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Lent

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When God pulls back His favor and fights against you in His wrath, do as Jacob did. Wrestle with God, though you have but one leg – that is, though you have but one little spark of faith. Fight with that “little faith.” Lay hold by it on God and “let Him not go until He hath blessed thee...” For faith will never fail you. It will restore God’s love when it seems lost. —William Perkins

## 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—Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

### Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

### Call to Worship—from Psalm 106:1-2, 10-12

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

All: **Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all His praise?**

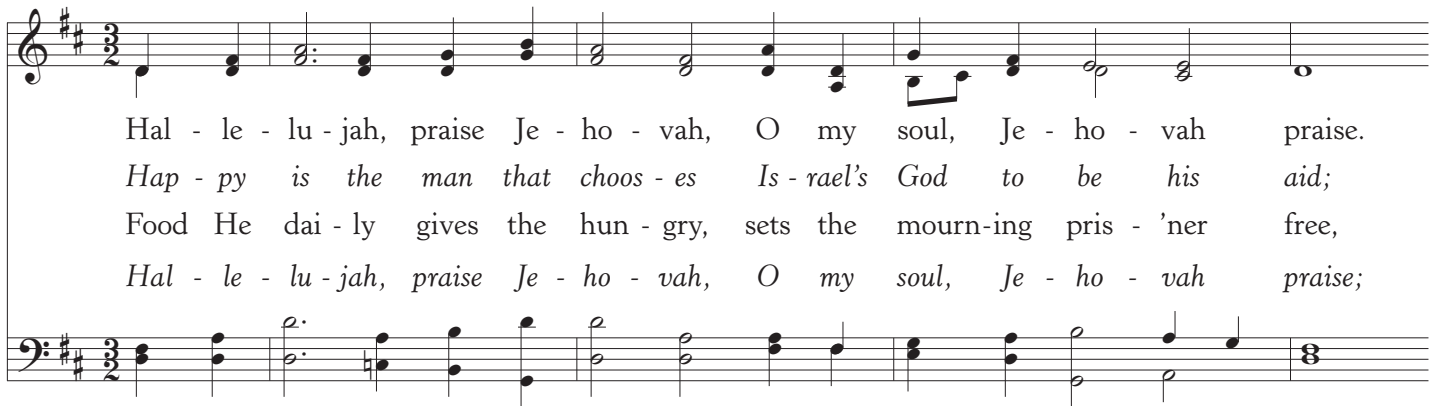
Reader 1: He saved our fathers from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.

Reader 2: And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.

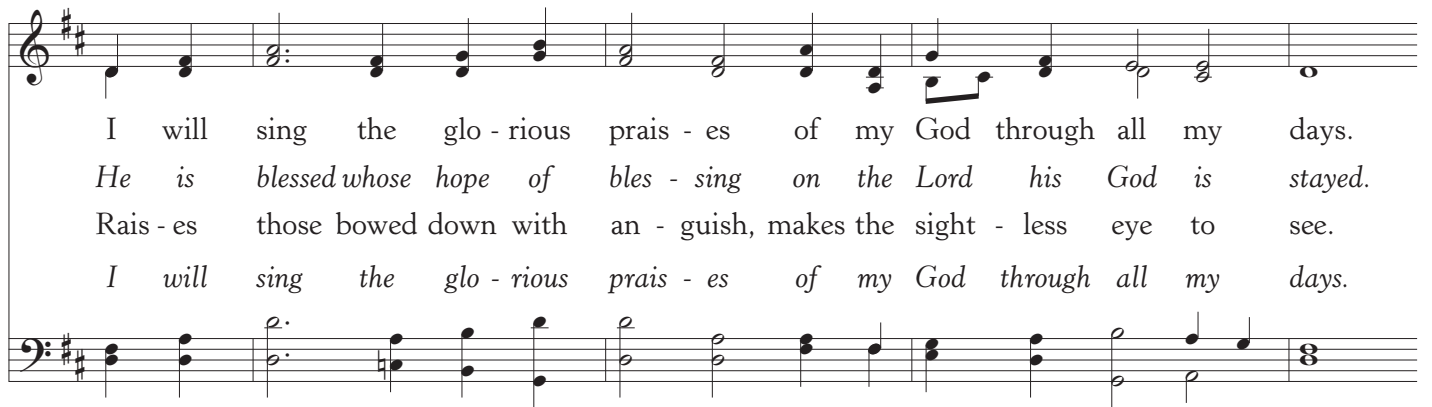
All: **Then they believed His words; they sang His praise.**

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the Lord!

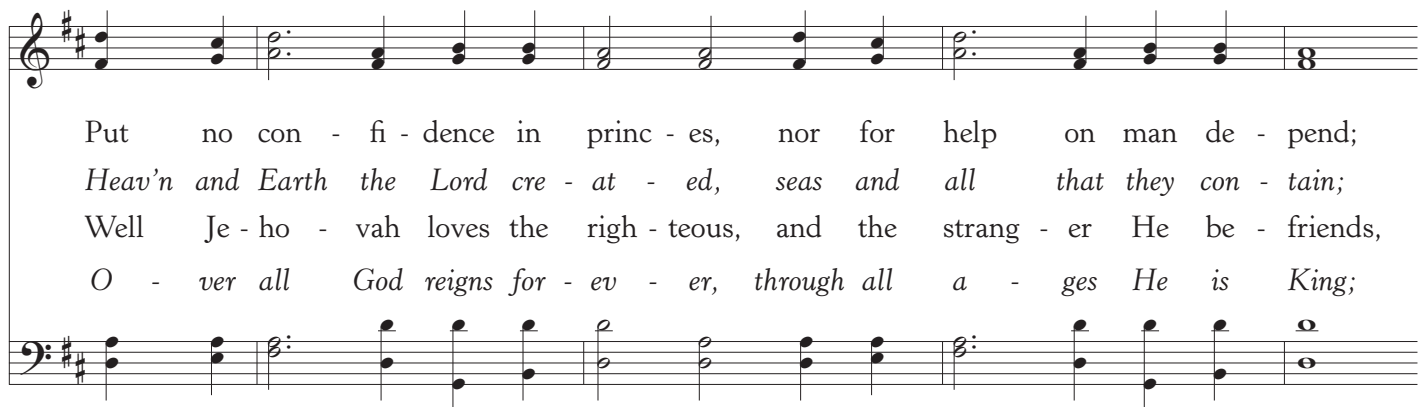
## Congregational Psalm—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



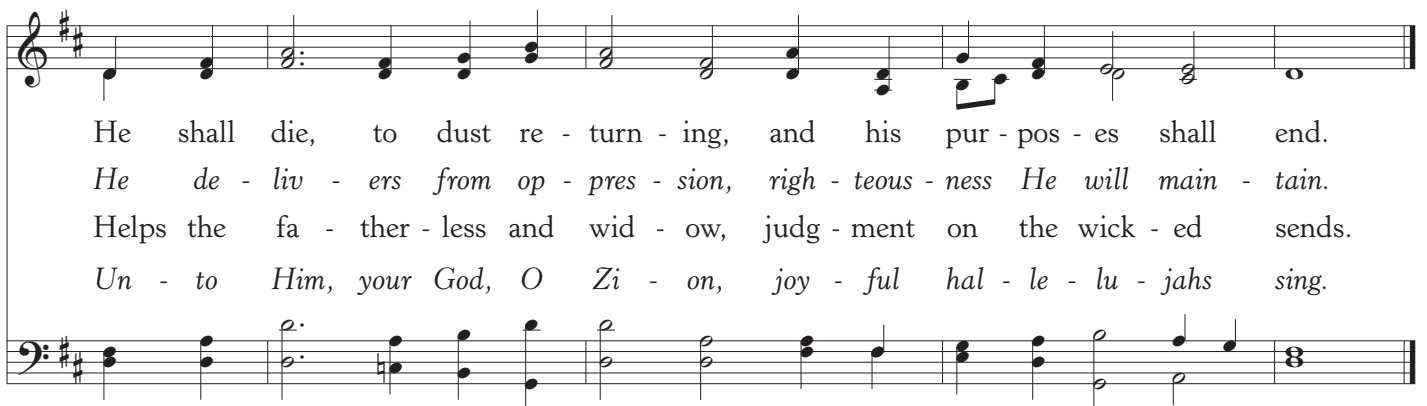
Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.  
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;



I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,  
O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;



He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.  
Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146:1-10, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

# 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—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.

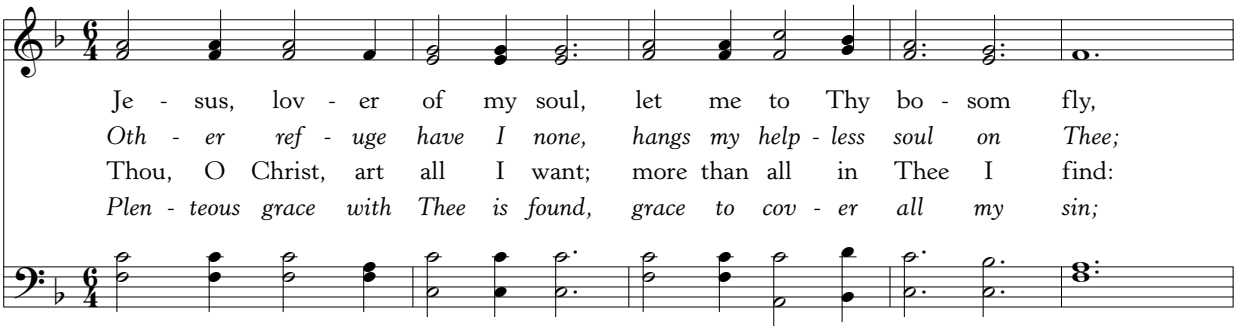
## Scripture Reading—Genesis 6:5-9

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart. So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

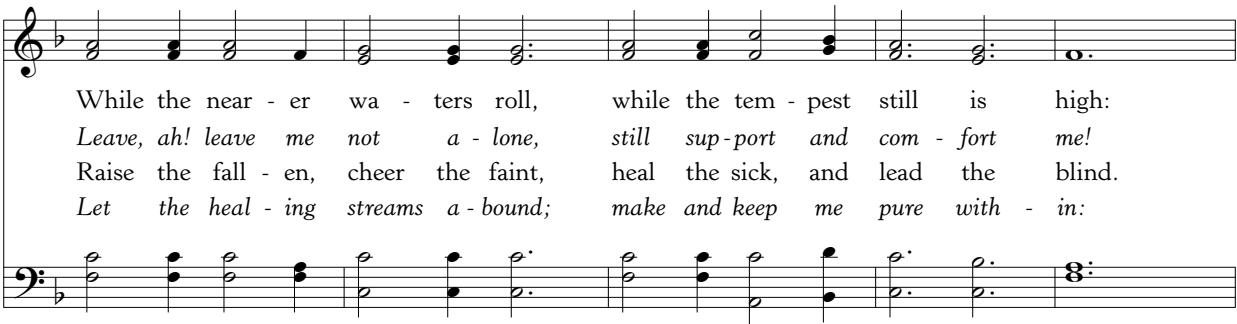
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

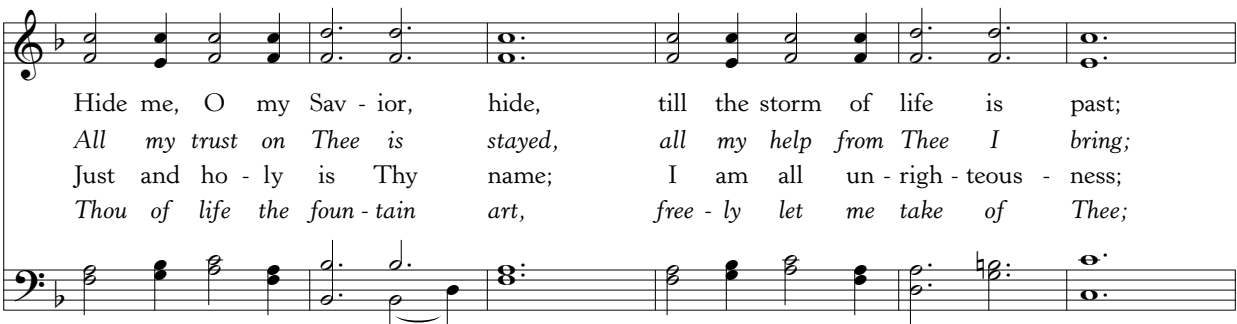
## Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul



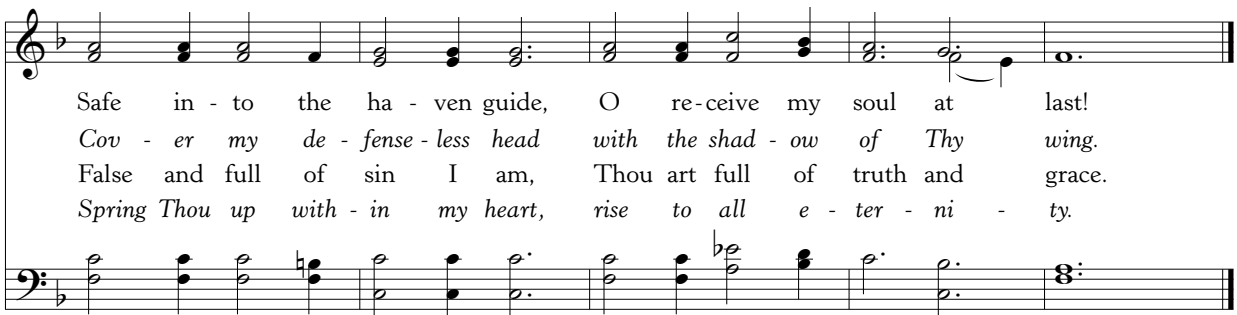
Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:  
Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

## Reading of the Word—Hebrews 11:1-7

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Sung Response—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9), Vs. 4



All they, O Lord, that know Your name, place their trust in the Word of truth,



For You have never turned a way from those who truly seek for You.



Hope of the poor, to You we cry! A-rise, O Lord, de-fend the weak!



Sing Praise to the Lord en-throned on High! De-clare to all His might-y deeds!

Text: Psalm 9:10-11, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: Nathan George 2013.

### Sermon—Faith Is Plan A, And There Is No Plan B

—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 6:25-26, 28-32, 34

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have told us not to be anxious about our lives, what we will eat or what we will drink, nor about our bodies, what we will put on.

All: **But we have doubted our heavenly Father, as if the birds are of more value than us.**

Pastor: Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you?

All: **But we have little faith. Therefore we are anxious.**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

## Sung Response—Lamb Of God

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O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

*Slightly faster* WOMEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

## Assurance of Pardon—Matthew 2:3-5; Mark 12:30

And they came, bringing to [Jesus] a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

## Sung Response—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18<sup>th</sup> century.

# 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:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

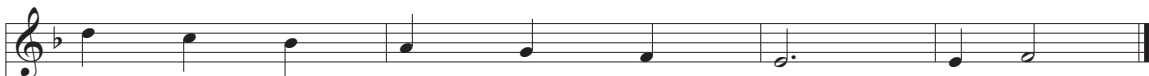


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

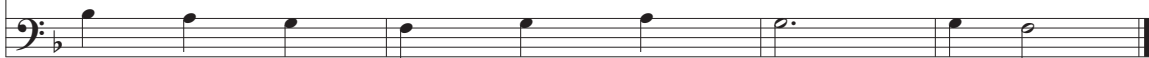
MEN



We praise You, we bless\_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, 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—My Soul Waits In Expectation (Psalm 62)



My soul waits in ex - pec - ta - tion, and de - pends on God in - deed.  
In my God I rest and glo - ry, for sal - va - tion is most sure.  
All you peo - ples, all you na - tions, all times place in Him your trust!



All my strength and my sal - va - tion, does from Him a - lone pro - ceed.  
In the God and Rock of strength, — is — my — re - fuge most se - cure.  
Pour out all your heart be - fore Him, trust in — no - thing but His love.



He a - lone is my — Sal - va - tion, He a - lone my sure de - fense;  
I shall not be great - ly shak - en, from my strong - hold and de - fense.  
God is a re - fuge for — His peo - ple; pow'r be - longs to God a - lone!



He — a - lone my sure de - fense.  
From — my strong - hold and de - fense.  
Pow - er be - longs to God a - lone.

Text: from Psalm 62, alt. Nathan George, 2011; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

## Congregational Hymn—Christ Our Hope In Life And Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence?  
What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone. Where is His grace and good - ness known?  
Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven bring?



That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? Who comes, a - part from His com - mand?  
In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?  
Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. 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.

CCLI #2844402; Text and Music: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker and Matt Papa, 2020.

# 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—Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take Him at His word;  
O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His cleans-ing blood;  
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;  
I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, friend;

Just to rest up - on His pro - mise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!  
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Text: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

## 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—from 1 Corinthians 1:7-9

May our Lord Jesus Christ sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Sung Response—Christ Be With Me



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re - store me,



Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: attr. St. Patrick, 5th Century, tr. C. F. Alexander, 1889; Music: CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish melody, arr. Richard Terry, *The Westminster Hymnal*, 1912.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood,  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood.*  
—Louisa Stead

Today, we begin a journey of several weeks through Hebrews 11, the great “hall of faith” which details a host of Old Testament characters who walked “by faith.” The hymns we sing in this morning’s service encourage us to trust in Christ, to place our hopes upon Him, and rely on Him in faith, just as those ancient heroes trusted in the promises of God. The psalms remind us that “He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed” (*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah—Psalm 146*). We respond, declaring, “My trust is in the Lord” and “all my trust on Thee is stayed,” even when all around us is failing and the tempests are high (*My Trust Is In The Lord—Psalm 11; Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*). We wait in quiet expectation, “trust[ing] in nothing but His love” (*My Soul Waits In Expectation—Psalm 62*), because Jesus “holds our faith when fears arise” (*Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*). After all these stirring calls to faith, trust, and hope, we conclude by asking the Lord for “grace to trust Him more.” —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Faith, Believe, Assurance, Conviction, Commend, Please, Righteous  
**Keystone Verse:** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
(Hebrews 11:1)



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