



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time

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Everything the Lord promises to give us, He also bids us to ask from Him in prayers. By prayer, we dig up the treasures that the Lord pointed out by His gospel and that our faith has gazed upon. —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—Romans 10:13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### Sung Response—Come, Thou Almighty King, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!' The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 33:8-9, 16-18, 20-21

Pastor: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

All: **For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.**

Reader 1: The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

Reader 2: The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

All: **Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

## 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—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.

## Scripture Reading—Psalm 121:1-8

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn—Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,  
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.  
Of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!  
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
With such I hast - en to the place where God, my Sav - ior, shows His face,  
And since He bids me seek His face, be - lieve His Word, and trust His grace,

And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!  
I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Text: William Walford, 1845; Music: SWEET HOUR, William B. Bradbury, 1861.

## Reading of the Word—Psalm 20:1-9

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! <sup>2</sup> May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! <sup>3</sup> May He remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His right hand. <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. <sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, save the king! May He answer us when we call.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—O God, Our Help In Ages Past (Psalm 90), Vs. 1

The image shows a musical score for the song 'O God, Our Help In Ages Past'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has the lyrics 'O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,' and the second system has the lyrics 'Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.' The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1708.

## Sermon—*God Save the King*

—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 Isaiah 31:1-3

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Woe to us as we go to man for help and rely on horses. We trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong.

All: **But we do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord.**

Pastor: You will arise against the house of the evildoers and against the helpers of those who work iniquity.

All: **We have hoped in man, and not God. When the Lord stretches out His hand, the helper will stumble, and he who is helped will fall, and we will all perish together.**

## Assurance of Pardon—John 3:16-17; Romans 3:23-24

For 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: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

## Sung Response—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, Vs. 1

Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: MARTYN, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834.

# 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:

WOMEN

MEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

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. Hos-

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

san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-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—Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_  
When my life is al - most gone, \_\_\_\_\_  
And the day is past and gone, \_\_\_\_\_

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: \_  
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Thomas Dorsey, 1938; Music: MAITLAND, George Nelson Allen, 1844.

## Congregational Psalm—O God You Have Rejected Us (Psalm 60)

O God, You have re - ject - ed us, and bro - ken our de - fense;  
That Your be - lov - ed may be saved and from their foes set free  
Now there-fore, who will lead us on Sin's strong-holds to poss - ess?

You have been an - gry, but in grace re - store us once a - gain.  
Help with the might of Your right hand, in mer - cy an - swer me.  
No long - er cast us off, O God, but give our hosts suc - cess.

O, You have torn and rent our land, Your judg - ments dread a - pall;  
The Lord in ho - li - ness has said: "I will tri - um - phant be,  
O give Your help a - gainst the foe for help of man is vain,

O heal her shatt-er'd strength be - fore she stum - ble to her fall.  
All heath - en lands I claim as Mine and they shall bow to Me."  
With God we shall do val - iant - ly, the vic - t'ry He will gain.

A ho - ly bann - er You have giv'n to those who fear Your name,  
The right-eous run to see it wave, and thus the truth pro - claim.

Text: Psalm 60:1-12, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2017; Music: HALFACRE, Henry C. Haffner, 2017.

# 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—The Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



The Lord ev - er hear you when trou - bles are near;  
May He all the gifts of your love keep in mind,  
For joy in sal - va - tion we'll shout to His praise:  
Some trust in their char - iots pre - pared for the fray,  
Our foes are bowed down and are fal - len at length,



The name of our God keep you safe from all fear.  
And all of your off' - rings ac - cep - ta - ble find;  
In God's ho - ly name all our ban - ners we'll raise.  
And some in their hor - ses the foe to dis - may,  
While we have a - ris - en and stand in Your strength.



The Lord send you help; from His tem - ple pro - claim  
May He ev - er grant you the wish of your heart,  
The Lord who has saved be your con - fi - dence still,  
But we will make men - tion of one on - ly name;  
O, Lord save the king! For You rule o - ver all;



That He'll out of Zi - on your weak - ness sus - tain.  
Ful - fill all your yearn - ing, and wis - dom im - part.  
And all your pe - ti - tions in mer - cy ful - fill.  
The Lord God al - migh - ty, we'll ev - er ac - claim.  
Give bless - ing and an - swer when - ev - er we call!

Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;  
Music: STAR POINTER, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

## 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—Doxology

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

praise Him above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

### Announcements

## Worship Notes:

When you are in trouble, who do you call for help? Who or what do you trust to be at your side when you need them? This morning's service points us to a single, heavenly answer to these perennial questions. Various Scripture readings remind us that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13), that our Lord is "our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20), and that our "help comes from the Lord" (Psalm 121:2). We acknowledge that "the king is not saved by his great army" and "The war horse is a false hope for salvation" (Psalm 33:16-17), prompting us to confess that it is "better far to trust the Lord than on man's help rely" (*O Thank The Lord For He Is Good—Psalm 118*). We ask the Lord to "listen to [our] plea for grace" (*Turn Your Ear And Answer—Psalm 86*), and to "hear [our] cry, hear [our] call" (*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*), trusting that the God who has been "our help in ages past" shall also be "our hope for years to come" (*O God, Our Help In Ages Past—Psalm 90*). Though the "help of man is vain," we trust that "with God we shall do valiantly" (*O God, You Have Rejected Us—Psalm 60*). He is faithful to "answer whenever we call" (*The Lord Ever Hear You—Psalm 20*). —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Answer, Trouble, Sanctuary, Favor, Salvation, Name, Anointed, Trust, Stand

**Keystone Verse:** Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His right hand. (Psalm 20:6)



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