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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Kingdomtide
October 5th, 2025

Quotes for reflection:

The glory of His goodness shines in making choice of any, when all most justly deserve to be rejected. But the glory of His mercy and love had lain under an eternal eclipse without a Redeemer. In the work of redemption all His perfections and excellencies shine forth in their greatest glory. And this is the end that God proposed in their conversion and regeneration.

—Thomas Boston

Let us not limit God's power and confine His mercy by law. For God, whenever it pleases Him, changes the worst men into the best, engrafts the alien, and adopts the stranger into the church.

—John Calvin

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—Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



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



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

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 91:1-4, 9

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

All: We will say to the Lord, “Our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

Reader 1: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

Reader 2: He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Pastor: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

All: We make the Lord our dwelling place. The Most High is our refuge.

Pastor: We hold fast to Him in love, and He will deliver us; He will protect us, because we know His name.

Congregational Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The music is a congregational hymn, featuring a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side.

Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be Thou still my Strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

More; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
Shield; (Strength and Shield) be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Thee; (give to Thee) I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

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—Incarnate God! (Psalm 91)



In - car - nate God! the soul that knows Your name's mys - ter - ious pow'r,
In__ vain the fow - ler spreads his net to__ draw them from Your care;
No mid-night ter - rors haunt their bed, no__ ar - row wounds by day;
The an - gels' Lord Him-self is nigh to__ them that love His name;



Will dwell in un - di - sturb'd re - pose nor fear the try - ing hour.
Your time - ly call in - structs their feet to__ shun the art - ful snare.
Un - hurt on ser - pents they shall tread, if__ found in du - ty's way.
Is__ quick to save them when they cry, and put their foes to shame.



Your wis - dom, faith - ful - ness, and love to fee - ble, frail and worn,
When, like a bane - ful pest - i - lence, sin mows its thou - sands down,
An - gels, un - seen, at - tend the saints and bear them in their arms,
The__ Lord will an - swer when they call long as they so - journ here,



A__ shel - ter and a__ re - fuge prove from e - ne - my and storm.
On ev - 'ry side with - out de - fense His__ grace se - cures His own.
To cheer the spir - it__ when it faints, and__ guard their life from harms.
Be - cause the Lord is__ their de - fense what have the saints to fear?

Text: John Newton, *Olney Hymnal*, 1779; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 3:16-21

The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—He Who Trusts In The Lord (Psalm 125)

Chorus

He who trusts in the Lord shall be like Zi-on's hill; Like a moun-tain ne-ver mov-ing,
Through storm-y gales and win-ter's i-cy chill, He is stand-ing still. *Fine*

Verse

Like the moun-tains stand-ing tall watch-ing o-ver Zi-on's walls,
Let no wick-ed rod com-mand in the right-eous peo-ple's land
Do Your good un-to the good, to the up-right hearts, O Lord;
So the Lord de-fends His peo-ple from their foes both great and small.
Lest His folk, in bit-ter an-ger, they stretch out a-veng-ing hands
Those who turn down crook-ed path-ways meet the end that e-vil should.

AFTER VS. 3, TO BRIDGE

Bridge

WOMEN
MEN
Peace be to the Is-ra-el of God!
God! Peace be to thee!
Peace be to the Is-ra-el of God! *D.C. al Fine*

Text: based on Psalm 125:1-5, Henry C. Haffner, 2025;
Music: CLINGMANS DOME, Henry C. Haffner, 2025.

Sermon Text—Acts 18:1-23

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³ and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶ And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷ And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” ¹¹ And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, ¹³ saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” ¹⁴ But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. ¹⁵ But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” ¹⁶ And he drove them from the tribunal. ¹⁷ And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

¹⁸ After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. ¹⁹ And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰ When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. ²¹ But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills,” and he set sail from Ephesus.

²² When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. ²³ After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

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 musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!

It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.

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

Sermon—*The Lord Has His People In This City*

—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 Matthew 10:24-27, 29-33

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have said, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.”

All: But we have been afraid of men. What You told us in the dark, we have not spoken in the light. What You whispered, we have not proclaimed on the housetops.

Pastor: “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.”

All: But we are afraid. We have not believed that we are of more value than many sparrows.

Pastor: So everyone who acknowledges Jesus before men, Jesus also will acknowledge before His Father who is in heaven.

All: But whoever denies Jesus before men, He also will deny before His Father who is in heaven.

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 10:9-13; Colossians 2:6-7

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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—Light Of The Anxious Heart, Vs. 1

Light of the anx - ious heart, Je - sus, Thou dost ap - pear,

To bid the gloom of guilt de-part, and shed Thy sweet-ness here.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting. The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. Both parts are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th C. tr. by J. H. Newman, 1836;
Music: SELMA, Robert Archibald Smith, 1825.

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 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:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,'. The second staff continues in 4/4 time with 'Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y be un - to Thee,'. The third staff begins in 5/4 time with 'O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high,' and then changes to 2/4 time for 'A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using eighth and quarter notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

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 Psalm—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)



My_ shep - herd will sup - ply my need: Je - ho - vah is His name;____
When I walk through the shades of_ death Thy pre - sence is my stay;____
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;____



In_ past - ures fresh He makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.____
One word of_ Thy sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way.____
O_ may Thy house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wand-'ring spir - it_ back when I for - sake His ways,____
Thy hand, in_ sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread;____
There would I_ find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;____



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in_ paths of truth and grace.____
My cup with bless - ings ov - er - flows, Thine oil a - noints my head.____
No more a_ strang - er, nor a_ guest, but like a child at home.____

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, 1719;
Music: RESIGNATION, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Congregational Hymn—Christ Our Hope In Life And Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
Un - to the grave, whatshall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-long.
Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.
And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er-last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? Who comes, a - part from His com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.—
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
And we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er more.—

Chorus



O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal;



O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con-fess: Christ our hope in life and death.

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Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker and Matt Papa, 2020.

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—Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears,

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home.
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace.
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong;
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us, we jour - ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
With deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836.

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 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

“Kingdomtide” is a liturgical season observed primarily by Presbyterians and Methodists since the early 20th century, with a focus on personal spiritual growth and the growth of the Kingdom of God. During this season, which continues up until Advent, special emphasis is placed on acts of service, teaching, and evangelism within our communities. You’ll notice that we begin this morning’s service with a hymn which declares that “The Lord omnipotent is King!” (*The Lord Is King*). Likewise, we conclude by asking the “King eternal” to lead us in our “fierce war” against sin—not with swords or battle drums, but with holiness and “deeds of love and mercy” (*Lead On, O King Eternal*). As we enter this new season, let’s ask the Lord for the courage to speak boldly to our unbelieving family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, that His church would be built and strangers brought home to the Kingdom.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Reason, Persuade, Testify, Believe, Teach, Word, Vow, Strengthen

Keystone Verse: And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” (Acts 18:9-10)



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