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Season of Ordinary Time

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The Greek word for “Gospel” was only very rarely used in the first century. Often translated as “Good News,” the literal meaning of the word is actually, “Nearly Too Good to Be True News.” This explains why the word was almost never used: things that seem too good to be true, when scrutinized, usually turn out to be untrue. Not so with the Gospel, but the Apostle Paul deliberately used this word to emphasize the astonishing hope wrought by Christ’s finished work on our behalf. —Thomas Alford

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 60:1

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1



Lift up your heads, ye migh-ty gates; be - hold, the King of_ glor - y waits;



The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of_ the world is here!

Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Call to Worship—from Habakkuk 3:2-4, 6, 18-19

Pastor: In the midst of the years, O Lord, revive Your work. In wrath remember mercy.

All: **Your splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of Your praise.**

Reader 1: Your brightness is like the light; rays flash from Your hand; and there You veil Your power.

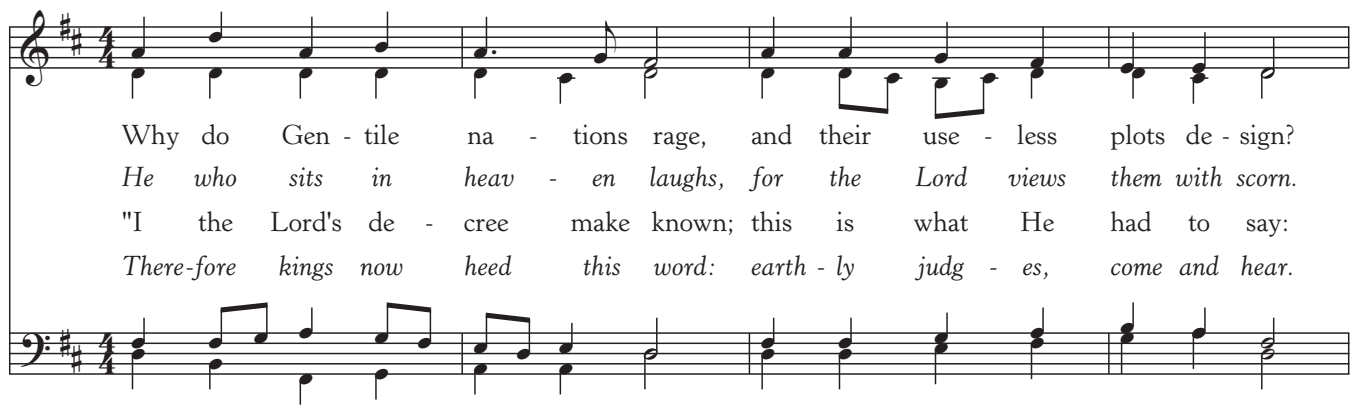
Reader 2: You stand and measure the earth; You look and shake the nations, and the eternal mountains are scattered; the everlasting hills sink low. Yours are the everlasting ways.

Pastor: I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength.

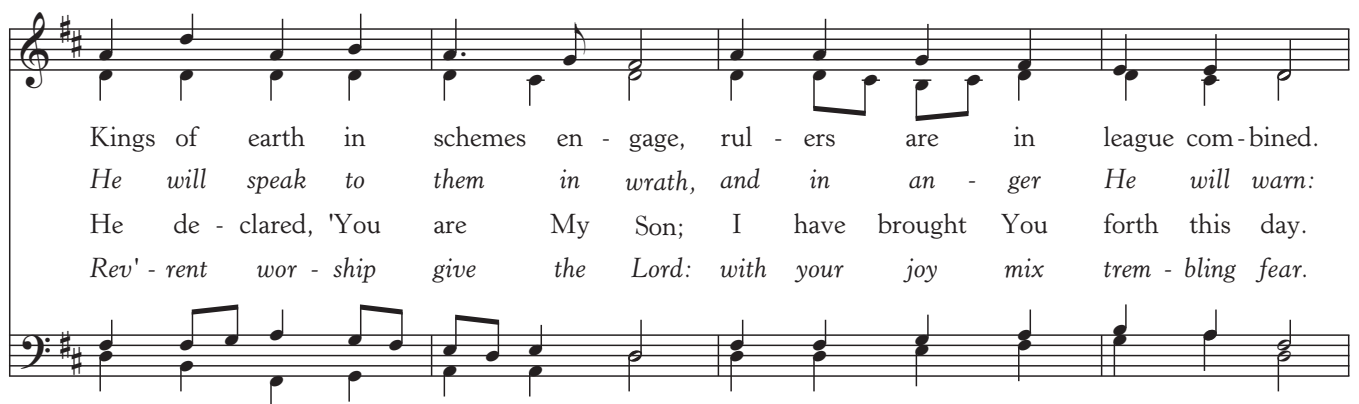
All: **He makes my feet like those of a deer.**

Pastor: He makes me tread on high places.

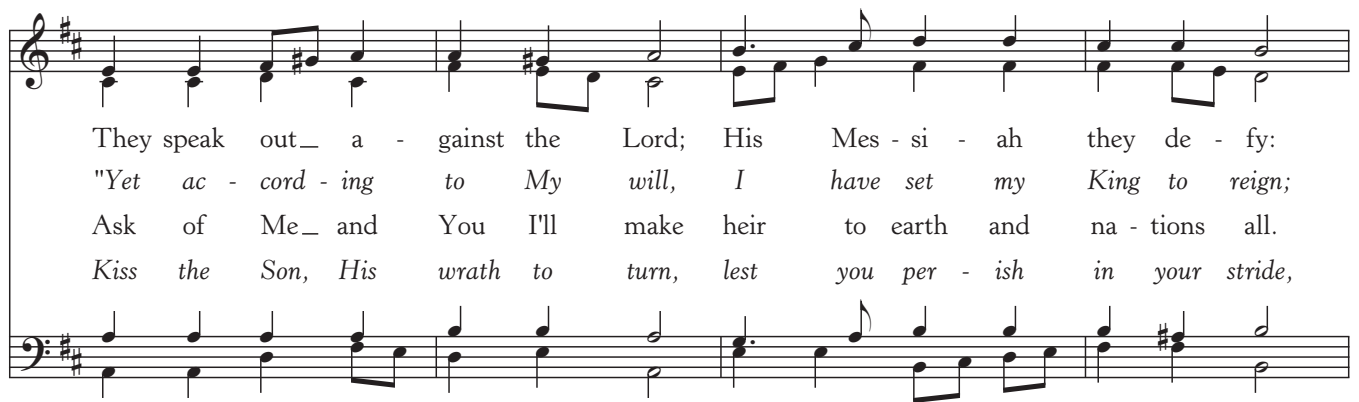
Congregational Psalm—Why Do Gentile Nations Rage (Psalm 2)



Why do Gen - tile na - tions rage, and their use - less plots de - sign?
He who sits in heav - en laughs, for the Lord views them with scorn.
"I the Lord's de - cree make known; this is what He had to say:
There - fore kings now heed this word: earth - ly judg - es, come and hear.



Kings of earth in schemes en - gage, rul - ers are in league com - bined.
He will speak to them in wrath, and in an - ger He will warn:
He de - clared, 'You are My Son; I have brought You forth this day.
Rev' - rent wor - ship give the Lord: with your joy mix trem - bling fear.



They speak out_ a - gainst the Lord; His Mes - si - ah they de - fy:
"Yet ac - cord - ing to My will, I have set my King to reign;
Ask of Me_ and You I'll make heir to earth and na - tions all.
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, lest you per - ish in your stride,



"Let us break their chains and cords, let us cast them off," they cry.
And on Zi - on's ho - ly hill, My A - noint - ed will re - main."
Them with i - ron rod you'll break, smash - ing them in piec - es small."
For His an - ger soon may burn; blessed are all who in Him hide."

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Text: Psalm 2:1-12; Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1678, Harm. J. S. Bach, 18th c.

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—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.

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 60:2-5, 19

Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Focus

—Assistant Pastor, James Crampton

Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;
Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Reading of the Word—Haggai 2:1-9

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: ²“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, ³‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, ⁵according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. ⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, declares the Lord of hosts. ⁹The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Vs. 5



O come De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one heart and mind.



Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; fill all the world with hea - ven's peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Text: Latin Hymn 13th century, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851;
Music: VENI EMMANUEL, 13th century, Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856.

Sermon—*And Yet Again*

—Pastor, George Grant

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 38:15, 17-18, 21-22

Pastor: For You, O Lord, do we wait; it is You, O Lord our God, who will answer.

All: We are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us.

Pastor: We confess our iniquity.

All: We are sorry for our sin.

Pastor: Do not forsake us, O Lord! O our God, be not far from us!

All: Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation!

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 55:6-7; Romans 3:23-24

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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—Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Vs. 3



Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;



Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor-row, Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vi-ded; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: FAITHFULNESS (RUNYAN), William M. Runyan, 1923.

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

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 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 Psalm—The Voice Of The Lord Is Over The Waters (Psalm 29)

The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo - ry thun - ders free!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo - ry thun - ders free!
 The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun - ders free!

The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es - ty!
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh - ty flee!
 The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!

Give to the Lord, in heav'n - ly chor - us; Give to the Lord, all glo - ry and strength!

Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord

Women

in beau - ty of ho - li - ness. in beau - ty of ho - li - ness.

Men

in beau - ty of ho - li - ness. in beau - ty of ho - li - ness.

Text: based on Psalm 29:1-9, Nathan George, 2013; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

Congregational Hymn—Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love.
 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise,
 Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee,
 Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
 Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy ro - yal throne,

Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
 It shall be Thy ro - yal throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: HENDON, Henri A. C. Malan, 1827, Harm. Lowell Mason, 1841.

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.

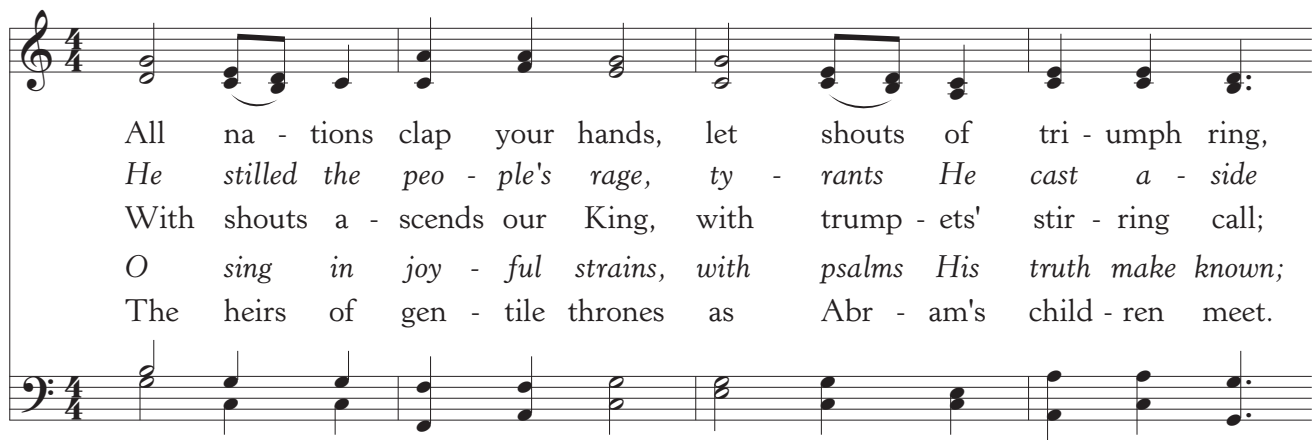
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

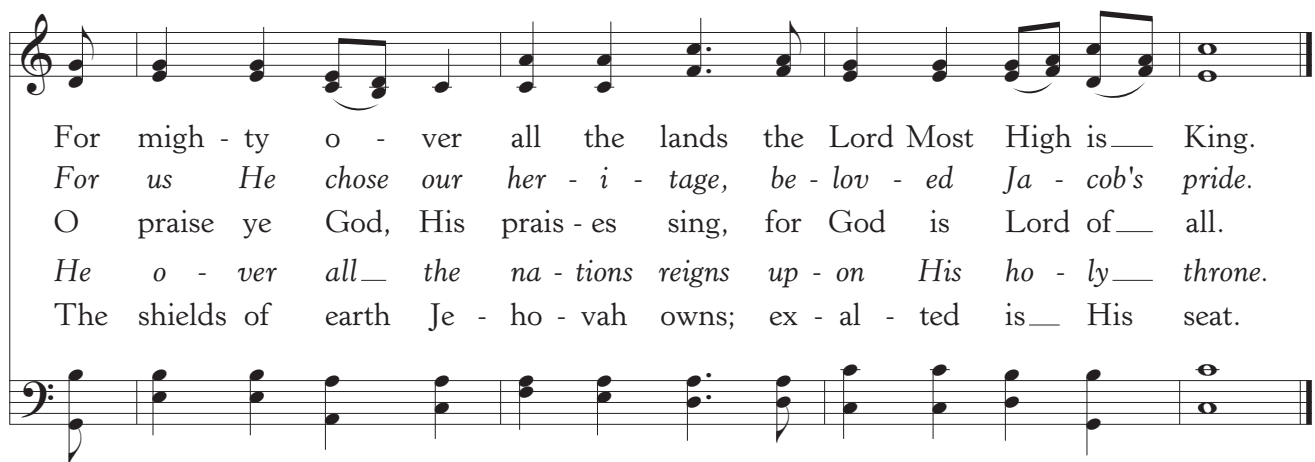
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Congregational Psalm—All Nations Clap Your Hands (Psalm 47)



All na - tions clap your hands, let shouts of tri - umph ring,
He stilled the peo - ple's rage, ty - rants He cast a - side
With shouts a - scends our King, with trump - ets' stir - ring call;
O sing in joy - ful strains, with psalms His truth make known;
The heirs of gen - tile thrones as Abr - am's child - ren meet.



For migh - ty o - ver all the lands the Lord Most High is King.
For us He chose our her - i - tage, be - lov - ed Ja - cob's pride.
O praise ye God, His prais - es sing, for God is Lord of all.
He o - ver all the na - tions reigns up - on His ho - ly throne.
The shields of earth Je - ho - vah owns; ex - al - ted is His seat.

Text: *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, Alt. Henry C. Haffner & Elizabeth Dowdell, 2018;
Music: THIRD AVENUE, Henry C. Haffner & Elizabeth Dowdell, 2018.

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 shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3

O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er_ is con - fessed

O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in_ tri - umph comes!

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weisell, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Nearly every element in this morning's service can be tied to three verses in the sermon text. In Haggai 2:7, the Lord makes two promises: to "shake all nations" and to fill His house with their treasures. The opening and closing psalms that we sing this morning address both. In *Why Do Gentile Nations Rage—Psalm 2*, we find the Lord breaking the kings of the earth with an iron rod, "smashing them in pieces small." By contrast, *All Nations Clap Your Hands—Psalm 47* presents a happier vision, with the "heirs of Gentile thrones" praising God and bringing in their offerings right alongside the children of Abraham. In Haggai 2:8, the Lord reminds us that the wealth of all the nations is His in the first place ("The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine"). We see this reflected in the communion hymns, *The Voice Of The Lord Is Over The Waters—Psalm 29* and *Take My Life And Let It Be*. We are encouraged to "give to the Lord the honor due His name," and we respond that He should take "[our] silver and [our] gold." Haggai 2:9 gives us a hint of a messianic promise: the latter glory will be greater than the former, and peace will prevail on earth. The center of the service makes the connection with the coming of Christ more explicit, with Scripture readings (Isaiah 60) and hymns (*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; O Come, O Come Emmanuel*) that are usually associated with the Advent season. Though perhaps unusual at the end of August, this passage seemed to demand that we sing about the "Desire of nations," who comes to bind His people together in one heart and mind. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Glory, Nothing, Strong, Work, Covenant, Shake, Nations, Latter, Peace
Keystone Verse: The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace. (Haggai 2:9)



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