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There Peter stands like a sheep among a hundred wolves. And yet there he stands, fearing nothing and answering faithfully. Do we not see there a man very different from what he was before? Now that God holds him in His strong hand, Peter is no longer weak, but so greatly strengthened that no grandeur or awesome presence of any kind can frighten him. —John Calvin

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 2:6

[God says] in Scripture, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

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 118:1-4, 28-29

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

All: **You are our God, and we will give thanks to You; You are our God; we will extol You.**

Reader 1: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Reader 2: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: **Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Congregational Psalm—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)

O_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures. ___
O_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." ___
In an - guish to_ the Lord I cried; the_ Lord then set me_ free. ___
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He_ gives His help to_ me; ___
O_ bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly. ___

O let all Is - ra - el_ now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." ___
Let those who fear_ the Lord now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." ___
The Lord's with me, _ I will not fear. What harm can man do_ me? ___
And so in tri - umph I_ will look on_ all those ha - ting me. ___
Yes bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord than men whose rank is_ high. ___

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2009 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.

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—Lord, Hear My Voice (Psalm 61)



Lord, hear my voice, my prayer at - tend, from earth's re - mot - est bound I send
In You my soul has shel - ter found, and You have been from foes a - round
For You, O Lord, my vows have heard, on me their her - i - tage con - ferred,
Be - fore the Lord shall he a - bide; oh, give him truth, and grace pro - vide



My bro - ken heart - ed cry. When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast,
The tow'r of my de - fense. My home shall your pa - vil - ion be;
That fear Your ho - ly name. Long life You to Your ser - vant give,
To guard him in the way. So I Your prais - es will make known,

Vs. 1 & 2, then Chorus



Then lead me on the rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.
And un - der - neath Your wings I'll flee, to find de - liv - er - ance.
Through gen - er - a - tions he shall live, from age to age the same.
And hum - bly bend - ing at Your throne, my vows will dai - ly pay.

Chorus



When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast, then lead me on



The rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.

Text: Psalm 61:1-8, *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2022;
Music: TRAVELLER, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame—tune ev - ery heart and tongue.
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Irish Melody, arr. H. T. Burleigh, 1939.

Reading of the Word—Acts 4:5-12

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds, Vs. 3



Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,



My nev - er fail - ing trea - s'ry, filled with bound-less stores of grace!

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

Sermon—*The Builders and the Cornerstone*

—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—from Psalm 118:5-9, 18, 25

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. Out of our distress we call on You, Lord; Lord, answer us and set us free.

All: The Lord has disciplined us severely, but He has not given us over to death.

Pastor: Lord, if You are on our side, we will not fear. What can man do to us? Lord, be on our side as our helper, and we shall look in triumph on those who hate us.

All: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 118:14-16; Colossians 2:6-7

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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—Jesus, Shepherd Of Thy People, Vs. 1



Je - sus, Shep - herd of Thy peo - ple, lead us through this des - ert land;



We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble, yet we trust Thy might - y hand;



Great pro - tec - tor! By Thy power a - lone we stand.

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—At The Name Of Jesus



At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess—Him
Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name From the lips of sin - ners
In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due All that is not ho - ly,
Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain With His Fath - er's glo - ry,



King of glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
un - to whom He came, Faith - ful - ly He bore— it spot - less to the last,
all that is not true; Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
with His ang - el train; For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,



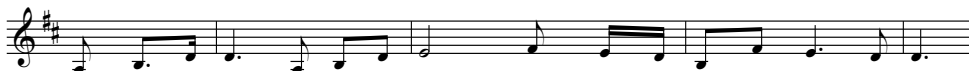
Who from the beg - in - ning was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious when from death He passed.
Let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
And our hearts conf - ess Him King of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

Congregational Hymn—In Christ Alone



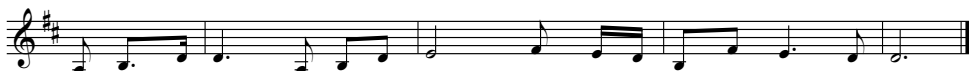
In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less babe!
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness:
When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace;
His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in Him be found;

I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,

All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863.

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 Psalm 118:25-27

The Lord save you. The Lord give you success. The Lord bless you from His house. The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! *Amen.*

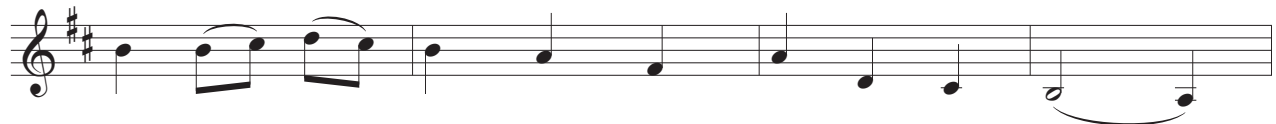
Sung Response—Be Thou My Vision, Vs. 5



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:

The representation of Jesus as a “cornerstone,” primarily found in Psalm 118, can be seen throughout this morning’s service. Nearly all of Pastor Jamie’s Scripture selections (the Call to Worship, Scripture Reading, Confession of Sin, Assurance of Pardon, Benediction) are taken from that majestic messianic psalm, which we’ll also sing at the opening of the service (*O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good—Psalm 118*). In the other psalms and hymns we sing, we’ll refer to Jesus as “the rock higher than I” (*Lord, Hear My Voice—Psalm 61*), “the rock on which I build” (*How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds*), “this cornerstone, this solid ground” (*In Christ Alone*), and “the solid rock” (*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*). We’ll be using these “rock” and “stone” metaphors in the same way that the Apostle Peter does in Acts 4, when he confronts the Jewish leaders with the truth that “This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11). He further emphasizes in his address that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). This inspired the choice of two other hymns. Like Peter, we look forward to the day when “strangers love [His] charming name” (*To Our Redeemer’s Glorious Name*) and every knee will bow at its mention (*At The Name Of Jesus*). —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)



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