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The battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every man. —Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Disguised as evil, persecution often comes to us as an ultimate manifestation of God's good providence. It provokes us toward a new-found dependence upon His grace, upon His Word, and upon His people. It is in that sense a paradoxical blessing perhaps even more profound than prosperity. —Frizof Gemielic

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—Nahum 1:7

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him.

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice; Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,
arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 34:1-3; 17-19

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord. Let us exalt His name together!

All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

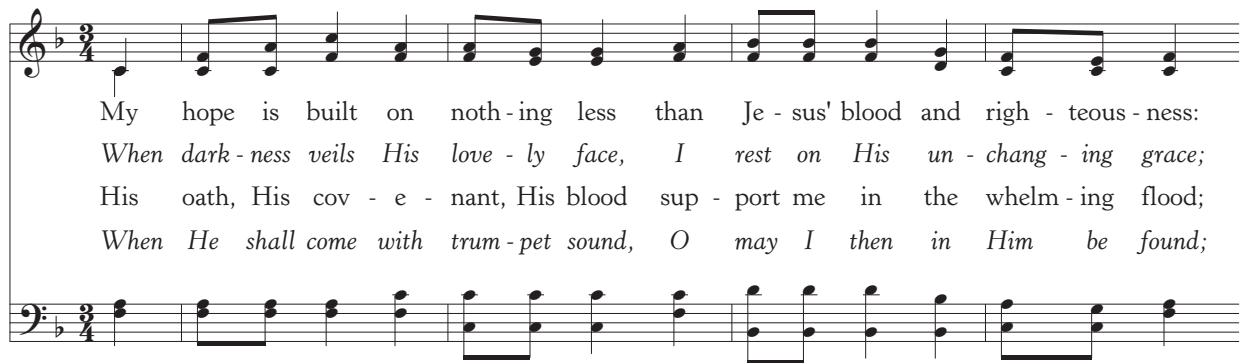
Reader 1: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Reader 2: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

All: We will bless the Lord at all times.

Pastor: His praise shall continually be in our mouths.

Congregational Hymn—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less



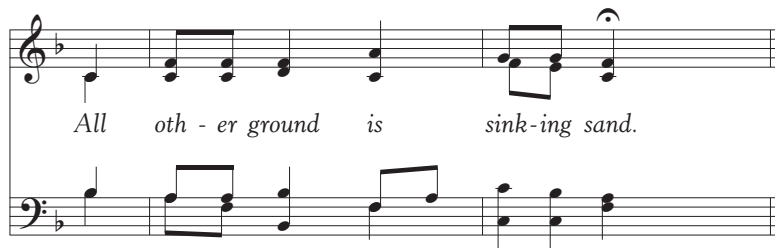
My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;
When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace;
His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in 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,



All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

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



Blest be the Lord, my rock, my might, who trains my fin - gers for the fight
Lord, bow Your heav'ns, in might de - scend, come touch the hills the moun - tains rend
O You to whom in trust I flee, stretch forth your hand and res - cue me
Now I will sing a glad new song, Your praise, O God, I will pro - long



My shield, my righ - teous - ness, — My shield, my righ - teous - ness. —
And they shall smoke and flame, — And they shall smoke and flame. —
From all the for - eign throng, From all the for - eign throng. —
For You have heard my prayer, For You have heard my prayer. —



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



My shel - ter in dis - tress, — My shel - ter in dis - tress.
And fill Your foes with shame, — And fill Your foes with shame.
Are filled with craft and wrong, — Are filled with craft and wrong.
From cru - el sword and snare, — From cru - el sword and snare.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016; Music: POLK COUNTY, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 5:5b-11

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist Him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—Turn Your Ear And Answer (Psalm 86)

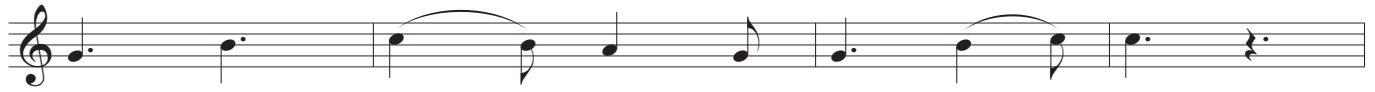


Turn Your ear _____ and an - swer, O my _____ Lord
Make the soul of Your ser - vant, glad this _____ day!
You _____ are good and for - giv - ing, kind and _____ true;
O _____ Lord lis - ten to my plea for _____ grace;



For _____ I am _____ op - pressed, I _____ am weak and _____ poor.
O _____ my sov - 'reign Lord, hear _____ me when I _____ pray.
Full _____ of stead - fast love; I _____ will call on _____ You!
I _____ will call _____ on You, in _____ my trou - bled _____ days.

Chorus



Save Your ser - vant! Pre - serve my _____ life!



Lord be Gra - cious! All my days, to You, I _____ will cry.

Text: Psalm 86:1-7, Nathan George, 2015; Music: Nathan George, 2015.

Reading of the Word—Psalm 7:1-17

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning the words of Cush, a Benjaminite.

- ¹ O Lord my God, in You do I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,
- ² lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.
- ³ O Lord my God, if I have done this,
if there is wrong in my hands,
- ⁴ if I have repaid my friend with evil
or plundered my enemy without cause,
- ⁵ let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,
and let him trample my life to the ground
and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*
- ⁶ Arise, O Lord, in Your anger;
lift Yourself up against the fury of my enemies;
awake for me; You have appointed a judgment.
- ⁷ Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about You;
over it return on high.

- 8 The Lord judges the peoples;
 judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness
 and according to the integrity that is in me.
- 9 Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
 and may You establish the righteous—
 You who test the minds and hearts,
 O righteous God!
- 10 My shield is with God,
 who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge,
 and a God who feels indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, God will whet His sword;
 He has bent and readied His bow;
- 13 He has prepared for him His deadly weapons,
 making His arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil
 and is pregnant with mischief
 and gives birth to lies.
- 15 He makes a pit, digging it out,
 and falls into the hole that he has made.
- 16 His mischief returns upon his own head,
 and on his own skull his violence descends.
- 17 I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness,
 and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, Vs. 2



Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on Thee;



Leave, ah! leave me not a-lone, still sup-port and com - fort me!



All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;



Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: MARTYN, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834.

Sermon—A Plea for Justice

—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 Psalm 31:1-2, 9-10

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. In You, O Lord, do we take refuge.

All: **In Your righteousness deliver us!**

Pastor: Incline Your ear to us; rescue us speedily! Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us!

All: **Our eyes are wasted from grief; our souls and our bodies also.**

Pastor: For our lives are spent with sorrow, and our years with sighing.

All: **Our strength fails because of our iniquity, and our bones waste away.**

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 31:3, 5, 7; Titus 2:11-14

For You are our rock and our fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead us and guide us. Into Your hand do we commit our spirits. You have redeemed us, O Lord, faithful God. We will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love.

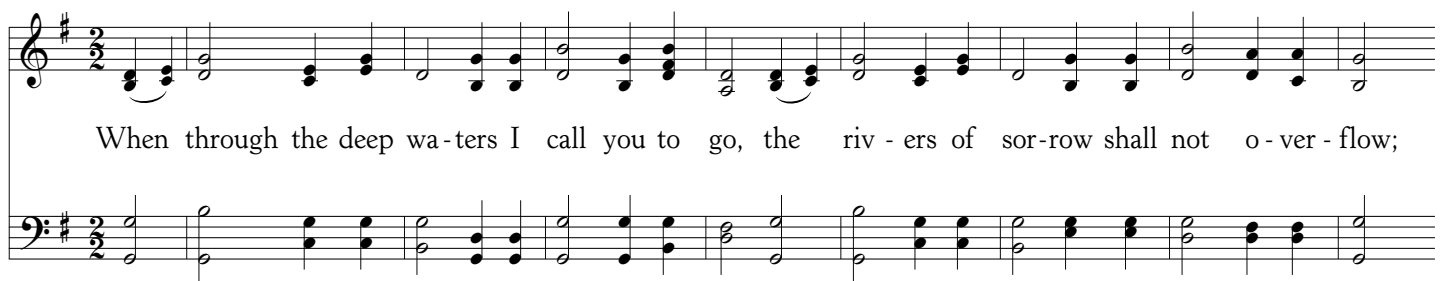
Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

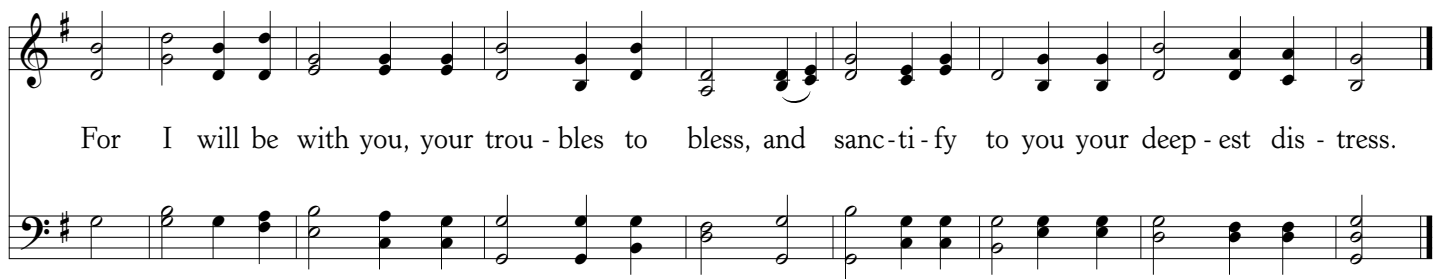
Pastor: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

All: **And so we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Sung Response—How Firm A Foundation, Vs. 3



When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go, the riv-ers of sor-row shall not o-ver-flow;



For I will be with you, your trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.

Text: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787;
Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody.

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y__ be un - to__ Thee,
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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—My God, My God, Come Hear My Plea (Psalm 22)



My God, My God, come hear my plea; O why have You for - sa - ken me?
On You, On You I learned to rest when I was on my mo - ther's breast;
My foes, My foes would do me wrong, for they sur - round me fierce and strong,
My bones, my bones they have laid bare, the gar - ments torn from me they share



You're far from me in my dis - tress; both day and night I find no_ rest.
From birth You were my God a - lone, Your care my life has ev - er_ known.
Like beasts of prey they mock and rail, my strength is spent, my cour - age fails.
My shame and sor - row count - ing not, and for my robe they cast their lots.



Our fa - thers trust - ed in Your name, were saved, and were not put to shame;
O let Your strength and pre - sence cheer, for trou - ble and des - pair are near;
Near death You have a - ban - doned me, con - sumed by thirst and a - go - ny,
O Lord, a - far no long - er stay; O Lord, my help, make haste, I pray;



But in the dust my hon - or lies, while all re - proach and all des - pise.
O be not far a - way from me, no oth - er source of help I_ see.
With cru - el hate and an - ger fierce, my help - less hands and feet they pierce.
From death and e - vil set me free; I live, for You have an - swered me.

Text: from Psalm 22:1-21, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019; Music: DONELSON, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



The Lord ev - er hear you when trou - bles are near; The name of our
May He all the gifts of your love keep in mind, And all of your
For joy in sal - va - tion we'll shout to His praise: In God's ho - ly
Some trust in their char - iots pre - pared for the fray, And some in their
Our foes are bowed down and are fal - len at length, While we have a -



God keep you safe from all fear. The Lord send you help; from His
off - rings ac - cep - ta - ble find; May He ev - er grant you the
name all our ban - ners we'll raise. The Lord who has saved be your
hor - ses the foe to dis - may, But we will make men - tion of
ris - en and stand in Your strength. O, Lord save the king! For You



tem - ple pro - claim, That He'll out of Zi - on_ your weak - ness sus - tain.
wish of your heart, Ful - fill all your yearn - ing, and wis - dom im - part.
con - fi - dence still, And all your pe - ti - tions_ in mer - cy ful - fill.
one_ on - ly name; The Lord God al - migh - ty, we'll ev - er ac - claim.
rule o - ver all; Give bless - ing and an - swer_ when - ev - er we call!

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

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 Psalm—O Lord, My God, I Take Refuge (Psalm 7)

O Lord, my God, I take re - fuge in You;
O Lord my God, if my hands were un - just
Lord, rise in an - ger, and be my def - ense
Come back to rule ov - er them from on high.
O let the ev - il of wick - ed men cease,
O save me from all those who have pur - sued.
Harm - ing my foes or my friends in their trust,
A - gainst my en - e - my's rage so in - tense;
The Lord will judge as the na - tions draw nigh.
And all the right - eous est - a - blish in peace;
Lest they should tear me like li - ons with prey;
Let my pur - su - er come near and sur - round,
Rise, bring the judg - ment that You have de - creed.
My cause is right, Lord, O vin - di - cate me;
God who is right - eous ex - a - mines and finds
With none to res - cue, they'd drag me a - way.
Tramp - ling my life in the dust of the ground.
Let peo - ples come and with You gath - ered be.
Judge me as You my in - teg - ri - ty see.
All of the depths of men's hearts and their minds.

Text: Psalm 7:1-9, *Book of Psalms for Worship*, 2010; Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

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—Exodus 14:13

Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will work for you today. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glor - y be - to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is - now, and ev - er shall be,

World - with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glor - y be - to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is - now, and ev - er shall be, World - with - out end. A - men. A - - - men." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century;
Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Most of the psalms, hymns, and readings in this morning's service could be summed up in a single word: "Help!" We ask the Lord to rescue us from a foreign throng (*Blest Be The Lord, My Rock, My Might—Psalm 144*), and we cry out "Save your servant! preserve my life!" (*Turn Your Ear And Answer—Psalm 86*). We are warned to be watchful for the prowling devil and to prepare for great suffering (1 Peter 5:8-9). We read from Psalm 7 "save me from all my pursuers and deliver me" (Psalm 7:1). We respond by singing "Other refuge have I none" and "Leave me not alone" (*Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*), and later, "Come hear my plea" and "Lord, my help, make haste, I pray" (*My God, My God, Come Hear My Plea—Psalm 22*). We conclude by singing back the first half of Psalm 7, pleading for salvation from our foes, "lest they should tear me like lions with prey" (*O Lord, My God, I Take Refuge—Psalm 7*). But all throughout the service, we also find reassurance in God's providence. "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them" (Psalm 34:19). Christ is our anchor in every high and stormy gale (*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*). He promises us that "I will be with you, your troubles to bless" (*How Firm A Foundation*), and that He will answer whenever we call (*The Lord Ever Hear You—Psalm 20*). The benediction sends us out with great hope, that even in the bleakest moments we must "see the salvation of the Lord, which He will work for you today" (Exodus 14:13). —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Refuge, Arise, Arouse, Assembly, Judge, Indignation, Repent, Thanks
Keystone Verse: If a man does not repent, God will whet His sword. He has bent and readied His bow. (Psalm 7:12)



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