



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Kingdomtide  
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Faith naturally leads to holiness and happiness, to purity and peace; and unbelief as naturally produces guilt, depravity, and ruin. —John Brown

*What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*

“...that Satan, the world, and the flesh, are ready powerfully to draw us aside and ensnare us; and we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption, weakness, and want of watchfulness, are not only subject to be tempted... but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them... we pray that God would so overrule the world and all in it, subdue the flesh, and restrain Satan, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all His people may be kept from being tempted to sin.”

—Westminster Larger Catechism, Q.195

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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—Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

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



The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy 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.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-4, 6-7

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All:** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

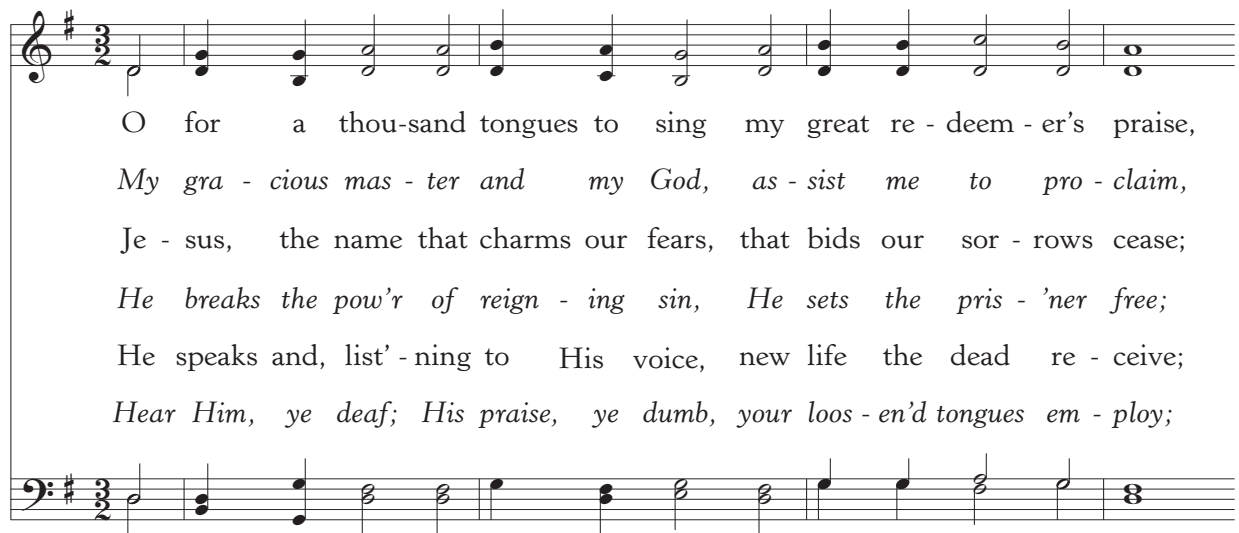
Reader 1: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Reader 2: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.


**All:** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

## Congregational Hymn—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing



O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re - deem - er's praise,  
My gra - cious mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;  
He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, He sets the pris - 'ner free;  
He speaks and, list' - ning to His voice, new life the dead re - ceive;  
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loos - en'd tongues em - ploy;



The glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of His grace.  
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.  
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.  
The mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1828, arr. 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.

## Antiphonal Scripture Song—Song At The Sea

### \* REFRAIN

Leader



To the Lord I will sing for His glo-rious vic-to-ry; the horse and the ri-der He has thrown in-to the sea.

Congregation



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To the Lord I will sing for His glo-rious vic-to-ry; the horse and the ri-der He has thrown in-to the sea.

Leader



The Lord is my strength and my song, sal - va - tion He brings to me;  
 For Phar - aoh and all of his host, He cast them in - to the sea,  
 The en - e - my vowed to pur - sue, to ru - in to rape to spoil;  
 You led to Your ho - ly a - bode the peo - ple whom You re - deemed;  
 You plant them on Your ho - ly hill, the moun - tain which You have made,



My fa - ther's God, He is my God, and I will ex - alt and praise.  
 The floods went up; and in the depths their char - i - ots sank like stones.  
 The sea rose up and cov - ered them; in wa - ter they sank like lead.  
 The na - tions heard; they trem - ble still; all Ca - naan shall melt a - way.  
 Es - tab - lished there by Your right hand, for - ev - er with You they'll reign.

Congregation



The Lord is a man of war; Je - ho - vah is His name. \*  
 Your hand shows your glor - ious pow'r to crush your en - e - mies.  
 O who is like You, my Lord, in per - fect ho - li - ness? \*  
 On them shall great ter - ror fall till all Your folk pass by.  
 Ma - jes - tic are all Your deeds, the won - ders of Your hand. \*

Text: Exodus 15:1-21, Henry C. Haffner. 2022; Music: MIDNIGHT SUN. Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

## Scripture Reading—Numbers 14:6-11

And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.” Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel. And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will this people despise Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Psalm—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: Psalm 95:1-7, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

## Reading of the Word—Hebrews 3:7-19

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear His voice,<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,<sup>9</sup> where your fathers put Me to the test and saw My works for forty years.<sup>10</sup> Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known My ways.’<sup>11</sup> As I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.<sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.<sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.<sup>15</sup> As it is said, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”<sup>16</sup> For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?<sup>17</sup> And with whom was He provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?<sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?<sup>19</sup> So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—O Come Before The Lord, Our King (Psalm 95), Vs. 4



Take heed and har - den not\_ your heart as did our fath - ers, nor de - part



From God to fol - low in\_ their ways; for with com - plaints in - stead of praise,



With doubt in - stead of faith con - fessed, they put His mer - cy to the test.

Text: Psalm 95:8, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

## Sermon—*Beware of the Deceitfulness of Sin*

—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 Numbers 14:2, 9, 11

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We have rebelled against the Lord and feared the people of the land, not trusting that the Lord is with us.

All: Lord, we Your people have despised You.

Pastor: We would rather die in the wilderness than have You bring us into the Promised Land.

All: Lord, we have not believed in You, in spite of all the signs You have done among us.

## Assurance of Pardon—Numbers 14:18-20; Colossians 2:6-7

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and fourth generation. Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of Your steadfast love... The Lord says, "I have pardoned."

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

## Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 5

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it right and true; Cast me not a - way from Thee, let Thy Spir - it dwell in me; Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart."

# 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 Hymn—Calm Content

Fierce pass - ions rise and toss the mind as tem - pests turn the sea;  
In vain by rea - son and by rule we try to bend our will;  
So teach us, then, by hum - ble means, — whe - ther rich or poor,  
But calm con - tent and peace we find when, Lord, we turn to Thee;  
For none but in the Sav - ior's school can learn the heav'n - ly skill;  
In times of hun - ger help us lean up - on the grac - ious stores—  
Lord, we turn to Thee.  
Teach us, Lord, heav'n - ly skill.  
Christ, our Grac - ious — Store.  
*Chorus*  
We would find our souls at rest with - in Your care.  
We would learn to be con - tent with when and where You lead,  
Lord

Text: John Newton, 1779, Refrain and Vs. 3 by Nathan George, 2012; Music: CONTENT, Nathan George, 2012.

## Congregational Hymn—Come Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy

Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, — sick and sore;  
Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;  
Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;  
Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, — love and power.  
True be - lief — and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er — come at all.  
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.  
I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me — in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are — ten — thou - sand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759; Music: RESTORATION (ARISE), William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

## 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—Come Down, O Love Divine



Come down, O Love di - vine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
O let it free - ly burn, til earth - ly pas - sions turn  
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing.  
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let Thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
For none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, 15<sup>th</sup> century, tr. Richard Littledale, 1867;  
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

## 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 6:24-26

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. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

### Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Hebrews 3 concludes with a stern warning not to follow the example of the Israelites, who fell away into unbelief soon after the deliverance from Egyptian slavery. The author quotes extensively from Psalm 95, twice urging the listener, “do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion” (Psalm 95:8). Today’s Call to Worship and one of our hymns are also taken from this psalm. We will sing three verses of *O Come Before The Lord Our King—Psalm 95* before the sermon text, and then respond by singing a further verse drawn directly from the quoted portion of the psalm (“Take heed and harden not your heart as did your fathers”). Both the Scripture reading and the Confession of Sin this morning are taken from Numbers 14, which details another Israelite rebellion prior to conquest of the promised land. Hymns throughout the service call us to listen to His voice (*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*), to turn to Him when caught in passions of the mind (*Calm Content*), and to run to Him when we fall into sin (*Come Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy*). Our final hymn, *Come Down, O Love Divine*, is a prayer for the Holy Spirit to burn away sinful desires that might turn us from the Lord’s path. If the Israelites were punished severely for turning away from the leadership of Moses, how much more will those of us who follow the greater Moses? —Henry C. Haffner

**Key words:** Heart, Unbelieving, Deceitful, Hard, Rest, Confidence

**Keystone verse:** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (Hebrews 3:12)



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