



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Epiphany

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The family is primary, the fountain and seed bed of all society, and thus the authority of all superiors is at once set forth and mitigated when they are called fathers. —William Ames

Submission paid to parents ought to be a step toward honoring the highest Father. —John Calvin

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—Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Sung Response—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 1

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

The third system of music concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 103:1-4, 13-14

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.**


Reader 1: He forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases.

Reader 2: He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

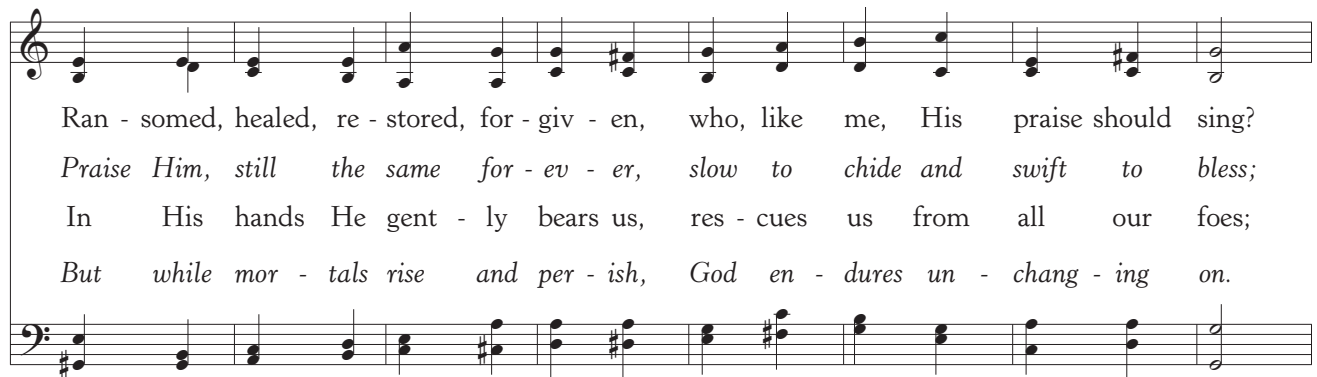
All: **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

Pastor: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

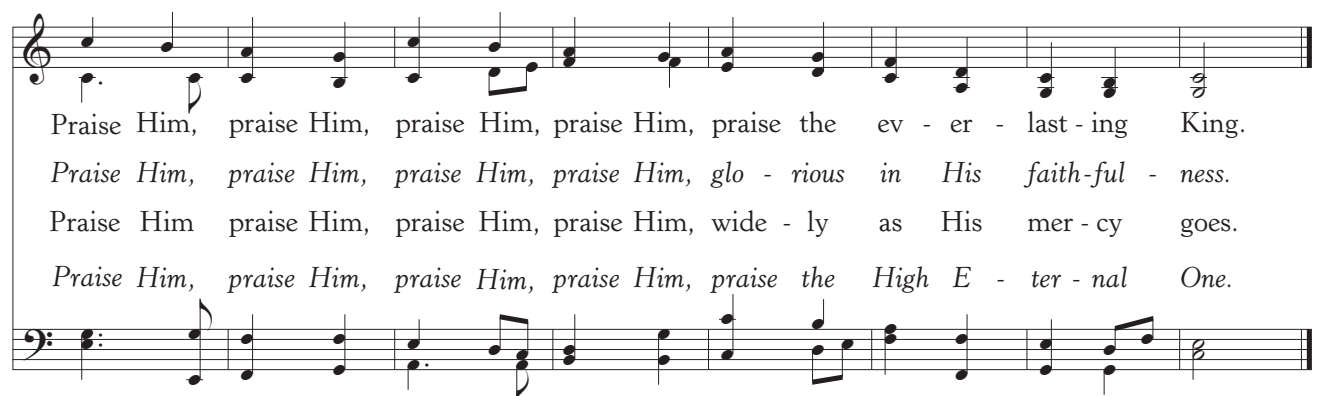
Congregational Hymn—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven



Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;
Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;
Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
In His hands He gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.



Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
Praise Him praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.

Text: based on Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869.

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—Alleluia! How Blest The Man (Psalm 112)



A - le - lu - ia! How blest the man who great-ly__fears the Lord!
Light to the up - right shall a - rise, though he in__dark-ness be;
When e - vil ti - dings he shall hear, he shall not be a - fraid:
A - bun - dant wealth with - in his house shall ev - er__be in store;



Who dai - ly finds de - light with - in Je - ho - vah's Ho - ly Word
Com - pass - ion - ate, and mer - ci - ful and ev - er__just is he.
His__heart is fixed, his__con - fi - dence up - on the__Lord is stayed.
And his un - spot - ted__right - eous - ness en - dures for - ev - er - more.



His__child - ren for their might shall be in__all the land re - nowned;
There sure - ly is not__an - y thing that ev - er shall him move:
Es - tab - lished firm - ly__is his heart, a - fraid he shall not be,
The__wick - ed ones shall see, and grieve: their teeth will gnash a - way,



The gen - er - a - tion of the just in bless - ings shall a - bound.
The right - eous man's me - mor - i - al shall ev - er - last - ing prove.
Un - til a - mong his__en - e - mies, his tri - umph He__shall see.
For__what the wick - ed__most de - sire shall ut - ter - ly__de - cay.

Text: Psalm 112:1-4, 6-8, 10, *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. Henry C. Haffner 2018;
Music: POTTSVILLE, Henry C. Haffner, 2018.

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—The Lord Is King



The Lord is king! Lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re - joice!
The Lord is king! Who then shall dare re - sist His will, dis - trust His care,
The Lord is king! Child of the dust, the judge of all the earth is just;
He reigns! Ye saints, ex - alt your strains; your God is king, your Fa - ther reigns;



From world to world the joy shall ring, "The Lord om - ni - po - tent is King."
Or mur - mur at His wise de - crees, or doubt His ro - yal pro - mi - ses?
Ho - ly and true are all His ways; let ev - ery crea - ture speak His praise.
Through earth and heav'n one song shall ring, "The Lord om - ni - po - tent is King!"

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin,
from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, Alt. 2010.

Reading of the Word—from Exodus 20:1-17

God 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. 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... Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet..."

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—*Honoring Authority: A Command with a Promise*

—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 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.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Kyrie

WOMEN

Lord have mer - cy — Christ have mer - cy —

MEN

Lord have mer - cy — Christ have mer - cy —

— Lord have mer - cy — Up - on us.

Lord have mer - cy — Up - on us.

Text: Traditional; Music: Nathan George & Henry C. Haffner, 2012.

Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 4:4-6; Matthew 28:19-20

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Pastor: This is the promise of God, our great inheritance from Him.

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

Pastor: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All: **Thanks be to God, our refuge, our strength, and our redeemer.**

Sung Response—Fivefold Amen

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: Traditional; Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988.

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:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 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 Hymn—For All The Saints



For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
From Earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
The King of glory passes on His way.
And sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Congregational Psalm—Blest The Man Who Feared 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 fathers, 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—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.
Amen.

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Of all the ten commandments, one could make the argument that none is more offensive to 21st century sensibilities than the fifth. Especially when its broader implications towards ancestors, place, and all legitimate authority are taken into account, “Honor your father and your mother” seems blasphemous to the contemporary mind. In a society that blames all manner of ills on the deficiencies of our families of origin, we are called to honor our imperfect natural fathers as we would our heavenly Father—the Father who reigns over all (*The Lord Is King*) and gently cares for us (*Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven*). While our current milieu declares that everyone who lived before 1965 was wicked beyond imagining (or is that too early? 2015?), we are called to give thanks for the saints who followed the leading of the Lord in the past (*God Of Our Fathers*) and now rest from their labors (*For All The Saints*). When works of beauty are defaced, memorials are removed, and graves are desecrated, we are promised that “the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever” (*Alleluia! How Blest The Man—Psalm 112*). In a world of atomization and abstraction, we are given tangible promises: long life in a particular place (Exodus 20:12) and seeing our children’s children (*Blest The Man Who Feels Jehovah—Psalm 128*). As we move in our series from duties to God to our duties to our neighbor, I pray that the spirit will “teach us how to love each other” (*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*), beginning with those closest to us. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Honor, Father, Mother, Long Days

Keystone Verse: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12)



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