



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Easter

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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—2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

### 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!

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

## Call to Worship—based on Psalm 34:1, 3, 4-5, 8-9

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: **Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.**

Reader 1: I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Reader 2: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

All: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

Pastor: Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

## Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Shepherd Of Thy People



Je - sus, Shep - herd of Thy peo - ple, lead us through this des - ert land;  
*All Thy sheep shall come to Zi - on; with them Thou wilt nev - er part;*  
In Thy bos - om safe - ly lodg - ed, Thine shall rest from dan - ger free;



We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble, yet we trust Thy might - y hand;  
*Beasts of prey, nor roar - ing li - on, none shall pluck them from Thy heart;*  
They shall nev - er more be judg - ed, nor shall con - dem - na - tion see;



Great pro - tec - tor! By Thy power a - lone we stand.  
*All Thy cho - sen cost Thee wounds, and blood, and smart.*  
Bless - ed Je - sus, let us thus re - joice in Thee.

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Text: J. Adams, 1838; Music: Cathy Steere, 2008.

# 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—O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name (Psalm 8)



O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the Earth!  
O, when I gaze at the heav'n's and all the works Your hands have made,  
Though You have made him low - er than the an - gels for a time.  
You set his feet up - on the Earth to be a car - ing shield



For You have set Your glor - ious name a - bove the high - est heav'ns.  
The moon and stars in the heav'n's a - bove, which You have set in place,  
You crown'd him in Your maj - es - ty, in glo - ry and in light.  
For flocks of sheep and herd - ing beasts and cat - tle in the fields,



Out of mouths of babes and in - fants, You es - tab - lished strength!  
What is man that You are mind - ful, and re - mem - ber him,  
You gave him do - min - ion o - ver all You did cre - ate.  
Birds of heav - en, teem - ing wa - ters; all Your won - drous works.



All Your en - e - mies will then be si - lent at Your praise.  
And the son of man that You will gen - tly care for him?  
O - ver all the won - drous works and all Your hands have made.  
Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the Earth!

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2015.

## Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 3:11-15

And the Lord said to me, "Faithless Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever. Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the Lord your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed My voice, declares the Lord. Return, O faithless children, declares the Lord; for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.'"

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of Praise—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: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

## Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 8:16-24

<sup>16</sup> But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. <sup>17</sup> For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord. <sup>18</sup> With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. <sup>19</sup> And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord Himself and to show our good will. <sup>20</sup> We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, <sup>21</sup> for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. <sup>22</sup> And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you. <sup>23</sup> As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup> So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Response—Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, Vs. 3



Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,



Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Thou our Fath - er, Christ our \_broth - er, all who live in love are Thine;



Teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy div - ine.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907; Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824, arr. Edward Hodges, 1864.

## Sermon—*Our Giving Lord Glorified in our Earnest Care*

—Assistant 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 1 John 3:11-12, 14, 16-18

**Pastor:** Lord, we come confessing. For this is the message that we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

**All:** **By this we know love, that Jesus laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.**

**Pastor:** But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

**All:** **We have loved in word and talk but not in deed and in truth.**

## Assurance of Pardon—1 John 4:9-11; John 3:16-17

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**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—O Lord Of Hosts, How Lovely (Psalm 84), Vs. 2



Be - neath Thy care the spar - row shall find a place of rest



To keep her young in safe - ty the swal - low finds a nest



Then, Lord, my King al - migh - ty, Thy love will shel - ter me



Be - side Thy ho - ly al - tar my home shall ev - er be.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016; Music: CHAPEL HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

# 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

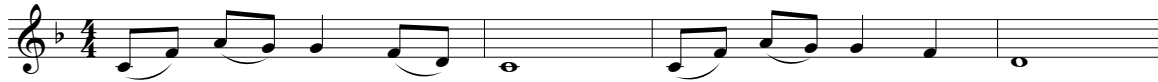
MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, -  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.  
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## 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—I Will Lift My Voice (Psalm 101)



I will lift my voice. I will ever sing,  
I will raise my song for that glorious day!  
By Your mighty hand I will turn my eyes  
I will look to see, all the faithful souls



For Your steadfast love a bounds, O my Lord and King!  
Lord if You should tarry long, I will ever wait.  
From these fading shadow lands to eternal light.  
Ever walk in unity, pressing toward the goal.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_



I will ever sing, O my Lord and King.  
For that glorious day I will ever wait.  
I will turn my eyes to eternal light.  
All the faithful souls pressing toward the goal.

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2014.

### Hymn of Praise—O Lord, How Joyful 'Tis To See



O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see the brethren join in love to Thee!  
How sweet within Thy holy place with one accord to sing Thy grace.  
The world without may rage, but we will on - ly cling more close to Thee.  
O may we love, the house of God, of peace and joy, the blest a - bode.



On Thee alone their heart relies their on - ly strength Thy grace supplies.  
Besieging Thy attentive ear with all the force of fervent prayer!  
With hearts to Thee, more wholly giv'n More weaned from Earth, more fixed on Heav'n.  
O may no angry strife destroy that sacred peace, that holy joy.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr. John Chandler, 1837; Music: O WALY WALY, Traditional English folk song.

## 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—Rise Up, O Men Of God!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Rise up, O Men of God! Have done\_ with less - er things;  
Rise up, O Men of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;  
Rise up, O sons of God! The church for you doth wait,  
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where\_ His feet have trod;

Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.  
Bring in the\_ day of broth - er - hood and end\_ the night of wrong.  
Her strength un - e - qual to her task, rise up, \_ and make her great!  
As foll' - wers of the Son of Man, rise up, \_ O church of God!

Text: William P. Merrill, 1911; Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1872.

## 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—2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *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:

Isn't it wonderful how often God gives the gift of His love wrapped in people? There's a great example of this in the sermon text, where Paul describes his zeal to care for the Corinthians, and how they in turn should care for Titus. Likewise, the hymns in this morning's service reflect on God's care for us and call us to care for one another in brotherly love. *Jesus, Shepherd of Thy People*, and settings of Psalm 8, 95, and 84 all describe the tenderness of God's love. We ask in amazement, "What is ... man that You will gently care for him," and we marvel that all of creation will find rest beneath His care. *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, I Will Lift My Voice—Psalm 101*, and *O Lord How Joyful 'Tis To See* each call us to channel this tender care to our fellow Christians. We ask the Lord to "teach us how to love each other," we look forward in hope to see "all the faithful souls ever walk in unity," and we rejoice to see "the brethren join in love to Thee." The service closes with *Rise Up, O Men Of God*, a stirring encouragement to "bring in the day of brotherhood." God never leaves us alone—He places us in the church and gives us shepherds to walk with us. As we go about our week, we pray that the service this morning will remind us to respond to the love and care we have received by pouring that love and care on each other. —Henry C. Haffner & Emma Marsh

**Key Words:** Earnest, Love, Boasting, Proof, Grace, Gift, Honorable, Benefit  
**Keystone Verse:** So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.  
(2 Corinthians 8:24)



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