



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time

16 July 2023

Forward through the ages, in unbroken lines,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.
—Frederick Hosmer

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—Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Come, thou Fount of ev-ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove; Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.'

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 135:1, 3, 5-6, 13, 20-21

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Pastor: Sing to His name.

Reader 1: For we know that the Lord is great. The Lord does whatever He pleases, in heaven and on earth.

Reader 2: Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

All: Bless the Lord! You who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord from Zion. Praise the Lord!

Congregational Psalm—O Come Before The Lord, Our King (Psalm 95)

O come be-fore the Lord, our King, and in— His pres-ence let— us sing;
Al-might-y pow'r the Lord main-tains, ex-alt-ed o-ver all— He reigns;
O come and let us wor-ship now, be-fore our Mak-er let— us bow;

Let us in glad and joy-ful lays the rock— of our sal-va-tion praise;
He holds the val-leys in— His hand, He makes the might-y moun-tains stand;
We are His sheep and He our God, He feeds our souls in pas-tures broad;

Be-fore Him come with thank-ful song, in joy-ful psalms His praise pro-long.
To Him be-long both land— and sea,— Cre-a-tor of the world is He.
He safe-ly leads us in— the way; O come and hear His voice to-day.

Text: Psalm 95:1-7, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

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 King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad (Psalm 21)



O Je - ho - vah, the king in Your strength shall be glad,
Through sal - va - tion from You is his fame wide - ly spread,
You will stretch forth Your hand on the heads of Your foes,



And shall in Your sal - va - tion re - joice;— for You free - ly have giv - en each
For the maj - es - ty You did im - part— O most bles - sed for - ev - er the
On Your hat - ers a right hand of pow'r, then Your wrath shall a - round them like



Wish his heart had, You at - tend to the cries of his voice.—
King has been made, and Your pres - ence has glad - dened his heart.—
Fur - nace flames close; for Je - ho - vah's own wrath shall de - vour.—



All the bless - ings he craved You did grac - ious - ly give,
For the king in the name of Je - ho - vah Most High
From the earth shall their race be con - sumed and de - stroyed,
You will turn back your foes; You will put them to flight,



With the pur - est of gold he is crowned.— When he asked of You life, You
Did un - wav - er - ing con - fi - dence place;— through His great lov - ing - kind - ness
And their off - spring for - ev - er shall fail;— by the e - vil they plot - ted,
When Your ar - rows are aimed at their face.— Be ex - al - ted Je - ho - vah,



Have made him to live, while the ag - es shall cir - cle a - round.
He still will re - ly on the High - est, and stand by His grace.
The schemes they em - ployed. they shall nev - er a - gainst You pre - vail.
In strength and in might; we will sing of Your pow - er and grace.

Text: Psalm 21:1-13, *The Psalter*, 1898; alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: KING PHILIP, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:6-10, 13-15

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority... And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—At The Name Of Jesus



At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due
Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess — Him King of glo - ry now;
From the lips of sin - ners un - to whom He came,
All that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
With His Fath - er's glo - ry, with His ang - el train;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
Faith - ful - ly He bore — it spot - less to the last,
Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,



Who from the beg - in - ning was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious when from death He passed.
Let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
And our hearts conf - ess Him King of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

Reading of the Word—2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with Him;

if we deny Him, He also will deny us;

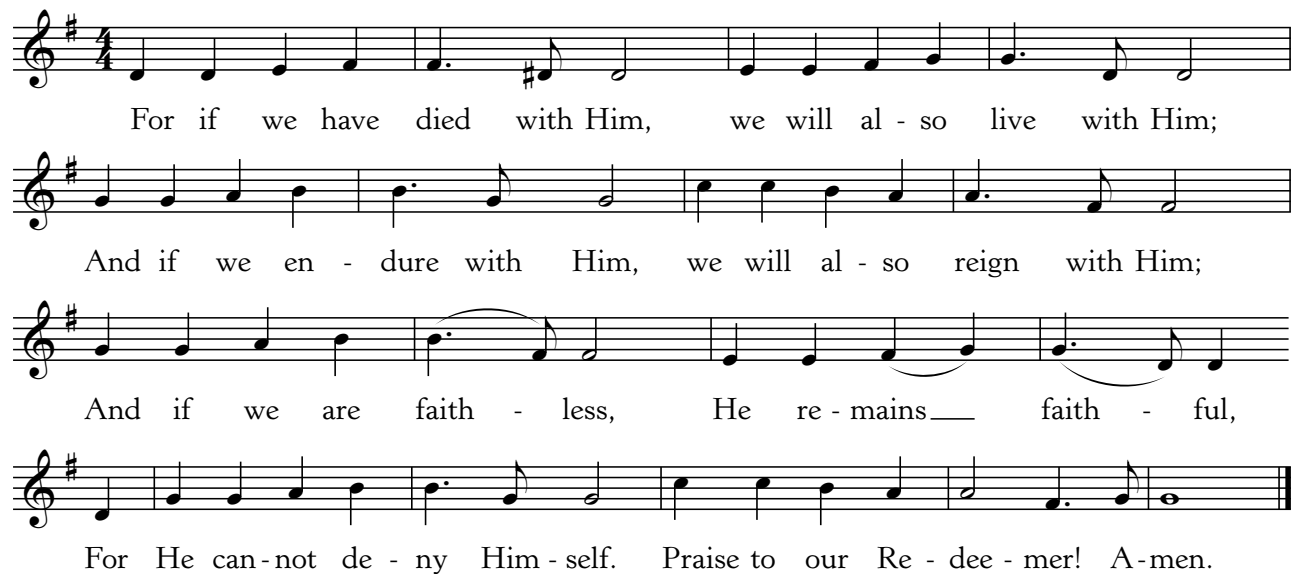
¹³if we are faithless, He remains faithful—

for He cannot deny Himself.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—The Creed Of Timothy



For if we have died with Him, we will al - so live with Him;

And if we en - dure with Him, we will al - so reign with Him;

And if we are faith - less, He re - mains — faith - ful,

For He can - not de - ny Him - self. Praise to our Re - dee - mer! A - men.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Music: Nathan George, 2012.

Sermon—*The Stronghold of Strength*

—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 Romans 3:10-12, 23

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For as it is written: none is righteous, no not one.

All: **No one understands; no one seeks for God.**

Pastor: Lord, forgive us, for all have turned aside, together we have become worthless.

All: **No one does good, not even one.**

Pastor: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 3:23-25; Romans 1:16-17

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, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

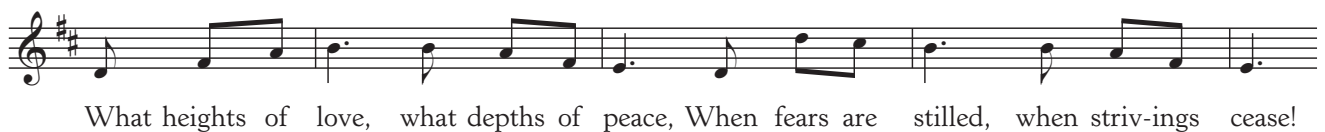
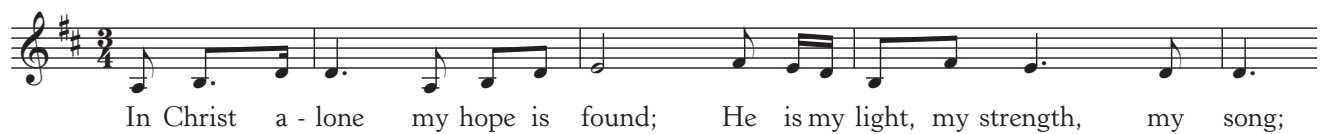
All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: **It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sung Response—In Christ Alone, Vs. 1



HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

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

MEN
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 Psalm—Be My Contender In The Strife (Psalm 35)



Be my con - ten - der in the strife, O Lord my strong de - fen - der be ____
My foes re - joice at my dis - may, but You, O Lord, have seen it all; ____
I look to You, my God, my Lord; my right - eous judge, to You I pray; ____
Yes, let the Lord be mag - ni - fied, be - cause Your ser - vants You have blessed ____



Your migh - ty shield pro - tect my life, Your spear con - front my en - e - my ____
O be no long - er far a - way, nor si - lent when to You I call. ____
Let not my foes cry out with scorn and laugh with joy at my dis - may. ____
And from the morn - ing to the night, I dai - ly praise Your right - eous - ness ____



A - mid the con - flict, O my Lord, Your pre - cious pro - mise let me hear ____
O vin - di - cate me from Your throne, O Lord, my right - eous cause main - tain; ____
Give woe and shame to those whose spite would see my right - eous cause des - troyed;
My soul is joy - ful in the Lord, in His sal - va - tion I re - joice; ____



That faith - ful, re - as - sur - ing word: "I am your Sav - ior, do not fear." ____
You are my Lord and God a - lone; a - wake, and make Your just - ice plain. ____
But those who in the good de - light, let them be glad and shout for joy. ____
To Him my heart will praise ac - cord and bless His name with thank - ful voice. ____

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 35:1-28, *Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;
Music: WEST HARPETH, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Congregational Hymn—Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
I'll lay my tro - phies down all down at Jesus' feet.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: ALL TO CHRIST, John T. Grape, 1865.

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—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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The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Text: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863.

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—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
Amen.

Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 3

O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

At the beginning of 2 Timothy 2, Paul urges his disciple to find the strength he needs in the person and work of Christ Jesus. While this is certainly an important reminder for a young pastor, it applies equally to each of us—something that the elements in this morning’s service point to. As one of the hymns we sing puts it, Christ alone is our “light,” our “strength,” and our “song.” The psalms remind us that He is the “rock of our salvation,” and that we are to rejoice and be glad in His strength. We read that Jesus is “the head of all rule and authority,” and that we are “filled in Him.” We respond by singing that we will enthrone Him in our hearts and look to Him as our captain when temptations come. We come to the table acknowledging that our “strength indeed is small,” but we have confidence that our Lord will be our “strong defender,” vindicating our cause. We conclude our prayers and petitions by singing of our expectation that at the last day we would “in Him be found,” while the benediction from 1 Thessalonians assures us that “He will surely do it.” —Henry C. Haffner

Key words: Strengthened, Heard, Entrust, Soldier, Athlete, Farmer, Think, Remember

Keystone verse: You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:1)



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