, Henry C. Haffner, 2024;  
Music: STONE MOUNTAIN, Henry C. Haffner, 2024.

## Scripture Reading—Romans 3:10-18

As it is written, “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Congregational Hymn—Amazing Grace!

A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;  
Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His Word my hope se - cures;  
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
He will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: NEW BRITAIN, Traditional American Melody,  
*Columbian Harmony*, 1829, Harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.


## Reading of the Word—Psalm 14:1-7

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. <sup>2</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. <sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? <sup>5</sup>There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge. <sup>7</sup>Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me, Vs. 3



Not - ing in my hand I bring, simp - ly to the cross I cling;  
Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

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

## Sermon—*No, Not One*

—Pastor Emeritus, George Grant

# 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 Romans 3:10-12; Psalm 25:6-7

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing for we are all sinners.

All: **None is righteous, no, not one.**

Pastor: No one understands; no one seeks for You, O God.

All: **We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.**

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love.

All: **According to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

## Assurance of Pardon—based on Psalm 25:8-10; Philippians 3:9-10; Acts 1:8

Good and upright is the Lord. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. Therefore, we can now count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. For we do not have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law. Rather, our righteousness is that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; so now we may truly know Him and the power of His resurrection.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses."

All: **"In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

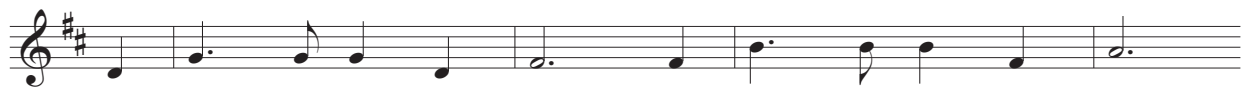
## Sung Response—Not What My Hands Have Done, Vs. 2



Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;



Your pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - rase.



No oth - er work but Yours, no oth - er blood will do;



No strength but that which is div - ine can bear me safe - ly through.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Tune: LEOMINSTER, George Walter Martin, 1862.

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

MEN  
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 Psalm—Hear Me, All You People (Psalm 49)



Hear me, all you peo - ple hear, folk of all the earth, give ear;  
When with wick - ed - ness my foes shall sur - round me and op - pose,  
If from death one would be free and cor - rup - tion ne - ver see,

All of high and low de - gree, rich and poor, give heed to me  
Should I then to fear give way when I see the e - vil day?  
Cost - ly is life's ran - som price, far be - yond all sac - ri - fice.

Truth with all my heart I seek, and my mouth shall wis - dom speak;  
They that trust in trea - sured gold, though they boast of wealth un - told,  
If men be not tru - ly wise, they are like the beast that dies,

Lis - ten how with mu - sic's strain I make hid - den wis - dom plain.  
None can bid his bro - ther live; none to God a ran - som give.  
Death their shep - herd, they the sheep; He with - in his fold will keep.

If men be not tru - ly wise, they are like the beast that dies,

But my Lord my soul shall save; God will raise me from the grave.

Text: Psalm 49:1-9, 12-14, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019; Music: ROSE HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

## Congregational Hymn—Nothing But The Blood



What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
For my par - don, this I see, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
For my cleans - ing this my plea, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
Naught of good that I have done: Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; —

No oth - er fount I know, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1876; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1876.

# 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—Lord Protect Your People (Psalm 14)



Lord pro- tect Your peo - ple, save our fool - ish hearts.  
*Don't the wick - ed un - der-stand they must call on the Lord?*  
Ev - ery - one has turned a - side all have gone a - stray.



Look down from Hea - ven; we will not de - part!  
*God is with the right - eous; re - fuge of the poor!*  
None of us is good, not one; seek us, Lord, all our days!



*Through Christ, the Lord's sal - va - tion, from Zi - on's hill has come; —*



*And heals His chos - en na - tion; and leads the out - casts home.*

Text and Music: Nathan George and Henry C. Haffner, 2012.

## 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—1 John 3:1

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are.” Go therefore in peace. *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.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

### Announcements

## Worship Notes:

*Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.*  
—James 5:13, King James Version

Though psalm singing is a common practice throughout the history of Christian worship, the creation of metrical psalms—translations of the psalms into strict rhyming verse that can be easily fitted to musical settings in repeating stanzas—is a hallmark of the Reformation Era. John Calvin himself noted that “we shall find no better songs nor more appropriate to the purpose than the Psalms of David which the Holy Spirit made and spoke through him.” While some metrical psalms try to faithfully reproduce each line verse by verse (as in the setting of Psalm 15 which we’ve been singing this month), others take a more reflective approach, interpreting the psalm as we sing it. Such is the case with “Lord, Protect Your People” a reflection on Psalm 14 that Nathan George and I wrote in 2012 which closes our service this week. The psalm’s condemnation of the atheist as a “fool” (vs. 1) is transformed into a prayer for the Lord to “save our foolish hearts.” Similarly, while the psalm ends with longing “that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion” at some point in the future, we sing as those for whom that hope has already come. Christ, the Lord’s salvation, has come from Zion, rescuing and healing all His chosen ones. —Henry C. Haffner

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**Keystone Verse:** There is none who does good, not even one. (Psalm 14:3)



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