



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Kingdomtide

17 October 2021

The greatest advances in human civilization have come when we recovered what we had lost: when we learned the lessons of history. —Winston Churchill

Just as a loss of memory in an individual is a psychiatric defect calling for medical treatment, so too any community which has no social memory is suffering from an illness. —John H. Y. Briggs

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 3:19

Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Introit—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 18:46-50

Pastor: The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock!

All: Let the God of our salvation be exalted!

Reader 1: You are our God. You, O Lord, have given us justice. You have delivered us, rescued us, and exalted us.

Reader 2: For this will we praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to Your holy name. Great is Your salvation.

All: You show Your steadfast love to Your beloved forever.

Pastor: Rejoice! The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock!

Psalm of Praise—O God, Our Help In Ages Past (Psalm 90)

O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719;
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1708.

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—The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad (Psalm 21)



O Je - ho - vah, the king in Your strength shall be glad,
Through sal - va - tion from You is his fame wide - ly spread,
You will stretch forth Your hand on the heads of Your foes,



And shall in Your sal - va - tion re - joice;— for You free - ly have giv - en each
For the maj - es - ty You did im - part— O most bles - sed for - ev - er the
On Your hat - ers a right hand of pow'r, then Your wrath shall a - round them like



Wish his heart had, You at - tend to the cries of his voice.—
King has been made, and Your pres - ence has glad - dened his heart.—
Fur - nace flames close; for Je - ho - vah's own wrath shall de - vour.—



All the bless - ings he craved You did grac - ious - ly give,
For the king in the name of Je - ho - vah Most High
From the earth shall their race be con - sumed and de - stroyed,
You will turn back your foes; You will put them to flight,



With the pur - est of gold he is crowned.— When he asked of You life, You
Did un - wav - er - ing con - fi - dence place;— through His great lov - ing - kind - ness
And their off - spring for - ev - er shall fail;— by the e - vil they plot - ted,
When Your ar - rows are aimed at their face.— Be ex - al - ted Je - ho - vah,



Have made him to live, while the ag - es shall cir - cle a - round.
He still will re - ly on the High - est, and stand by His grace.
The schemes they em - ployed. they shall nev - er a - gainst You pre - vail.
In strength and in might; we will sing of Your pow - er and grace.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1898; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: KING PHILIP, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

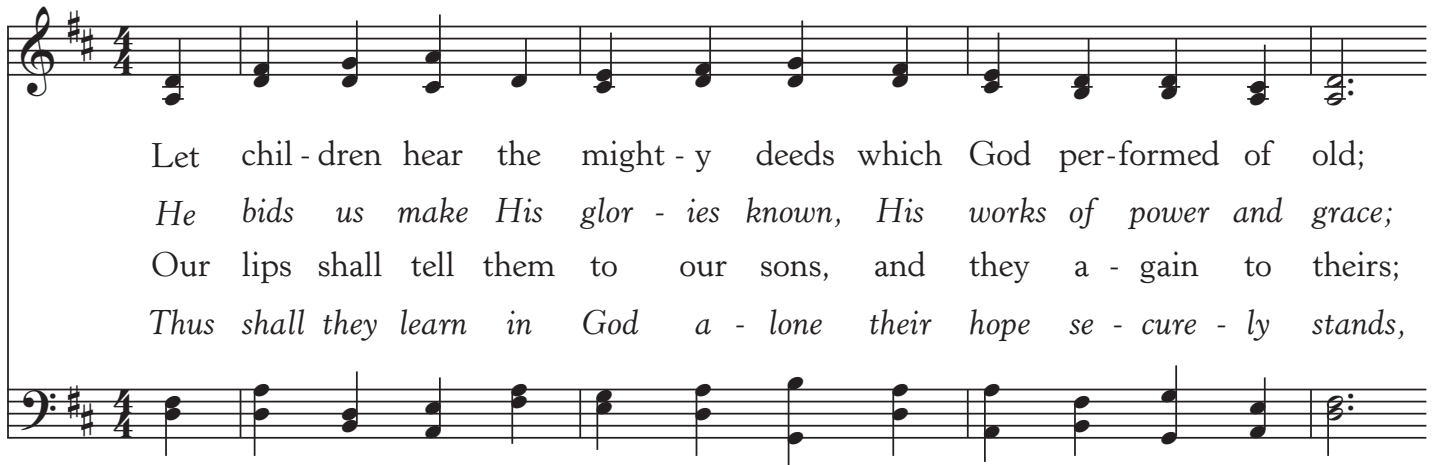
Scripture Reading—Psalm 77:11-15

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your wonders of old. I will ponder all Your work, and meditate on Your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your might among the peoples. You with Your arm redeemed Your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

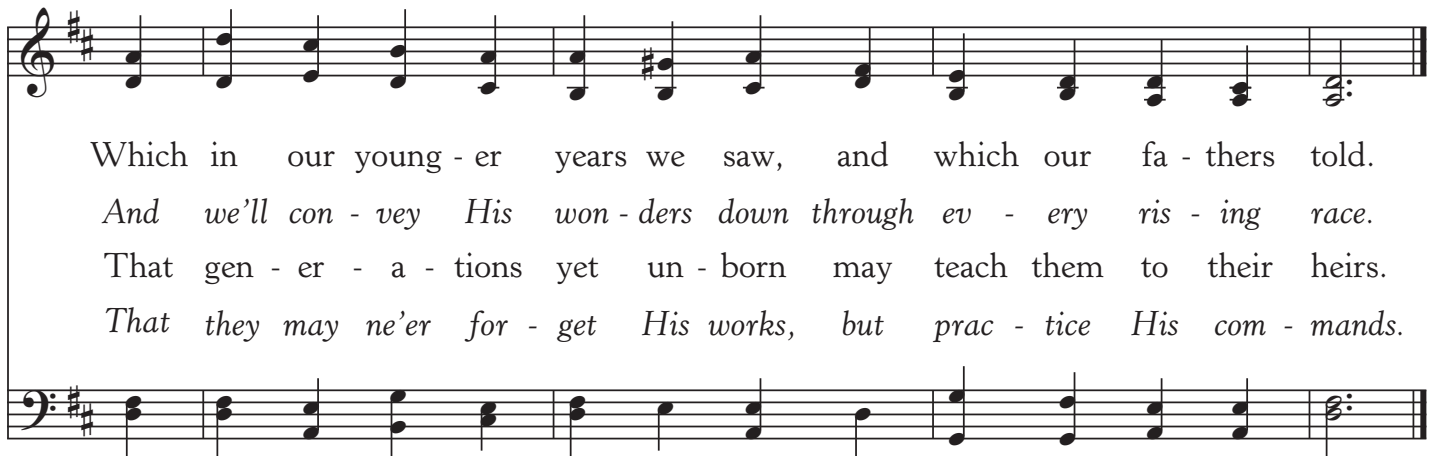
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of Praise—Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds (Psalm 78)



Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;
He bids us make His glor - ies known, His works of power and grace;
Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;
Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,



Which in our young - er years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.
And we'll con - vey His won - ders down through ev - ery ris - ing race.
That gen - er - a - tions yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
That they may ne'er for - get His works, but prac - tice His com - mands.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 78:1-7, Isaac Watts, 1719;
Music: DUNDEE, *Scottish Psalter*, 1615.

Baptism of Esperanza Hernandez, daughter of Evan and Maggie Hernandez

Baptism of William Crist, son of Ben and Blair Crist

Reading of the Word—Lamentations 1:1-3, 5, 7-8,18; 5:1-3, 15-16, 19, 21

How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become, she who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave. ²She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. ³Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations... ⁵Her foes have become the head; her enemies prosper, because the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe... ⁷Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and wandering all the precious things that were hers from days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was none to help her, her foes gloated over her; they mocked at her downfall. ⁸Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns her face away... ¹⁸“The Lord is in the right, for I have rebelled against His word; but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering; my young women and my young men have gone into captivity...”

^{5:1} Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; look, and see our disgrace! ²Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to foreigners. ³We have become orphans, fatherless; our mothers are like widows... ¹⁵The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning. ¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned... ¹⁹But You, O Lord, reign forever; Your throne endures to all generations... ²¹Restore us to Yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Gently, Gently Lay Your Rod (Psalm 6), Vs. 3

Who with-in the si - lent grave will re - call or give You praise?

Lord, my trem - bling soul now give words of grace and I will live.

I am wear - y from the years of the dark - ness filled with tears.

Oh, my sight, be - cause of grief, wastes a - way and now is weak.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1834, Alt. Nathan George, 2012; Music: Nathan George, 2012.

Sermon—*Remembrance and Forgetfulness*

—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 Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18

Pastor: We are reminded, “Take care lest we forget the Lord our God.” Nevertheless, we confess, all too often we have indulged forgetfulness.

All: **When we have eaten and are full, and have built good houses and live in them, and our silver and gold is multiplied, and all that we have is multiplied, then our hearts are lifted up and we forget the Lord our God.**

Pastor: We are reminded, “Beware lest we say in our hearts, ‘Our power and the might of our hands have gotten us this wealth.’”

All: **We must remember the Lord our God, for it is He who gives us the power to get wealth, that He might confirm His covenant.**

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 46:8-10, 12-13; Colossians 2:6-7

Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,” Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay.

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—How Shall The Young Direct Their Way (Psalm 119), Vs. 2



O bless - ed Lord, teach me Your law, Your righ - teous judge - ments I de - clare;



Your test - ti - mo - nies make me glad, for they are wealth be - yond com - pare.



Up - on Your pre - cepts and Your way my heart will med - i - tate with awe;



Your Word shall be my chief de - light, and I will not for - get Your law.

Text: Psalm 119:12-16, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: DUANE STREET, George Coles, 1835.

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.**

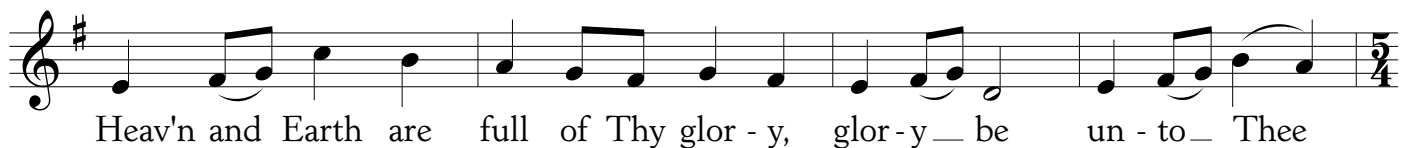
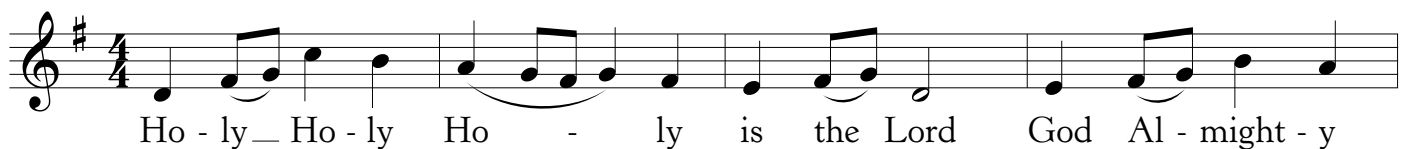
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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:



Text: Is 6:3, Rev 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.

Psalm of Praise—Be My Contender In The Strife (Psalm 35)



Be my con - ten - der in the strife, O Lord my strong de - fen - der be —
My foes re - joice at my dis - may, but You, O Lord, have seen it all; —
I look to You, my God, my Lord; my right - eous judge, to You I pray; —
Yes, let the Lord be mag - ni - fied, be - cause Your ser - vants You have blessed —



Your migh - ty shield pro - tect my life, Your spear con - front my en - e - my —
O be no long - er far a - way, nor si - lent when to You I call. —
Let not my foes cry out with scorn and laugh with joy at my dis - may. —
And from the morn - ing to the night, I dai - ly praise Your right - eous - ness —



A - mid the con - flict, O my Lord, Your pre - cious pro - mise let me hear —
O vin - di - cate me from Your throne, O Lord, my right - eous cause main - tain; —
Give woe and shame to those whose spite would see my right - eous cause des - troyed;
My soul is joy - ful in the Lord, in His sal - va - tion I re - joice; —



That faith - ful, re - as - sur - ing word: "I am your Sav - ior, do not fear." —
You are my Lord and God a - lone; a - wake, and make Your just - ice plain. —
But those who in the good de - light, let them be glad and shout for joy. —
To Him my heart will praise ac - cord and bless His name with thank - ful voice. —

Text: 1912 *Psalter*, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016; Music: WEST HARPETH, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Hymn of Praise—This Is My Father's World



This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears
This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
This is my Fa - ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get



All na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought
This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done:



Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
In the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
Je - sus Who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard, 1915.

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.*

Psalm of Praise—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9)



O Lord most high, with all my heart, Your great works I will pro-claim;
Je - ho - vah will a re - fuge prove, re - fuge strong for all op - pressed,
All they, O Lord, that know Your name, place their trust in the Word of truth,



I will be glad and give You thanks and sing the prais - es of Your name.
A safe de - fense, where wear - y souls in troub - led times may sure - ly rest.
For You have ne - ver turned a - way from those who tru - ly seek for You.

Chorus



Hope of the poor, to You we cry! A - rise, O Lord, de - fend the weak!



Sing Praise to the Lord en - throned on High! De - clare to all His might-y deeds!

Text: from Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11, 18-19, 1912 Psalter;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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—John 14:26

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. *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:

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your wonders of old.
—Psalm 77:11

Much of this morning's service centers around memory—remembering the things that God has done for us, and asking the Lord to remember us in our distress. The service begins with the hymn *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* (Psalm 90), which speaks of God's faithfulness throughout history, and moves directly to *The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad* (Psalm 21), which celebrates a specific victory in battle that the Lord gave to King David. We confess our forgetfulness from Deuteronomy, we are exhorted to "remember and stand firm" from Isaiah, and we respond by singing from Psalm 119 that we "will not forget Your law." Later in the service, we use the hymn *This Is My Father's World* to pray that we will never forget God's providential care, even "though the wrong seems oft so strong." An essential part of our call to remembrance is generational memory: hence, *Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds* (Psalm 78) and *O Lord Most High* (Psalm 9), speak to our duty to "proclaim His mighty deeds" to "generations yet unborn." In spite of our forgetfulness, we serve a God who never forgets His people. Even in the darkest of times, He speaks His faithful, reassuring word, "I am your Savior; do not fear." —Henry C. Haffner & Emma Marsh

Key Words: Princess, Slave, Mourn, Remembers, Sinned, Rebelled, Remember, Restore
Keystone Verse: Restore us to Yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old.
(Lamentations 5:21)



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