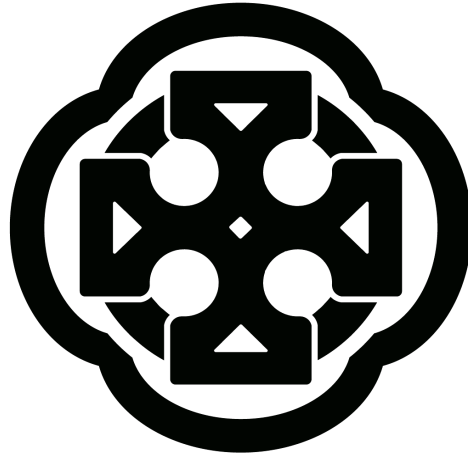




PARISH
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordinary Time
September 14th, 2025

Quotes for reflection:

The Philippian jailer washed and was washed. He washed Paul and Silas from their stripes, and he himself was washed from his sins.

—John Chrysostom

While blessed with a sense of His love,
A palace a toy would appear;
And prisons would palaces prove,
If Jesus would dwell with me there.

—John Newton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

Sung Response—In All The Land Rejoice (Psalm 100), Vs. 1

In all the land re - joice and to the Lord cry out.

In Wor-ship glad-ly serve the Lord for joy be - fore Him shout.

Text: Psalm 100:1-5, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1894.

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 28:1, 6-9

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of our pleas for mercy.

All: The Lord is our strength and our shield; in Him our hearts trust, and we are helped.

Reader 1: To you, O Lord, we call; be not deaf to us.

Reader 2: Our hearts exult, and with our songs we give thanks to Him.

All: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Pastor: Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be our shepherd and carry us forever.

Congregational Psalm—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;

He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146:1-10, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant,
 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. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—Turn Your Ear And Answer (Psalm 86)

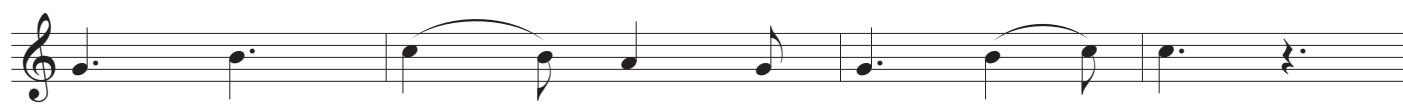


Turn Your ear _____ and an - swer, O my _____ Lord
Make the soul of Your ser - vant, glad this _____ day!
You _____ are good and for - giv - ing, kind and _____ true;
O _____ Lord lis - ten to my plea for _____ grace;



For _____ I am _____ op - pressed, I _____ am weak and _____ poor.
O _____ my sov - 'reign Lord, hear _____ me when I _____ pray.
Full _____ of stead - fast love; I _____ will call on _____ You!
I _____ will call _____ on You, in _____ my trou - bled _____ days.

Chorus



Save Your ser - vant! Pre - serve my _____ life!
Lord be Gra - cious! All my days, to You, I _____ will cry.

Text: Psalm 86:1-7, Nathan George, 2015;
Music: Nathan George, 2015.

**Baptism of Jaden, Emerie, and Josiah Faircloth,
children of Evan & Amy Faircloth**

Scripture Reading—Romans 10:9-13

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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)



Fret not your-self when e - vil seems to pros - per in the land, —
And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like a tree, —
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait; de - light in His com - mands.
I have not seen, in youth or age, the right - eous man de - crease.



Nor when the wick - ed _ plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man.
The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught in a breeze.
And He shall keep your path - way straight, up - hold you with His hand.
The Lord pro - vides a her - i - tage, a fu - ture full _ of peace.



Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de - sires ful - fill.
His bow will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will pre - vail.
A strong - hold sure in _ trou - bled days, the Lord His peo - ple saves.
He is a re - fuge ev - er - more, for all who trust the Lord.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 37, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020;
Music: GRAYMERE, Henry C. Haffner and Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020.

Sermon Text—Acts 16:16-40

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

³⁵ But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” ³⁶ And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” ³⁷ But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.” ³⁸ The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. ³⁹ So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. ⁴⁰ So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, Vs. 4

He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, He sets the pris - 'ner free;

His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

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

Sermon—*The Way Of Salvation*

—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 James 1:2-4; Philippians 3:1, 4:4

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have commanded us, “Count it all joy when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

All: But we have complained when we met trials rather than counting it all joy.

Pastor: My brothers, rejoice in the Lord!

All: We have not rejoiced in the Lord always, even though You have said many times, “Rejoice!”

Assurance of Pardon—John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

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—Jesus Shall Reign, Vs. 3

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; the pris-'ner leaps to lose his chains,

The wea-ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church—both seen and unseen;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

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. Ho -

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

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - 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—O Thou In Whose Presence



O Thou___ in whose pre - sence my soul takes de - light,
Where dost___ Thou at noon - tide re - sort with Thy sheep,
O, why___ should I wan - der an a - lien from Thee,
Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call;



On whom in af - flic - tion I call,
To feed on the past - ures of love?
And cry in the des - - ert for bread?
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice.



My com - fort by day, and my song in___ the night,
Say, why___ in the val - ley of death should I weep,
Thy foes___ will re - joice when my sor - rows they see,
Re - store___ and de - fend me, for Thou art___ my all,



My___ hope, my sal - va - tion, my all.
Or a - lone in the wild - er - ness rove?
And___ smile at the tears I have shed.
And in Thee I will ev - - - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, Freeman Lewis, 1813.

Congregational Hymn—To Live Is Christ



I re - joice! for through your prayers, — and the help of Je - sus' Spir - it,
My *sure hope and ex - pec - ta - tion* is that I will not be shamed —
Our de - sire is to de - part, — be with Christ up - on that day —



All these pre - sent trials will turn — to de - li - ver - ance.
But that — Christ will gain the glo - ry in my life or death.
Though now we are called to live, — live in joy and faith.

Chorus



To live is Christ, to be His ser - vant. To die and live with Him is — gain.



Though as I live, may fruit - ful la - bor glor - i - fy His name, glo - ri - fy His name.

Text: based on Philippians 1:19-25, Nathan George, 2012;

Music: Nathan George, 2012.

GOD’S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*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—There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood



There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's veins;
The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power,



And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.



Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;



And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

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—based on 2 Timothy 4:17-18

The Lord stand by you and strengthen you. The Lord rescue you from the lion's mouth. The Lord rescue you from every evil deed and bring you safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. *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:

There are several parallels between today's sermon text from the book of Acts and the elements chosen for this morning's service. Just as Paul and Silas are freed from their unjust imprisonment, we will sing of God's willingness to set prisoners free—from the metaphorical chains of sin and misery as much a literal bondage (*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah—Psalm 146; O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing; Jesus Shall Reign*). Just as Paul assures his captor that he need only believe to be saved, we read from Paul's letter to the Romans that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 9:13, quoting Joel 2:32), and we sing that we will call on the Lord "in [our] troubled days" and "in affliction" (*Turn Your Ear And Answer—Psalm 86; O Thou In Whose Presence*). Just as Paul and Silas are washed from their wounds while the jailer and his family are baptized, we rejoice that Jesus' blood has "washed all [our] sins away" (*There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood*). Finally, since this entire story takes place in the city of Phillipi, the text of our final communion hymn (*To Live Is Christ*) is based on passages from Paul's letter to the Phillipians.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Spirits, Gain, Salvation, Prison, Saved, Believe, Rejoice, Magistrates

Keystone Verse: And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31)



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