



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Reformation Sunday

*27 October 2024*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!  
—John Newton

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## 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—1 Peter 5:5

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

### Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy shall ring, "The Lord om-ni - po - tent is King."

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin,  
from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, alt. 2010.

### Call to Worship—from Psalm 139:7-12, 14

Pastor: Where shall we go from Your Spirit? Or where shall we flee from Your presence?

**All: If we ascend to heaven, You are there! If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!**

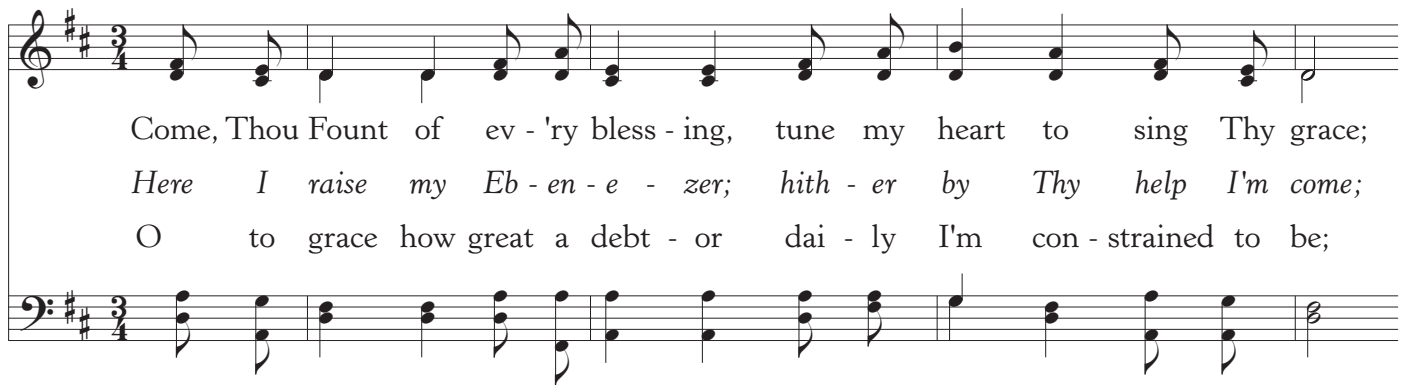
Reader 1: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me.

Reader 2: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

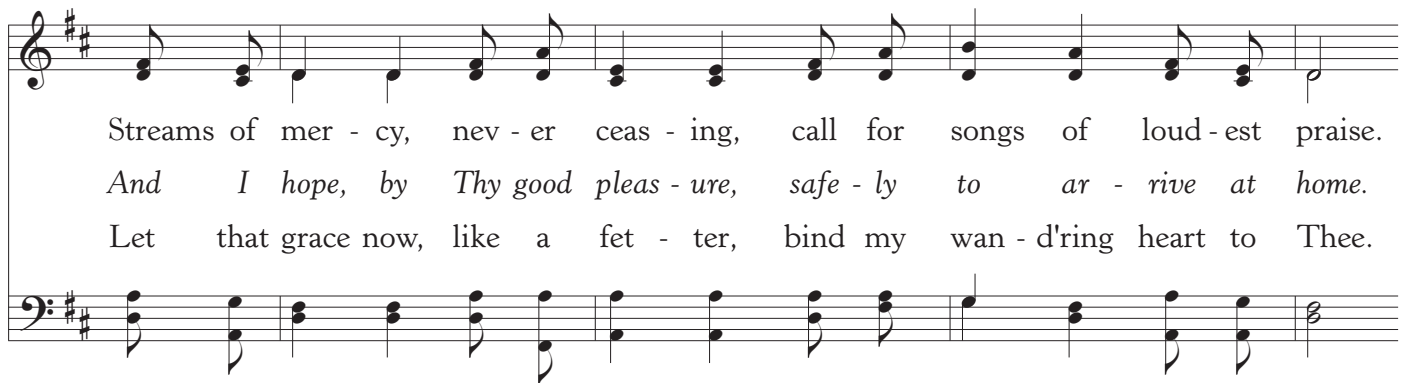
**All: We praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Pastor: Wonderful are Your works; our soul knows it very well.

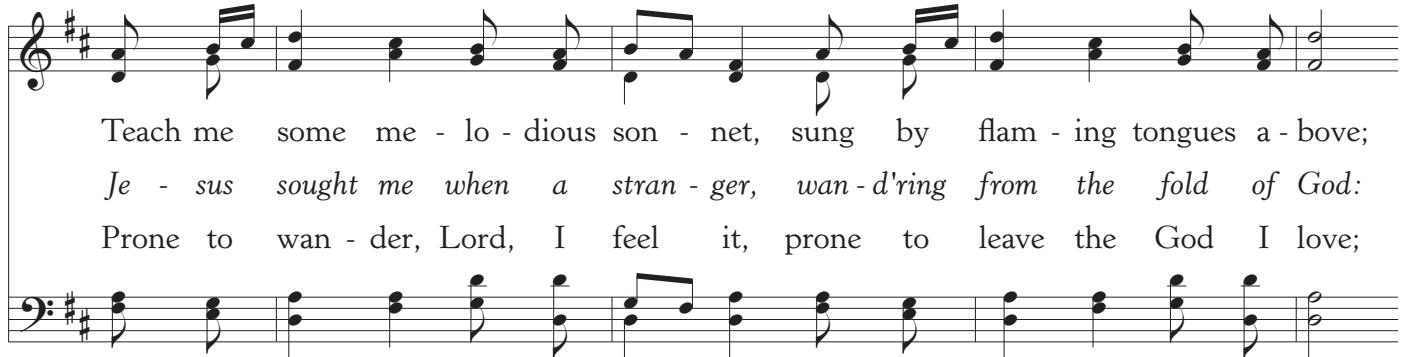
## Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



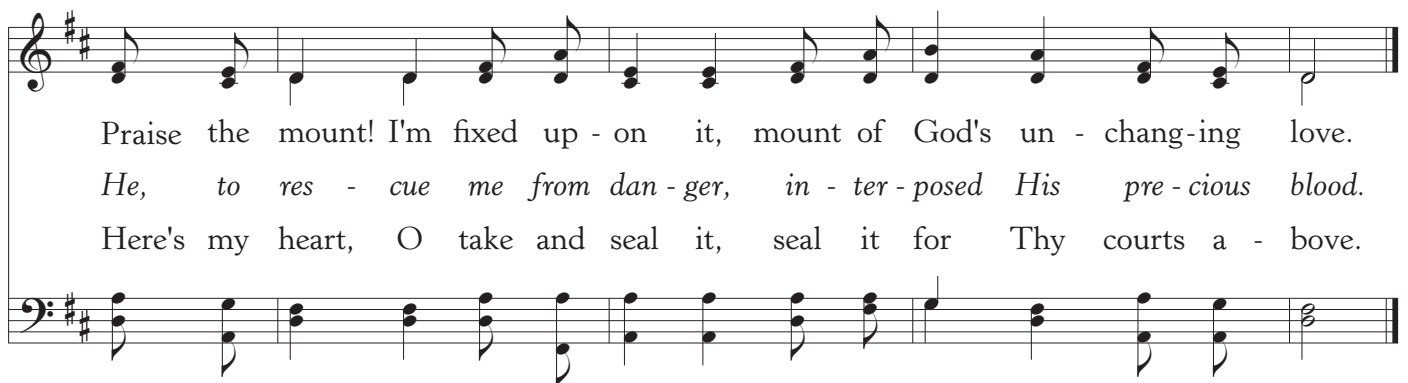
Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
*Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;*  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
*And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.*  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
*Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:*  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
*He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.*  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 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—The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad (Psalm 21)



O Je - ho - vah, the king in Your strength shall be glad,  
Through sal - va - tion from You is his fame wide - ly spread,  
You will stretch forth Your hand on the heads of Your foes,



And shall in Your sal - va - tion re - joice;— for You free - ly have giv - en each  
For the maj - es - ty You did im - part— O most bles - sed for - ev - er the  
On Your hat - ers a right hand of pow'r, then Your wrath shall a - round them like



Wish his heart had, You at - tend to the cries of his voice.—  
King has been made, and Your pres - ence has glad - dened his heart.—  
Fur - nace flames close; for Je - ho - vah's own wrath shall de - vour.—



All the bless - ings he craved You did grac - ious - ly give,  
For the king in the name of Je - ho - vah Most High  
From the earth shall their race be con - sumed and de - stroyed,  
You will turn back your foes; You will put them to flight,



With the pur - est of gold he is crowned.— When he asked of You life, You  
Did un - wav - er - ing con - fi - dence place;— through His great lov - ing - kind - ness  
And their off - spring for - ev - er shall fail;— by the e - vil they plot - ted,  
When Your ar - rows are aimed at their face.— Be ex - al - ted Je - ho - vah,



Have made him to live, while the ag - es shall cir - cle a - round.  
He still will re - ly on the High - est, and stand by His grace.  
The schemes they em - ployed. they shall nev - er a - gainst You pre - vail.  
In strength and in might; we will sing of Your pow - er and grace.

Text: Psalm 21:1-13, *The Psalter*, 1898, alt. 2021; Music: KING PHILIP, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

## Scripture Reading—Luke 20:45-21:4

And in the hearing of all the people [Jesus] said to His disciples, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And He said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

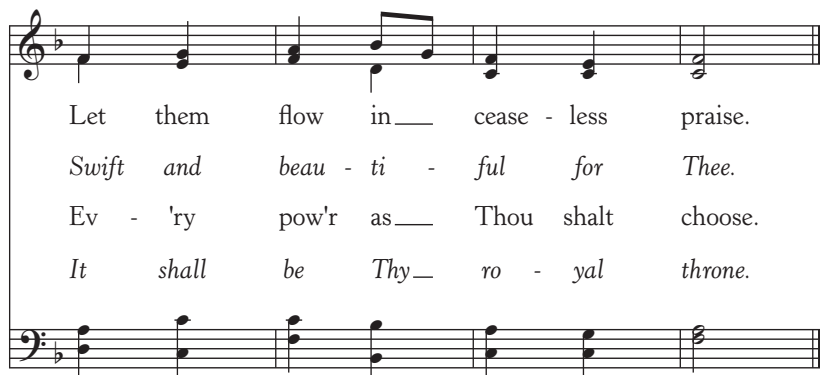
## Congregational Hymn—Take My Life And Let It Be



Take my life, — and let it be con - se - crat - ed, — Lord, to — Thee.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse — of Thy love.  
Take my sil - ver — and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.  
Take my will, — and make it Thine; it shall be — no — long - er — mine.



Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less — praise,  
Take my feet, and — let them be — swift and beau - ti - ful — for — Thee, —  
Take my in - tel - lect and use — ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Take my heart, it — is Thine own; it shall be Thy ro - yal — throne,



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Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
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Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: HENDON, Henri A. C. Malan, 1827, harm. Lowell Mason, 1841.



# 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 Jeremiah 9:3-6

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Like a bow we have bent our tongues for lies. We are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For we proceed from evil to evil, and we do not know You, Lord.

All: **For every one of us utterly supplants his brother, and we walk as slanderers with our neighbors.**

Pastor: Every one of us deceives his neighbor, and we do not speak the truth.

All: **We have taught our tongue to speak lies; we weary ourselves to commit iniquity. Through deceit we refuse to know You, Lord.**

## Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 1:5-8; Colossians 2:6-7

In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: **So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

## Sung Response—From Heaven On High, Vs. 3



Je - sus the Christ, our God and Lord, who in all need shall aid af - ford;



Him - self will your Sal - va - tion be, Him - self from sin will make you free.

Text: Martin Luther, 1535, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: VOM HIMMEL HOCH, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539.

## 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y— be un - to— Thee,  
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.



## 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—Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word

Lord, keep us stead-fast in Thy word, curb those who fain by craft or sword  
Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, for Thou art Lord of lords a - lone,  
O Com-fort - er of price-less worth, send peace and un - i - ty on Earth;

Would wrest the king-dom from thy Son, and set at naught all He hath done.  
De - fend Thy Chris - ten - dom, that we may ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.  
Sup - port us in our fin - al strife, and lead us out of death to life.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Text: Martin Luther, 1541, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. 2007; Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.

### Congregational Hymn—Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es\_ giv - en;  
It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;  
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;

But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from Heav-en:  
The vic - tor - y re - mained with life: the reign of death was\_ end - ed.  
Christ is Him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.

There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing God's prais - es thank - ful - ly  
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns, an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;

With songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death's sting is lost for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!  
The night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Text: Martin Luther, 1524, tr. Richard Massie 1858; Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, Medieval melody, arr. Johann Walther, 1524.

# 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.*

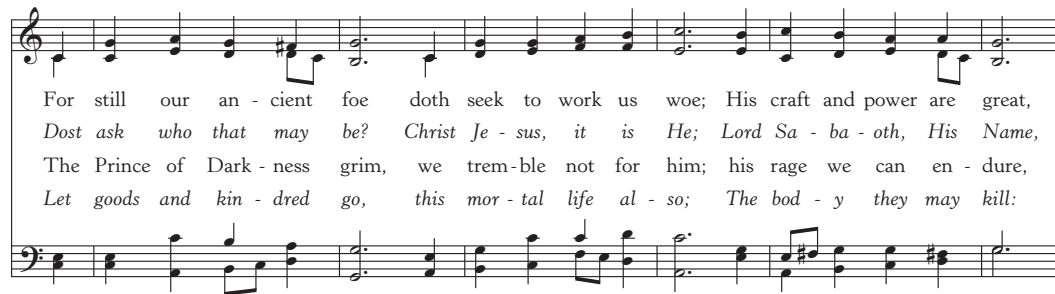
## Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



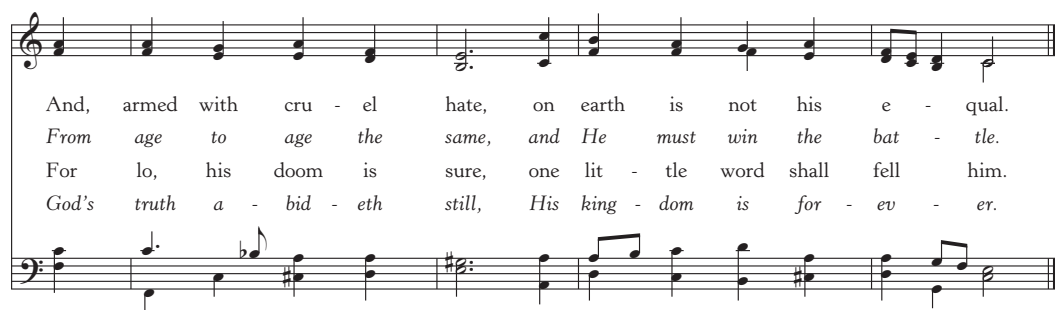
A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,  
That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing;  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sid - eth:



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His Name,  
The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:



And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
From age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;  
Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

## 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.*

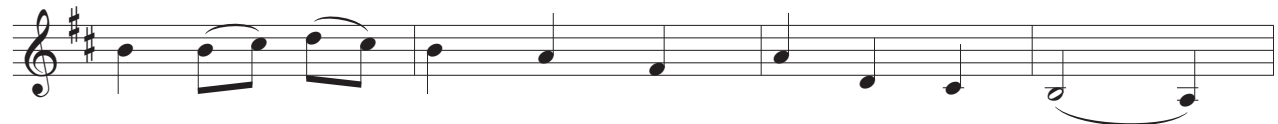
### Sung Response—Be Thou My Vision, Vs. 5



High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Ancient Irish Poem, tr. Mary Byrne, 1905;  
Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

This Sunday marks the annual observance of Reformation Sunday, when we remember with thanksgiving God's hand of providence in the 16<sup>th</sup> century Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther, the German monk who launched the Reformation by posting 95 theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, had a prolific engagement with music and poetry. Hymnals which included either tunes or texts by Luther appeared as early as 1524, and he worked closely with Johann Walter (the composer of CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN) to prepare music for a German language worship service. Luther famously wrote both the music and text of *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (a paraphrase of Psalm 46), but he also provided the poetry for *Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands* and *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word* and adapted a previously existing folk song for use with his Christmas hymn, *From Heaven On High* (all of which we'll sing this morning). He also believed that music and singing were such vital practices for the Christian that he greatly encouraged the development of musical education in the emerging German states—an effort that certainly encouraged the flowering of German musical culture in the following centuries, an example of theology working its way out in the life of a people. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** One, Common, Power, Grace, Sold, Lie, Holy Spirit, God, Fear

**Keystone Verse:** And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33)



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