

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time 11 September 2022

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.
—William Cowper

The wheel of providence revolves, but its axle is eternal love. —Charles Spurgeon

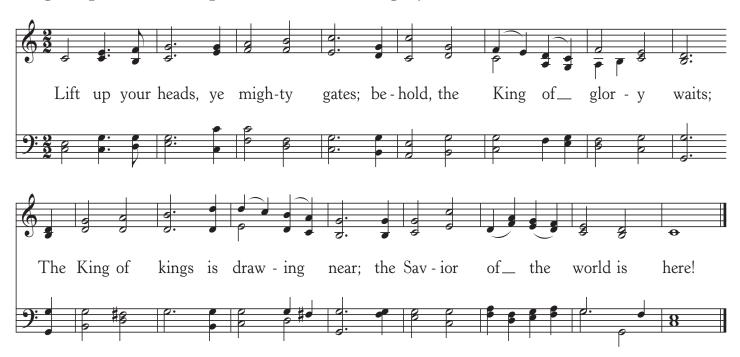
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1



Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 144:1-2; 9-10; 15

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, our rock.

All: He is our steadfast love.

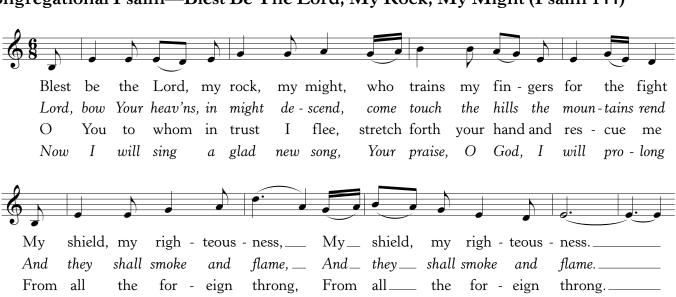
Reader 1: The Lord is our fortress. He is our stronghold, our deliverer, and our shield. In Him will we take refuge, for He subdues all men and all nations.

Reader 2: We will sing a new song to You, O God; You give victory to Your chosen ones and rescue Your servants from cruel oppression.

All: Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!

Pastor: Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

Congregational Psalm—Blest Be The Lord, My Rock, My Might (Psalm 144)



For You have heard For ___ You ___ have heard my prayer, myprayer.___



strong high tow'r, my Sa - vior true, My who keeps my en e - mies sub - dued Asrows send Your light - ning out, toput Your en e - mies to_ rout Their mouths are false for lies they speak, their hands of strength a - gainst the weak, kings, You give thevic - to - ry Your own You keep with shel - t'ring wings to



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 Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: STAR POINTER, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12:1-2

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Focus

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

Congregational Hymn—May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior



Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

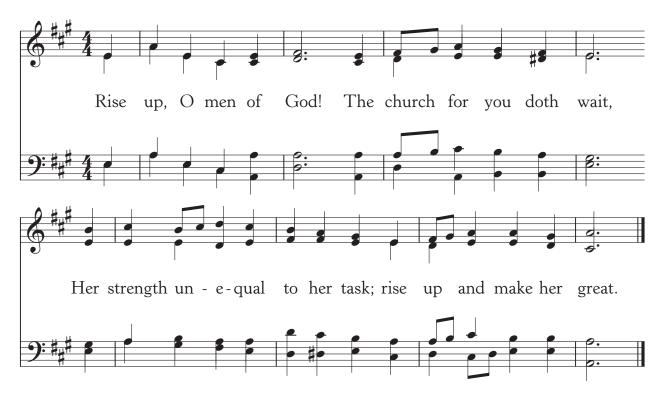
Reading of the Word—Haggai 2:20-23

²⁰ The word of the Lord came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, ²¹ "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth, ²² and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother. ²³ On that day, declares the Lord of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares the Lord, and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the Lord of hosts."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Rise Up, O Men Of God, Vs. 3



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

Sermon—The Choosing of God

-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—based on Hebrews 5:11-6:1

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing our sin before You.

All: We confess that we have become dull of hearing.

Pastor: For though by this time we ought to be teachers, we need someone to teach us again the basic principles of

the oracles of God.

All: We need milk, not solid food. We are unskilled in the word of righteousness, since we are like

children.

Pastor: Solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice

to distinguish good from evil.

All: Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again

a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

Assurance of Pardon—Hebrews 10:19-23; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

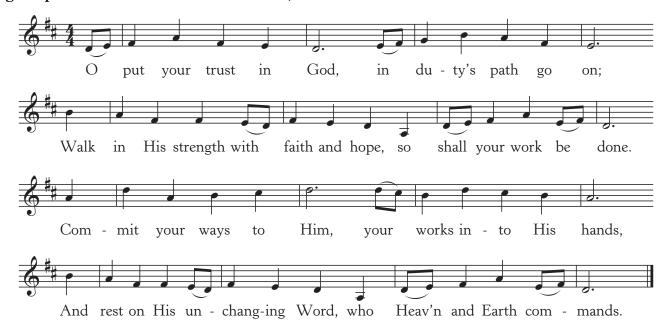
Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with

the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Sung Response—O Put Your Trust In God, 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.
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:



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—O Church, Arise



O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our cap - tain.

Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;

Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick-en;



For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv-en.

And with the sword that makes the wound-ed whole, we will fight with faith and val-or.

Then see His foes lie crushed be-neath His feet, for the con-quer-or has ris-en.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies;

When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure.

And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the grave,



An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, reach-ing out to those in dark - ness.

And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.

This vic - tory march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

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Congregational Hymn—God Moves In A Mysterious Way



God moves in a mys-ter-ious way His won-ders to per-form;

You fear-ful saints, fresh cour-age take; the clouds you so much dread

His pur-po-ses will ri-pen fast, un-fold-ing ev-'ry hour;





Deep in un-fath-om-a-ble mines of_nev-er fail-ing skill______

Judge not the Lord by fee-ble sense, but trust Him for His grace;_____

Blind un-be-lief is sure to err, and scan His work in_vain;_____



He trea-sures up His bright de - signs, and works His sov'-reign will.

Be - hind a frown-ing pro - vi - dence He hides a smil - ing face.

God is His own in - ter - pre - ter, and He will make it plain.

Text: William Cowper, 1774, Alt. 2019; Music: ELKINS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

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—Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation



Text: Anonymous, 7th century, Tr. John M. Neale, 1851; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1867.

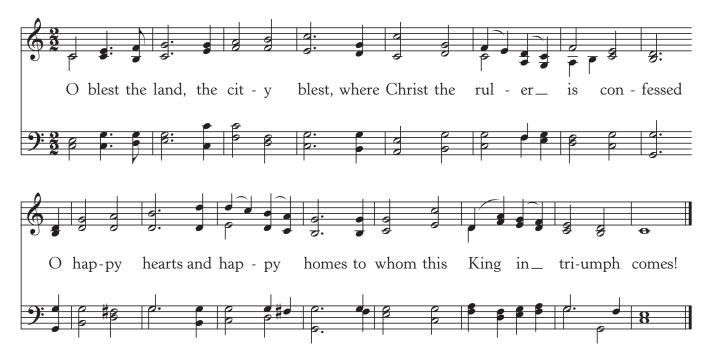
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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—Hebrews 12:28-29

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. *Amen*.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3



Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

At the close of Haggai's prophecy, the people of Israel face the monumental task of completing the rebuilding of the temple. But the prophet leaves them with a comforting note—that they are uniquely called to the task ("I have chosen you," Haggai 2:23). As the hymns and Scriptures in the rest of the service indicate, the Lord will prosper the efforts of those He calls. Psalm 144 (which we both read and sing) declares that He "trains [our] fingers for the fight," and that He gives victory to His chosen (Psalm 144:10). Hebrews 12 encourages us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us," and we sing in response that we triumph only through Christ's power (May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior). Hymns like Rise Up, O Men Of God, O Put Your Trust In God, and O Church, Arise call us to action, imploring us to add our strength to the church's mission, to walk in "duty's path," and to hear the "call of Christ our captain." In contrast, God Moves In A Mysterious Way urges us to rest in the providence of God and to take courage even in the midst of storms, difficulties, and bitterness. The service closes with a Benediction from Hebrews and the hymns Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation and Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates that all echo the message of Haggai. We have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken and a blessed land where Christ is confessed. He is our "sure foundation" and our help forever. Now we need to get to work. —Henry C. Haffner

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