



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Easter

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The human heart is a perpetual idol factory. —John Calvin

In a society in which idolatry runs rampant, a church that is not iconoclastic is a travesty. If it is not against the idols it is with them. —Herbert Schlossberg

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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—1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

### Introit—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 1

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

### Call to Worship—based on Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

All: **His delight is in the law of the Lord.**

Reader 1: He meditates on His law day and night.

Reader 2: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season.

All: **Its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.**

Pastor: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Psalm of Praise—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: from Psalm 146 *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, 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.


## Psalm of Praise—Not Unto Us (Psalm 115)



Not un - to us, not us O Lord\_\_\_ but to Your ho - ly name ac - cord  
The i - dols made of sil - ver, gold, \_\_\_ are works which hu - man hands shall mold—  
God, mind-ful of His own, will bless,\_\_\_ bless Aar - on's house and Is - rael's race;




The glo - ry, which for it a - lone\_\_\_ His mer - cy and His truth have won.  
A mouth they have, yet si - lent be, \_\_\_ and eyes they have, yet can - not see;  
On all His saints, both great and small\_\_\_ may His in - creas - ing bless - ings fall.



Why should the hea - then na - tions say, "Where is the God these men o - bey?"  
No sound of words, no tune - ful note will form with - in\_\_\_ their voice-less throat.  
Both you and yours shall taste the store of Him who made the\_ earth of yore.

*Last time, to Coda*



Our God a - bove in hea - ven dwells;\_\_\_ Our God shall do\_\_\_ what - e'er He wills.  
Like them shall those that make them be, \_\_\_ and all that trust them fool - is - hly.  
The heav - ens are the Lord's in - deed;\_\_\_ but earth He's giv - en to man's\_\_\_ seed.

*Coda*



The dead His prais - es can - not show, nor they that down to\_ si - lence go: \_\_\_\_\_  
But we, yes we, will bless the Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ from this time forth and ev - er - more

Text: Psalm 115:1-8, 12-18, *Lyra Regis*, 1885, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2022;  
Music: BLACK CREEK, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

## Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, And My Love



My God, My por - tion, and my Love, my ev - er - last - ing all,  
What emp - ty things are all the skies, and this in - fe - rior clod!  
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, and air, and earth, and seas,  
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, to bless the sa - cred name,



I've none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, or on this earth - ly ball.  
There's no - thing here de - serves my joys, there's no - thing like my God.  
Con - spire to lift Thy glo - ries high and speak Thine end - less praise.  
Of Him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, c. 1814,  
from William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1854.

## Baptism of Elijah and Valor Scheenstra, sons of Joshua and Marta Scheenstra

## Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

<sup>14</sup>Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make My dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>17</sup>Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup>and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.”

<sup>7:1</sup>Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Response—Be Thou My Vision, Vs. 4



Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, Thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways:



Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart, High King of heav-en, my trea - sure Thou art.

Text: Ancient Irish Poem, Tr. Mary Byrne, 1905; Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

## Sermon—*Disentangled*

—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—Isaiah 55:8; Exodus 20: 1-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We acknowledge that our thoughts are not Your thoughts, neither are our ways Your ways. You spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

All: **You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart. Lord, have mercy.

All: **Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart and drives us to Christ. Lord, have mercy.

All: **You shall not bear false witness. You shall not covet.**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart and drives us to Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are foolish, poor, and rebellious sinners in need of Your grace, Your favor, and Your love.

### Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14; John 3:16-17

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

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

All: **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Pastor: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 1

God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;

Plen-teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line on a treble clef and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines.

# 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. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, -  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the  
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho  
high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.  
san-na in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.



# 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.*

## Psalm of Praise—Blessed Are All They (Psalm 1)

Bless - ed are all they— that shun sin's vain— and wick - ed ways.  
Firm - ly plant - ed on— the banks of God's great stream of grace,  
Bless - ed are all they— that shun sin's vain— and wick - ed ways.

For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; He loves them all their days.  
They raise un - end - ing praise and thanks to His— great glor - ious face.  
For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; He loves them all their days.

God's ho - ly Word is their de - light; they— pros - per in— its truth.  
The wick - ed ones, they are not so, but, — dri - ven by— the winds,  
In Je - sus Christ's own right - eous - ness, though sin - ners fail— and fall, —

In it they dwell both day - and night to flour - ish and bear fruit.  
They fall and per - ish, weighd with woe, when once God's wrath be - gins.  
His flock He will pre - serve— and bless, who on— His fa - vor call.

Text: T. M. Moore, *The Ailbe Psalter*, 2009; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

## Hymn of Praise—From Babel To Zion

Now to the ho - ly ci - ty the faith - ful gath - er home; —  
Now eye to eye be - hold - ing the way - marks on— the road, —  
Sing glo - ry to the Sav - ior, high o - ver all— the world; —  
No long - er Bab - el's bon - dage the bride of Christ can hold; —

To Zi - on's mount of glor - y with songs of joy they come. —  
All bound in love to - geth - er, they're com - ing home to God: —  
On Zi - on's heights for - ev - er His ban - ner is un - furled.  
God's chil - dren now are ho - ly, and free— from Bab - el's fold: —

Jer - u - sa - lem— the gold - en, Jer - u - sa - lem— the free, —  
One mind and mouth poss - ess - ing, they speak with one— ac - cord, —  
God's church can be— no long - er ob - scured from hu - man sight; —  
For it is fall - en, fall - en, and it shall rise— no more; —

With joy - ful hearts and voi - ces the ran - somed come to thee.  
And in the heights of Zi - on they shout— and praise the Lord.  
For see, on yon - der mount - ain, a ci - ty filled with light!  
We cling a - lone— to Je - sus, as did— the saints of yore.

Text: Thomas Nelson, 1907; Music: D. O. Teasley, 1907, Arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

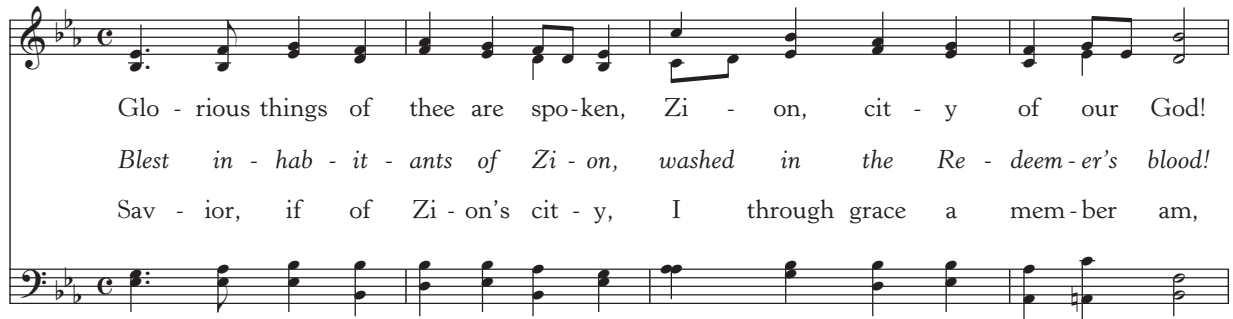
# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*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.*

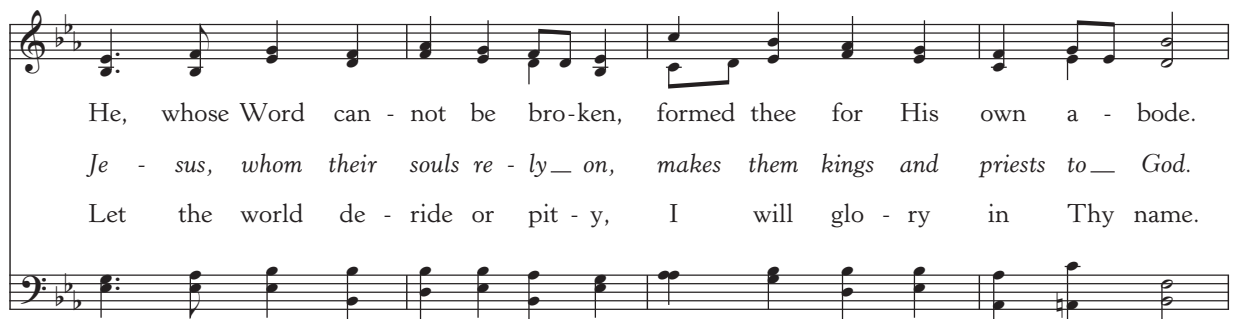
## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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.*

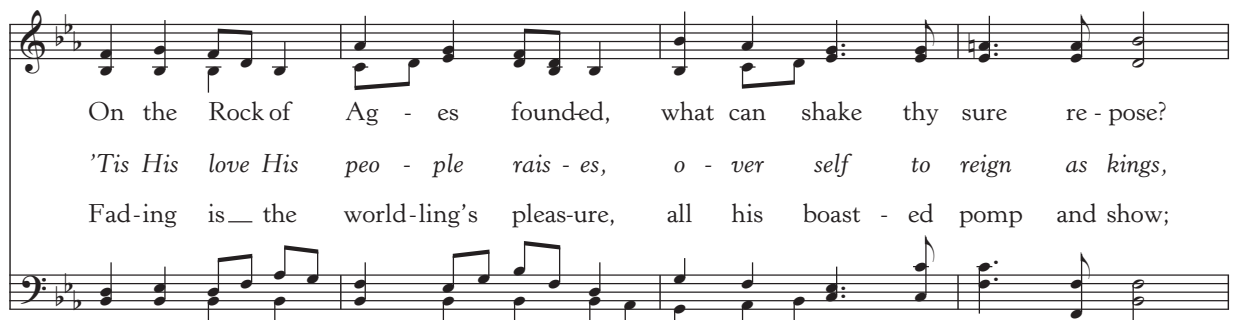
## Hymn of Praise—Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken



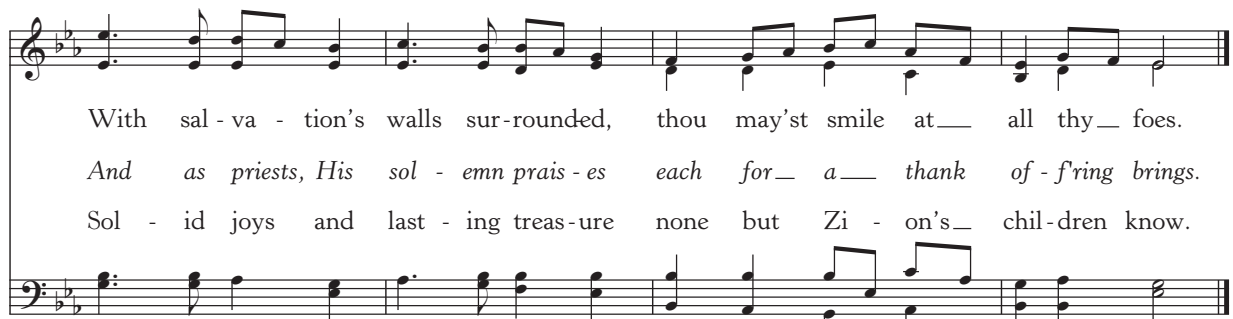
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!  
Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!  
Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber am,



He, whose Word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for His own a - bode.  
Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly\_ on, makes them kings and priests to\_ God.  
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name.



On the Rock of Ag - es founded, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
'Tis His love His peo - ple rais - es, o - ver self to reign as kings,  
Fad - ing is\_ the world - ling's pleas - ure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - rounded, thou may'st smile at\_ all thy\_ foes.  
And as priests, His sol - emn prais - es each for\_ a\_ thank of - f'ring brings.  
Sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure none but Zi - on's\_ chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1789; Music: AUSTRIA, Joseph Haydn, 1779.

# 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: 24-27

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. So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

G.K. Chesterton was once asked what was wrong with the world, and he responded, “Dear Sirs, I am.” Chesterton is in good company. In the gospel invitation this morning from 1 Timothy, Paul competes with Chesterton saying, “Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.” Each of us could submit an application for the worst sinner along with Paul and Chesterton. Our hearts are quick to wander and walk in darkness rather than light. In the sermon text from 2 Corinthians, Paul admonishes us to have no fellowship with darkness. Christ has called us out of darkness into light. Because of this reality, we must live differently. We must be cleansed from every defilement of the body and spirit and live in the joy of the Lord. Christ alone is our portion and our love. There’s nothing on earth that deserves our joys like our God. The High King of heaven is first in our hearts, and He blots out our transgressions. When our idols are crushed, God’s holy Word becomes our delight. We are not like the wicked who fall and perish—we are the bride of Christ and God’s holy and free children. This morning Christ calls us to lay down our idols and cling alone to Him knowing that our holiness can only be found in Him. If we are Zion’s children, then we ought to forsake the pleasures of the world and glory in His name. —Emma Marsh

**Key Words:** Unequally Yoked, Partnership, Fellowship, Temple, Idols, Promises, Holiness  
**Keystone Verse:** Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1).



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