



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

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We know God by two means. First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe. For this world is before our eyes as a most beautiful book, in which all creatures, great and small, are like letters written to show the invisible things of God, namely, His power and divinity... Second, He makes Himself more clearly and distinctly known to us by His holy and divine Word, as far as we need to know in this life, for His glory and our salvation.

—*Belgic Confession, Article 2*

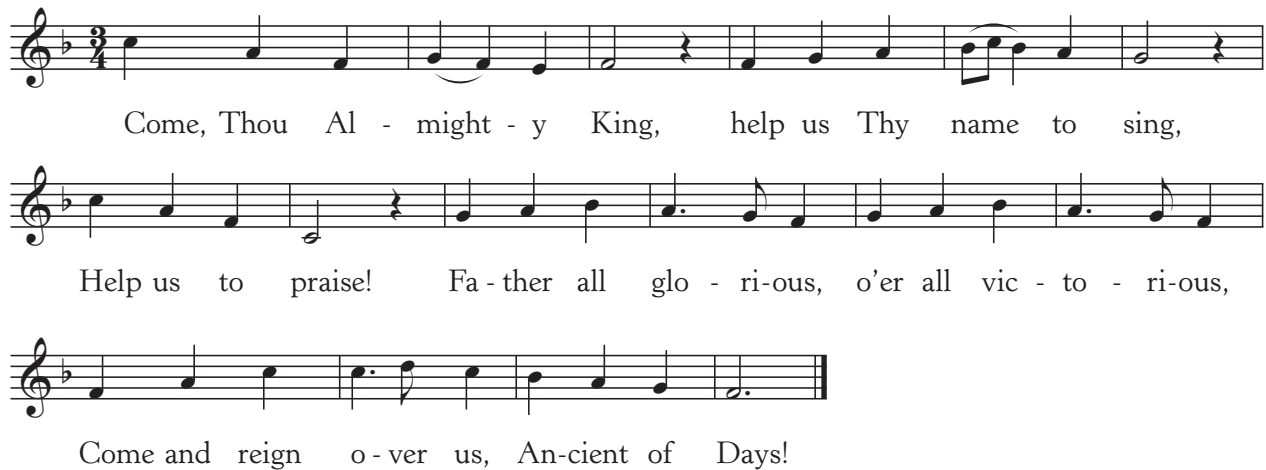
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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 10:8-9

“The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Sung Response—Come, Thou Almighty King, Vs. 1



Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!

Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

Call to Worship—Psalm 104:1-2, 19-20, 24, 35

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great!

All: **You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

Reader 1: He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

Reader 2: You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about.

All: **O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Congregational Hymn—All Creatures Of Our God And King

All crea-tures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing,
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong ye clouds that sail in Heaven a - long,
And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part,
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam,
O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing moon, in praise re - joice,
O__ sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear,
O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam! O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him!
Ye lights of even - ing, find a voice! O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him!
Praise God and on Him cast your care! O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him!
And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, c. 1225, tr. William H. Draper, 1926; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

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—From Heav'n O Praise The Lord (Psalm 148)

From Heav'n O praise the Lord! Ye heights His glo - ry raise.
Yea, let them glo - rious make Je - ho - vah's match - less name;
From Earth O praise the Lord, ye deeps and all be - low;
Let all the peo - ple praise and kings of ev - ery land,
Je - ho - vah's name be praised a - bove the Earth and sky.

All an - gels praise ac - cord; let all His hosts give praise.
For when the word He spake, they in - to be - ing came.
Wild winds that do His word, ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;
Let all their voic - es raise who judge and who com - mand
For He His saints has raised and set their pow'r on high.

Praise Him on high, sun, moon, and star,
And from that place, where fixed they be,
Ye moun - tains high, ye ce - dars tall,
By young and old by maid and youth,
Him praise ac - cord, O Is - rael's race,

Sun, moon and star, ye heav'ns a - far, and cloud - y sky.
Where fixed they be by His de - cree they can - not pass.
Ye ce - dars tall, beasts great and small and birds that fly.
By maid and youth His name in truth should be ex - tolled.
O Is - rael's race, near to His grace praise ye the Lord!

Text: Psalm 148:1-14, *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, Copyright © 1973 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: ST. CATHERINES, Horatio R. Palmer, 19th century.

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—My God, My Portion, And My Love



My God, My por - tion, and my Love, my ev - er - last - ing all,
What emp - ty things are all the skies, and this in - fe - rior clod!
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, and air, and earth, and seas,
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, to bless the sa - cred name,



I've none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, or on this earth - ly ball.
There's no - thing here de - serves my joys, there's no - thing like my God.
Con - spire to lift Thy glo - ries high and speak Thine end - less praise.
Of Him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, c. 1814,
from William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1854.

Reading of the Word—Psalm 19:1-14

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

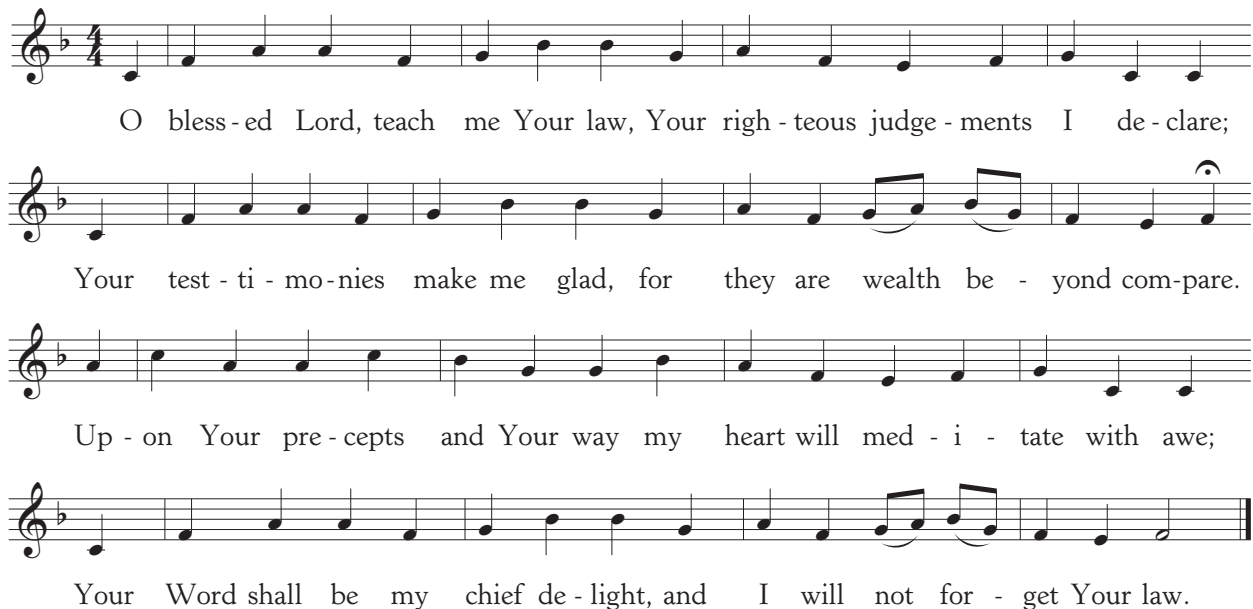
⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—How Shall The Young Direct Their Way (Psalm 119), Vs. 2



O bless-ed Lord, teach me Your law, Your righ-teous judge-ments I de-clare;
Your test-ti-mo-nies make me glad, for they are wealth be-yond com-pare.
Up-on Your pre-cepts and Your way my heart will med-i-tate with awe;
Your Word shall be my chief de-light, and I will not for-get Your law.

Text: Psalm 119:12-16, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: DUANESTREET, George Coles, 1835.

Sermon—*Revealing Our Rock and Redeemer*

—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 Romans 1:19-25

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all our ungodliness and unrighteousness. By our unrighteousness, we suppress the truth.

All: For what can be known about God is plain to us, because You have shown it to us.

Pastor: For Your invisible attributes, namely, Your eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So we are without excuse.

All: For although we knew God, we did not honor You as God or give You thanks, but we became futile in our thinking, and our foolish hearts were darkened.

Pastor: Claiming to be wise, we became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

All: We exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 32:1-2, 5; Romans 3:23-24

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Sung Response—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee, Vs. 3



Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv-ing, per-form thy du - ties faith-ful - ly,



And trust His Word: though un - de - serv-ing, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.



God nev - er yet for - sook in need the soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

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—I Waited Patient For The Lord (Psalm 40)

I wait - ed pa - tient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry;
Firm on a rock He made me stand, and taught my cheer - ful tongue
How man - y are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mer - cies, Lord, how great!

He saw me rest - ing on His Word, and brought sal - va - tion nigh.
To praise the won - ders of His hand, in a new thank - ful song.
We have not words nor hours e - nough their num - bers to re - peat.

He raised me from a hor - rid pit, where mourn - ing long I lay,
I'll spread His works of grace a - broad; the saints with joy shall hear,
When I'm af - flict - ed, poor, and low, and light and peace de - part,

And from my bonds re - leased my feet, deep bonds of mir - y clay.
And sin - ners learn to make my God their on - ly hope and fear.
My God be - holds my hea - vy woe, and bears me on His heart.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 40, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: FINGAL, Irish melody, arr. Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

Congregational Hymn—May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,
May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,

By His love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
So that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through His pow'r.
That I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.
Look - ing on - ly un - to Jes - us as I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

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—The Heavens Above Declare (Psalm 19)



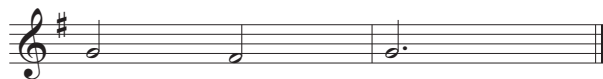
The heav'ns a - bove de - clare the glo - ry of our God;
The per - fect law of God will make the soul re - vive;
Who can dis - cern his faults? For - give my hid - den sin.
So let the words I speak be - pleas - ing in Your sight;



And what His hands have made — the skies pro - claim a - broad.
His stat - utes, sure and true, — will make the sim - ple wise.
Pro - tect from will - ful sins; — let them not reign with - in.
And let my in - most thoughts — be in Your judg - ment right.



For day by day they pour out speech, and night by night — their
The pre - cepts of the Lord are right and fill the heart — with
Then blame - less shall Your ser - vant be, from great trans - gres - sion
O Lord, You are a rock to me; You have re - deemed — and



knowl - edge teach.
great de - light.
now set free.
set me free.

Text: Psalm 19:1-2, 7-8, 12-14, OPC/URCNA Psalter, 2016; Music: ARTHUR'S SEAT, John Goss, 1874.

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 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Psalm 19 can be divided into three primary sections, centered around verses 1 (“The heavens declare the glory of God...”), 7 (“The law of the Lord is perfect...”), and 12 (“Who can discern his errors...”). The worship service this morning follows much the same pattern: a focus on both natural and special revelation, followed by a prayer that our speech and attitudes would be in line with what is revealed. The first three hymns we sing, *All Creatures Of Our God And King*, *From Heav’n O Praise The Lord—Psalm 148*, and *My God, My Portion, And My Love*, call the entire natural world to “lift up their voices,” “praise Him on high,” and “conspire to lift [His] glories high and speak [His] endless praise.” The two sung responses in the center of the service, *How Shall The Young Direct Their Way—Psalm 119* and *If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee*, draw our attention to the Scriptures, urging us to meditate on His law and trust in His Word. The communion hymns, *I Waited Patient For The Lord—Psalm 40* and *May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior*, ask the Lord to teach our “cheerful tongues to praise the wonders of His hand,” and for His Word to “dwell richly in [our hearts] from hour to hour.” To use the language of Psalm 19, these hymns help us to pray that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart might be acceptable to our Lord. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Glory, Heavens, Handiwork, Speech, Law, Word, Rock, Redeemer

Keystone Verse: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)



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