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This is God's purpose in those miracles, which He worketh by the apostles, to set forth the glory of His Christ.
—John Calvin

Miracles...provide us with a glimpse of the world to come. They are signs of the re-created order of things. To those who experience disability in this world, there is the promise that, in the world to come, they will enjoy the liberty and blessing of a new body. In our resurrection bodies, every last trace of what sin has done to us will be gone forever.
—Derek Thomas

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 1:8

Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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—Isaiah 35:1-4

Pastor: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus.

All: It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

Reader 1: The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

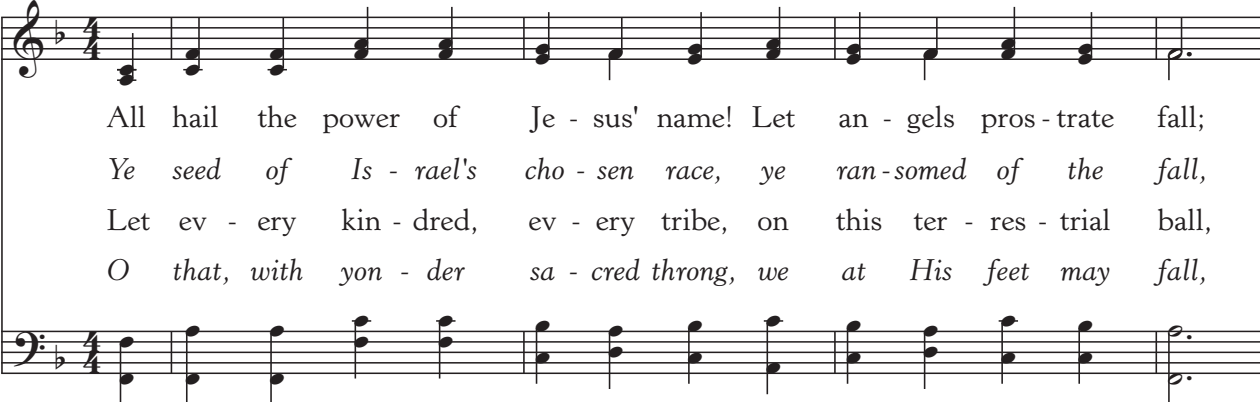
Reader 2: They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Pastor: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

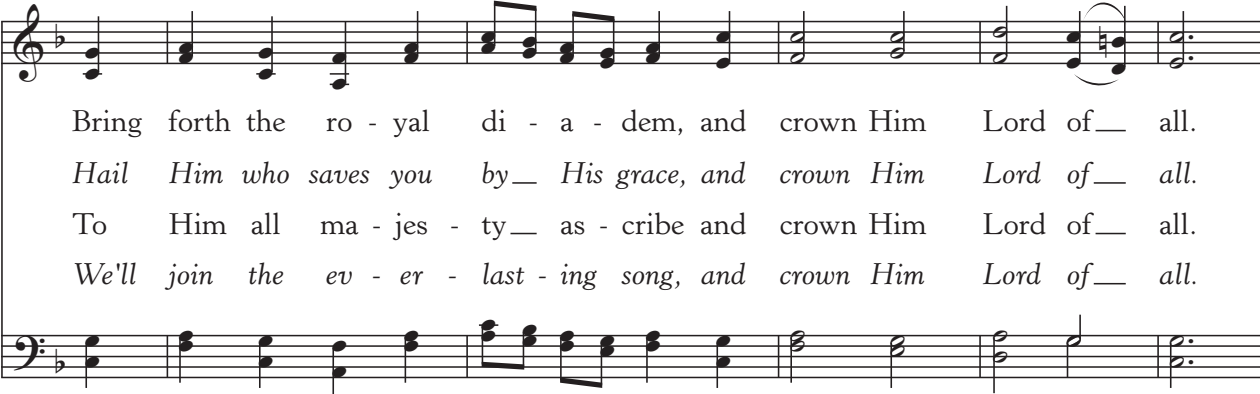
All: Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!"

Pastor: Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.

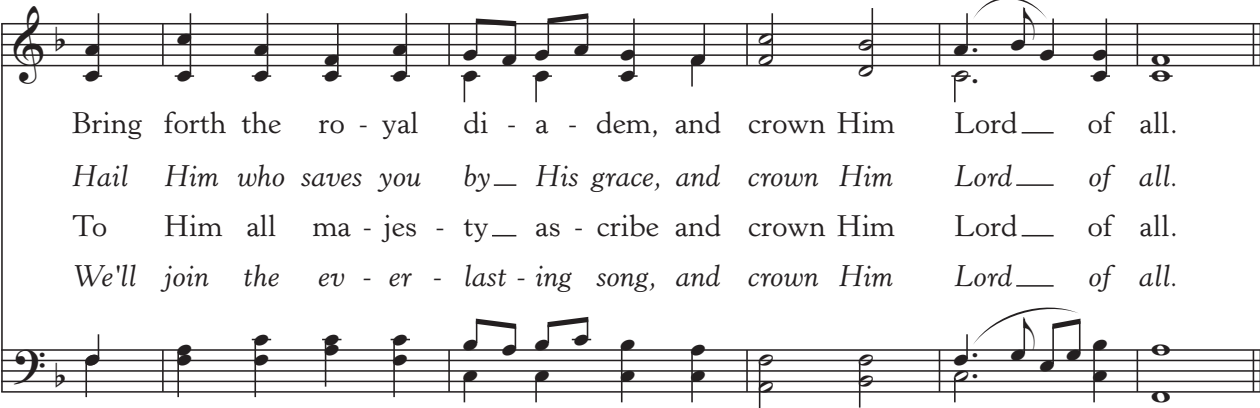
Congregational Hymn—All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name



All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,
O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall,



Bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of__ all.
Hail Him who saves you by__ His grace, and crown Him Lord of__ all.
To Him all ma - jes - ty__ as - crite and crown Him Lord of__ all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of__ all.



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Text: Edward Perronet, 1779, John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793,
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

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—Alleluia! How Blest The Man (Psalm 112)



A - le - lu - ia! How blest the man who great-ly_ fears the Lord!
Light to the up - right shall a - rise, though he in_ dark-ness be;
When e - vil ti - dings he shall hear, he shall not be a - fraid:
A - bun - dant wealth with - in his house shall ev - er_ be in store;



Who dai - ly finds de - light with - in Je - ho - vah's Ho - ly Word
Com - pass - ion - ate, and mer - ci - ful and ev - er_ just is he.
His_ heart is fixed, his_ con - fi - dence up - on the_ Lord is stayed.
And his un - spot - ted_ right - eous - ness en - dures for - ev - er - more.



His_ child - ren for their might shall be in_ all the land re - nowned;
There sure - ly is not_ an - y thing that ev - er shall him move:
Es - tab - lished firm - ly_ is his heart, a - fraid he shall not be,
The_ wick - ed ones shall see, and grieve: their teeth will gnash a - way,



The gen - er - a - tion of the just in bless - ings shall a - bound.
The right - eous man's me - mor - i - al shall ev - er - last - ing prove.
Un - til a - mong his_ en - e - mies, his tri - umph He_ shall see.
For_ what the wick - ed_ most de - sire shall ut - ter - ly_ de - cay.

Text: Psalm 112:1-4, 6-8, 10, *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. 2018;
Music: POTTSVILLE, Henry C. Haffner, 2018.

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 35:4-10

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

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.

Reading of the Word—Acts 3:1-16

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds, Vs. 1

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!" and "It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836.

Sermon—*The Holy Spirit Formula*

—Assistant Pastor, Mike Fennema

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—Psalm 51:1, 10-12

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

All: **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Assurance of Pardon—Luke 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Sung Response—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness, Vs. 2



My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;



Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus-es fears to fly.



Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.



Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.

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 Hymn—Give Me Jesus

In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,
Dark___ mid - night was my cry, dark___ mid - night was my cry,
Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
O,___ when I come to die, O,___ when I come to die,

In the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
Dark___ mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
Just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
O,___ when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus,

You can have all this world; give me Je - sus.

Text and Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual.

Congregational Hymn—And Let This Feeble Body Fail

And let this fee - ble bod - y fail, and let it faint and die;
In hope of that___ im - mor - tal crown I now the cross sus - tain,
I suf - fer through my wear - y years till my dear Je - sus come,
I see a world of saints so bright who reap the pleas - ures there;
Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends a - way,

My soul shall quit the mourn - ful vale, and soar to worlds on high;
And glad - ly wan - der up and down, and smile at toil and pain;
To wipe a - way His ser - vant's tears, and take this pil - grim home;
They all are robed in spot - less white, and con - qu'ring palms they bear.
But let me find them all a - gain___ in that e - ter - nal day.

And I'll sing hal - le - lu - jah, and you'll sing hal - le - lu - jah, ___

And we'll all sing hal - le - lu - jah, when we ar - rive at home.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1759, alt. 2023; Music: HALLELUJAH, William Walker, 1835,
arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2023.

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.

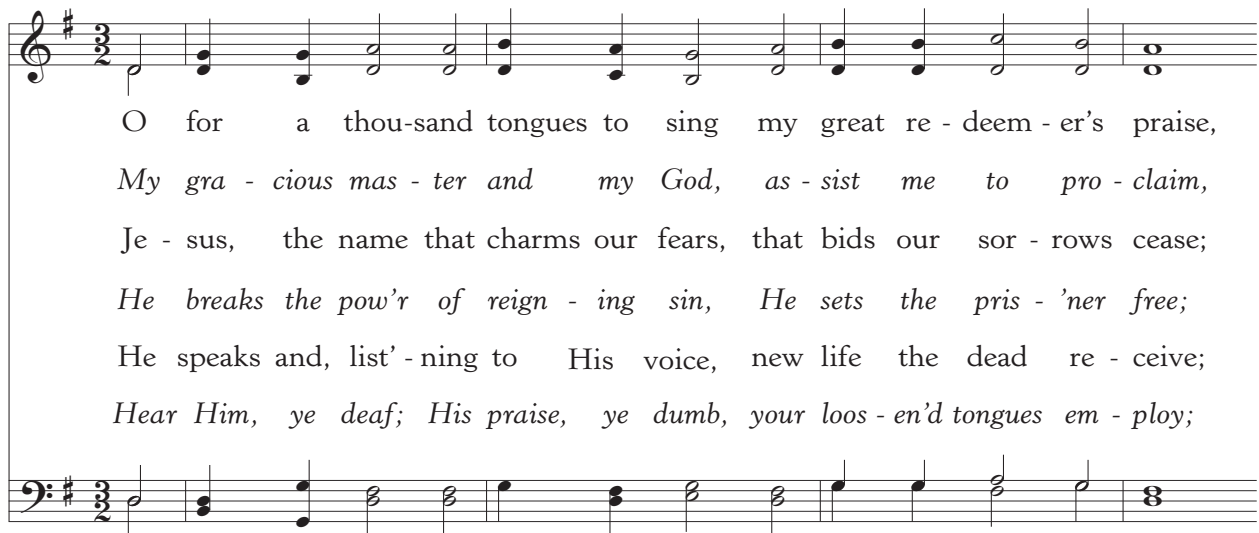
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

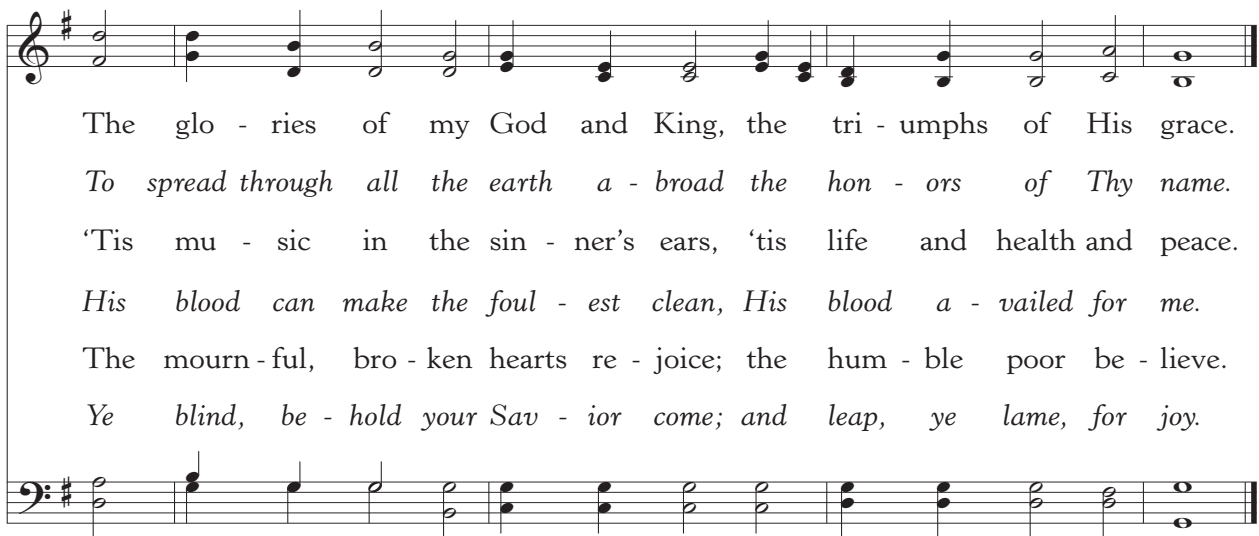
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Congregational Hymn—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;
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loos - en'd tongues em - ploy;



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.
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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

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—Gloria Patri

Glor - y be__ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is__ now, and ev - er shall be,

World__ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century; Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This morning's service presents a theme of healing and restoration, both physical and spiritual. We sing *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*, declaring along with Peter that "faith in His name—has made [us] strong" (Acts 3:16). Scripture readings throughout the service declare God's promises to "strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees" (Isaiah 35:3), to make the "the ears of the deaf unstopped" and "the lame man leap like a deer" (Isaiah 35:5-6), and to give "sight to the blind" (Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1). Hymns like *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* and *How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds* remind us that "there is healing in His blood" and that His name "heals our wounds," while *My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness* expresses our gratitude towards Jesus for walking beside us, strengthening our weaknesses, and sustaining us through every trial. Because of His finished work of redemption, we can even sing hymns like *Give Me Jesus* and *And Let This Feeble Body Fail*, confident that we can "suffer through our weary years" and "smile at toil or pain." Are you weak, sick, or troubled? Let's put our hope in the name of Jesus, who alone can provide "life and health and peace." —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Lame, Prayer, Look, Name, Jesus, Rise, Walk, Praising, Wonder, Killed, Life, Faith

Keystone Verse: And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. (Acts 3:16)



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