



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time

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At the Great Reunion in the New Narnia there was greeting and kissing and handshaking and old jokes revived (you've no idea how good an old joke sounds after you take it out again after a rest of five or six hundred years). —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—Colossians 1:25-26

I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints.

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



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—based on Psalm 72:12-14, 17-19

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

**All: He alone does wondrous things.**

Reader 1: May His name endure forever and His fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in Him, all nations call Him blessed! For He delivers the poor and needy.

Reader 2: He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves them. From oppression and violence He redeems their life, and precious is their blood in His sight.

**All: Blessed be His glorious name forever.**

Pastor: May the whole earth be filled with His glory!

## Congregational Hymn—God, My King, Thy Might Confessing



God, my king, Thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I bless Thy name;  
Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who His maj - es - ty can reach?  
They shall talk of all Thy glor - y, on Thy might and great - ness dwell,  
Nor shall fail from mem - 'ry's trea - sure works by love and merc - y wrought;  
Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to ang - er, vast in love,  
All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee; Thee shall all Thy saints a - dore:

Day by day Thy throne ad - dress - ing, still will I Thy praise pro - claim.  
Age to age His works trans - mit - teth, age to age His pow'r shall teach.  
Speak of Thy dread acts the stor - y, and Thy deeds of won - der tell.  
Works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure, works of merc - y pass - ing thought.  
God is good to all cre - a - tion; all His works His good - ness prove.  
King su - preme shall they con - fess Thee, and pro - claim Thy sov - 'reign pow'r.

Text: Richard Mant, 1824; Music: STUTTGART, *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715.

# 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—By Babylon's Great Riverside (Psalm 137)



By Ba - by - lon's great ri - ver - side we cap - tive peo - ples sat and wept;  
For there our cap - tors asked for songs; tor - ment - ing us, they asked for praise;  
Re - mem - ber Lord, how they laid bare our home up - on that dread - ful day;



While o - ver all our hearts the tide of Zi - on's me - mor - ies had swept.  
Re - quir - ing songs that hap - py throngs on Zi - on had been known to raise.  
Though wick - ed E - dom now seems fair, her sons are doomed to pass a - way.



On weep - ing wil - lows, droop - ing low, our si - lent, joy - less harps we hung;  
But how can we, in for - eign land, Je - ho - vah's songs be made to sing?  
Re - mem - ber Lord, the dread - ful day of our land's fall and bit - ter woe

Verse 1&2, then Chorus



Their strings were bro - ken, tuned with woe, when with such aw - ful grief they sung.  
If I for - get you, let this hand lose all its skill up - on the string.  
How hap - py he who shall re - pay the cru - el hat - red of her foe.

Chorus



If I do not re - mem - ber you, for - get my songs, let lan - guage cease



If I should place a - no - ther joy a - bove my care for Zi - on's peace.

Text: Psalm 137:1-6, Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907; Psalm 137:7-9, *The Psalter*, 1912; alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;  
Music: WILLIAMSON, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

## Scripture Reading—Psalm 45:1, 6-7, 17

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore, nations will praise You forever and ever.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Psalm—Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds (Psalm 78)



Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;  
He bids us make His glor - ies known, His works of power and grace;  
Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;  
Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,



Which in our young - er years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.  
And we'll con - vey His won - ders down through ev - ery ris - ing race.  
That gen - er - a - tions yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.  
That they may ne'er for - get His works, but prac - tice His com - mands.



Text: paraphrase of Psalm 78:1-7, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUNDEE, *Scottish Psalter*, 1615.

## Reading of the Word—2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 2



Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by Thy help I'm come;



And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.



Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:



He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre-cious blood.

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

## Sermon—*Joy Across the Generations*

—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 Isaiah 1:4; Psalm 145:13-21

Pastor: O Lord, God of joy, we confess that You have looked upon us and have seen us as we are: a sinful people, joyless, thankless, and laden with iniquity.

All: **We are sinners and the offspring of sinners. We have too often forsaken You; we have too often despised Your blessings; we have too often become estranged from You, from one another, and from our calling.**

Pastor: But You, O Lord, are faithful in all Your words and kind in all Your works. You look upon us, O Lord, and You uphold all who fall and raise up those who are bowed down.

All: **Therefore, our eyes look to You with thanksgiving, and You give us our sustenance in due season. You bring joy and gladness out of mourning and sorrow.**

Pastor: You are near to all who call on You, to all who call on You in truth.

All: **O Lord, You see our distresses and You hear the cry of the brokenhearted. You are the Lord; You save us.**

## Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 41:9-10; Romans 1:16-17

Hear the promise of the Lord: “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

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—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven, Vs. 2



Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;



Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;



Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.

# 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

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 Hymn—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)



My\_ shep - herd will sup - ply my need: Je - ho - vah is His name;—  
When I walk through the shades of\_ death Thy pre - sence is my stay;—  
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;—



In\_ past - ures fresh He makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.—  
One word of\_ Thy sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way.—  
O\_ may Thy house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.—



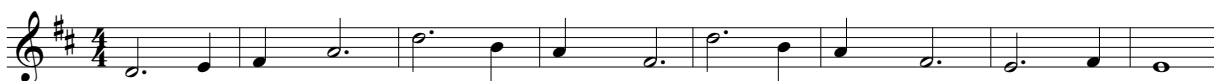
He brings my wand - ring spir - it\_ back when I for - sake His ways,—  
Thy hand, in\_ sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread;—  
There would I\_ find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;—



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in\_ paths of truth and grace.—  
My cup with bless - ings ov - er - flows, Thine oil a - noints my head.—  
No more a\_ strang - er, nor a\_ guest, but like a child at home.—

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, *The Southern Harmony*, 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—God Of Our Fathers

God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
Thy love div - ine hath led us in the past;  
Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land with Thee our lot is cast;  
Lead us from night to ne - ver end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
Fill all our lives with love and grace div - ine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chos - en way.  
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876; Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1876.

## 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—Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. *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.

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

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Second Timothy, which Pastor Grant will be preaching through all this month, is traditionally regarded as Paul's last letter. The opening passage finds the apostle reminiscing about his own spiritual heritage (vs. 3) as well as his young disciple's (vs. 5). Like Paul reminding Timothy of the faith of his mother and grandmother, the Scripture readings and hymns chosen for this morning's service call us to remember God's faithfulness in the past and to pass it on to the coming generations. We confess that His deeds of wonder and mercy shall be told from "age to age" (*God, My King, Thy Might Confessing*) and that we face judgment if we do not remember our first love (*By Babylon's Great Riverside—Psalm 137*). We read that His name will be "remembered in all generations" (Psalm 45:17), and we respond that we will convey His works to rising races and unborn generations (*Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds—Psalm 78*). We praise Him for His grace to our fathers—how His divine love led them in the past (*Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven; God Of Our Fathers*)—and we rest on His promises for the future. May we see our children's children (*Blest The Man Who Feels Jehovah—Psalm 128*), and may His house be their home as much as ours (*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need—Psalm 23*). —Henry C. Haffner

**Key words:** Beloved, Child, Ancestors, Joy, Grandmother, Fear, Power, Love, Self-Control

**Keystone verse:** Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you. (2 Timothy 1:6)



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