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The very foundations of law and justice were destroyed under Saul's unrighteous government: but what were all these things to the man whose trust was in God alone? He could brave the dangers, could escape the enemies, and defy the injustice which surrounded him. His answer to the question, 'What can the righteous do?' would be the counter-question, "What cannot they do?" —Charles Spurgeon

There is one who pleads His precious blood in our behalf in the temple above, and there is one upon the throne who is never deaf to the intercession of His Son. Why, then, should we fear? What plots can men devise which Jesus will not discover? —Charles Spurgeon

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—Isaiah 28:16

Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: "Whoever believes will not be in haste."

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - jice; Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—Psalm 93:1-5

Pastor: The Lord reigns; He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

All: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Reader 1: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

Reader 2: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!

All: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Pastor: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

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,

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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—Who Shall Abide In the Tents Of The Lord (Psalm 15)

Chorus



Who shall a-bide in the tents of the Lord, who shall dwell on His ho - ly hill?

Fine



Who shall a-bide in the tents of the Lord, who shall dwell on His ho - ly hill?

Verse



His walk is blame - less; He does what is right His heart shall speak truth to the end;

His eyes look scorn - ful - ly down on the vile, he hon - ors the fear of the Lord;



His tongue tells no lies, His hands do no e - vil He ne - ver brings shame on a friend.

He lends to the poor with-out seek-ing prof-it, when hurt-ing, he still keeps his word.

TO CHORUS

TO CHORUS, THEN BRIDGE

Bridge



He who does this, he who does this he shall ne - ver be moved.



He who does this, he who does this he shall ne - ver be moved.

TO CHORUS

Text: based on Psalm 15:1-5, Henry C. Haffner, 2024;
Music: STONE MOUNTAIN, Henry C. Haffner, 2024.

Scripture Reading—Revelation 4:1-3, 5-6, 8

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, — we bow — be - fore You!
Hark! the loud ce - lest - ial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove — are rais - ing,
Lo! the a - po - sto - lic train join the sac - red name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, three we name You;



All on Earth Your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore You:
Cher - u - bim — and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing;
Pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
While in es - sence onl - y One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim You;



In - fi - nite — Your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is — Your reign.
Fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord."
And from morn — to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing — this my - ster - y.

Text: based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Reading of the Word—Psalm 11:1-7

In the Lord I take refuge. How then can you say to me: “Flee like a bird to your mountain. ²For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. ³When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” ⁴The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord is on His heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them. ⁵The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, He hates with a passion. ⁶On the wicked He will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. ⁷For the Lord is righteous, He loves justice; the upright will see His face.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus, Vs. 2

O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;

How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;

How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;

How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The melody features several triplet patterns, indicated by a '3' above the notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes.

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1890.

Sermon—*Our Refuge, In Heaven*

—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 Genesis 6:3, 5-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You know our sin, and You have said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” Lord, You saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth.

All: Lord, You see that every intention of the thoughts of our hearts are only evil continually.

Pastor: Lord, You have regretted that You had made man on the earth, and it grieved You to Your heart.

All: You created us, and You would be just to blot out us out from the face of the land. But may we find favor in Your sight.

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 53:10-11; Acts 1:8

It was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses.”

All: “In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

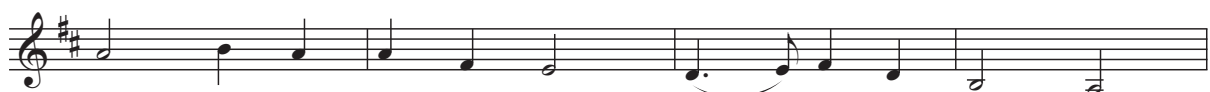
Sung Response—Come Ye Disconsolate, Vs. 3



Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing



Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row but Heav-en can re - move.

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:

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features two parts: Women (treble clef) and Men (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est." The score includes a key signature change from one flat to no flats for the final section.

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—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.

Congregational Hymn—Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!



Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scept - er, His the throne.
Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
Al - le - lu - ia! bread of an - gels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to Thee from day to day:
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, Earth Thy foot - stool, Heav'n Thy throne:

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood.
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the fort - y days were o'er
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
Thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;

Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by His blood.
Shall our hearts for - get His pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
Where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Thou on earth both priest and vic - tim in the Euch - ar - is - tic feast.

Text: William C. Dix, 1867; Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

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—My Trust Is In The Lord (Psalm 11)



My trust is in the Lord; how can you say to me,
The Lord the right - eous tries: but wick - ed men He hates,



“A - way with speed, and like a bird to your high moun - tain flee?
For all whose hearts love vi - o - lence His pun - ish - ment a - waits.



What can the right - eous do? What can for them a - vail,
Fire, winds, and burn - ing coals, on wick - ed men shall rain;



If their foun - da - tions be des - troyed and all they built on fail?
This is the por - tion of their cup, the cup which they shall drain.



The Lord in Zi - on dwells, the Lord's throne is on high:
Be - cause the right - eous Lord de - lights in right - eous - ness;



His eyes be - hold the sons of men; O they will sure be tried.
And with His grac - ious coun - te - nance the up - right He will bless.

Text: Psalm 11:1-7, *Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;
Music: GAINESBORO, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

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—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

In Psalm 11:3, David cries out in distress “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” The comforting answer is found in the following verse, “The Lord is in His holy temple” (Psalm 11:4). God is on His throne, He sees our troubles, and He will put all things to right—a sentiment found throughout the service this morning. We enter worship with the words of Psalm 93, declaring that the Lord reigns, that He is robed in majesty, that He is mightier than the waters of the sea, and that His throne is established from of old. We respond with *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*, calling Christ our solid rock, our anchor, and our support in the overwhelming flood. Hymns like *O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus, Come, Ye Disconsolate*, and *Alleluia! Sing To Jesus* remind us that the Lord’s throne is in Heaven, that He watches over us from His throne, and that pure waters flow from that throne—pure enough to remove all our sorrows. Even if we, like David, must “flee like a bird to your mountain” (Psalm 11:1), *Incarnate God—Psalm 91* describes the Lord with the image of a shelter, where the little birds are safe from the fowler’s snare. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in heaven. (Psalm 11:4)



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