



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

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It is not the hearing of the gospel by itself that brings salvation, but its appropriation by faith; and if that faith is a genuine faith, it will be a persistent faith. —F.F. Bruce

If I find in myself desires which nothing in the world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world. —C. S. Lewis

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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—Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

### 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—Psalm 95:1-4, 6-7

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Reader 1: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Reader 2: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

All: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

## Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Shepherd Of Thy People



Je - sus, Shep - herd of Thy peo - ple, lead us through this des - ert land;  
All Thy sheep shall come to Zi - on; with them Thou wilt nev - er part;  
In Thy bos - om safe - ly lodg - ed, Thine shall rest from dan - ger free;



We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble, yet we trust Thy might - y hand;  
Beasts of prey, nor roar - ing li - on, none shall pluck them from Thy heart;  
They shall nev - er more be judg - ed, nor shall con - dem - na - tion see;



Great pro - tec - tor! By Thy power a - lone we stand.  
All Thy cho - sen cost Thee wounds, and blood, and smart.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, let us thus re - joice in Thee.

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Text: J. Adams, 1838; Music: Cathy Steere, 2008.

# 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.

## Antiphonal Scripture Song—Song At The Sea

### \* REFRAIN

Leader



To the Lord I will sing for His glo-rious vic-to-ry; the horse and the ri-der He has thrown in-to the sea.

Congregation



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To the Lord I will sing for His glo-rious vic-to-ry; the horse and the ri-der He has thrown in-to the sea.

Leader



The Lord is my strength and my song, sal - va - tion He brings to me;  
For Phar - aoh and all of his host, He cast them in - to the sea,  
The en - e - my vowed to pur - sue, to ru - in to rape to spoil;  
You led to Your ho - ly a - bode the peo - ple whom You re - deemed;  
You plant them on Your ho - ly hill, the moun - tain which You have made,



My fa - ther's God, He is my God, and I will ex - alt and praise.  
The floods went up; and in the depths their char - i - ots sank like stones.  
The sea rose up and cov - ered them; in wa - ter they sank like lead.  
The na - tions heard; they trem - ble still; all Ca - naan shall melt a - way.  
Es - tab - lished there by Your right hand, for - ev - er with You they'll reign.

Congregation



The Lord is a man of war; Je - ho - vah is His name. \*  
Your hand shows your glor - ious pow'r to crush your en - e - mies.  
O who is like You, my Lord, in per - fect ho - li - ness? \*  
On them shall great ter - ror fall till all Your folk pass by.  
Ma - jes - tic are all Your deeds, the won - ders of Your hand. \*

Text: Exodus 15:1-21, Henry C. Haffner. 2022; Music: MIDNIGHT SUN. Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

## Scripture Reading—Revelation 22:1–5, 17

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever... The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Psalm—O Lord Of Hosts, How Lovely (Psalm 84)



O Lord of Hosts, how love-ly Thy dwell - ing pla - ces are  
Be - neath Thy care the spar-row shall find a place of rest  
Blest they who dwell in Zi - on whose joy and strength Thou art



For them my heart is yearn - ing, though I have wan - dered far,  
To keep her young in safe - ty the swal - low finds a nest  
For - ev - er they will praise Thee, Thy ways are in their heart



My soul is near - ly faint - ing Thy sa - cred courts to see  
Then, Lord, my King al - migh - ty, Thy love will shel - ter me  
Though tired, their tears like show - ers shall fill the springs of peace



My heart and flesh are cry - ing O liv - ing God, to Thee.  
Be - side Thy ho - ly al - tar my home shall ev - er\_ be.  
And all the way to Zi - on their strength shall be in - creased.

Text: Psalm 84:1-7, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;

Music: CHAPEL HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

## Reading of the Word—Hebrews 4:1-11

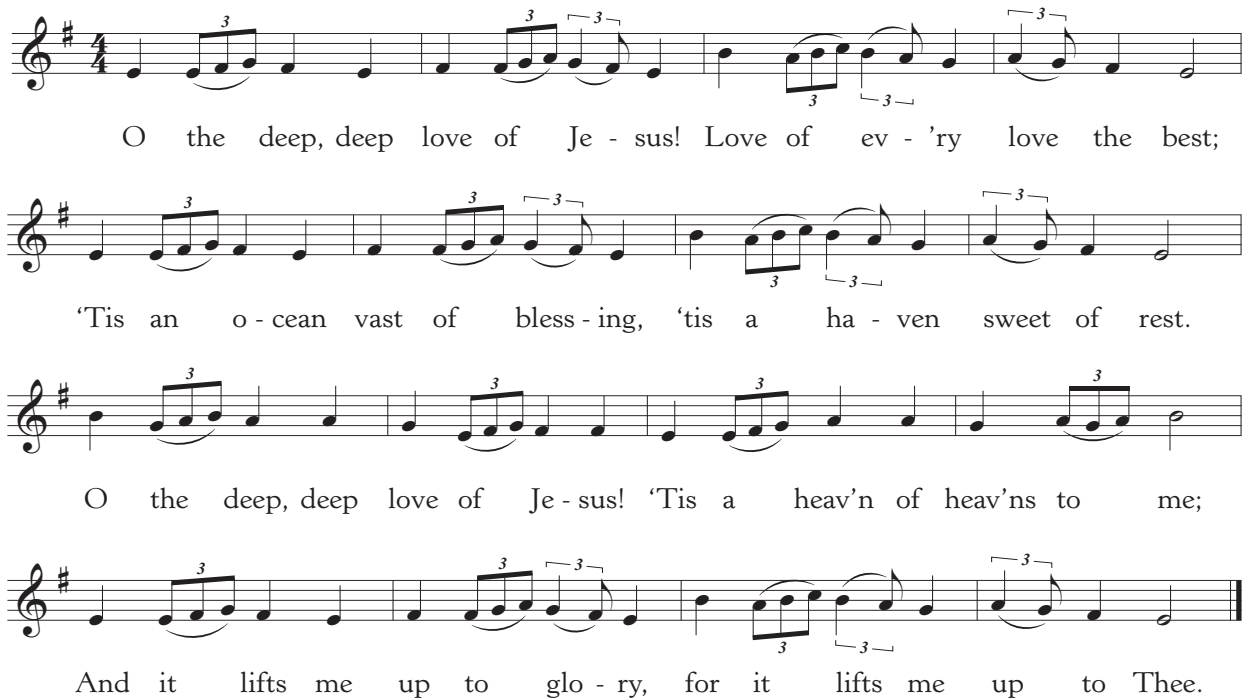
Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as He has said, “As I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’” although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For He has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works.”

<sup>5</sup>And again in this passage He said, “They shall not enter My rest.” <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,<sup>7</sup> again He appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus, Vs. 3



O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best;

'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

And it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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

## Sermon—*The Rest that Remains*

—Assistant Pastor, Mike Fennema

## 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 51:1-2,7,10-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

All: **Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin!**

Pastor: For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

All: **Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

All: **Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

### Assurance of Pardon—2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:6-7

For our sake the Lord made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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—My Soul Waits In Expectation (Psalm 62), Vs. 2



In— my God I rest and glo - ry, for sal - va - tion is most sure.



In— the God and rock of— strength, is— my re - fuge most se - cure.



I shall not be great - ly— shak - en, from my strong - hold and de - fense,



from my strong - hold and de - fense

# 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—On Jordan's Stormy Banks



On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye  
O'er all those wide ex - ten - ded plains shines one e - ter - nal day;  
When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - ev - er blest?  
Filled with de - light, my rap - tured soul would here no long - er stay:



To— Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.  
There God the— Son for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.  
When shall I— see my Fa - ther's face, and in His bos - om rest?  
Though Jor - dan's waves a - round me roll, I'd— fear - less launch a - way.

*Refrain*



I am bound for the prom - ised land, — I'm bound for the prom - ised land,



O, — who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennet, 1787; Music: THE PROMISED LAND, Matilda Durham, 1835.

## Congregational Psalm—Blest The Man Who Feels Jehovah (Psalm 128)



Blest the man who fears Je - ho - vah, ev - er walk - ing in His ways  
In your wife you shall have glad - ness she will fill your home with good.  
Joy - ful chil - dren, sons and daugh - ters shall a - round your ta - ble meet.  
Lo, on him who fears Je - ho - vah shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,  
You shall see God's king - dom pros - per all your days till life shall cease,



By your toil you shall be pros - pered and be hap - py— all your days.  
Hap - py in her lov - ing ser - vice and the joys of— moth - er - hood.  
Ol - ive plants, in strength and beau - ty, full of hope and pro - mise sweet.  
For Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on shall to you His bless - ing send.  
May you see your chil - dren's chil - dren, on our peo - ple Lord, be peace.

Text: Psalm 128:1-6, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2017; Music: OWL HOLLOW, 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 Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

The Church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord:  
The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,  
'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,

She is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word;  
To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,

From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;  
Tho' there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
A - gainst the foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
And the great church vic - tor - ious shall be the church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel J. Wesley, 1864.

## 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:

One of St Augustine's best-known lines from his *Confessions* is, "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in You." Here, Augustine hits on the heart of today's passage. The author of Hebrews has been reminding his readers of the surety of Christ's finished work. The believer's identity is now Christ. Jesus is the Shepherd of His people. In His bosom we are safely lodged and rest free from danger. Because our identity is secure in Him, we no longer need to seek the approval of man to find rest. Our rest lies in the vast ocean of the deep, deep love of Jesus. We were made for God to glorify God, and it is in that glory where we find our true rest and joy. As we glorify our Creator, we will reap the blessing of a peace that surpasses our understanding. We will see His kingdom prosper and not only us, but our children and our children's children, will lift their voices to glorify Jesus Christ the Lord, the only place of rest for the restless heart. —Emma Marsh

**Key words:** Rest, Fear, Faith, Believed, Disobedience, Sabbath, Strive

**Keystone verse:** Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. (Hebrews 4:11)



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