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Season of Kingdomtide

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Let us, therefore, learn from His example, to yield this honor to God – to believe that although there may appear no help for us from men, yet under His hand alone we are kept in peace and safety, as if we were surrounded by a great host. — John Calvin

They slumber sweetly whom faith rocks to sleep. No pillow so soft as a promise; no coverlet so warm as an assured interest in Christ. —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—Genesis 15:6

And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



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



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—from Psalm 66:1-5

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

All: Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

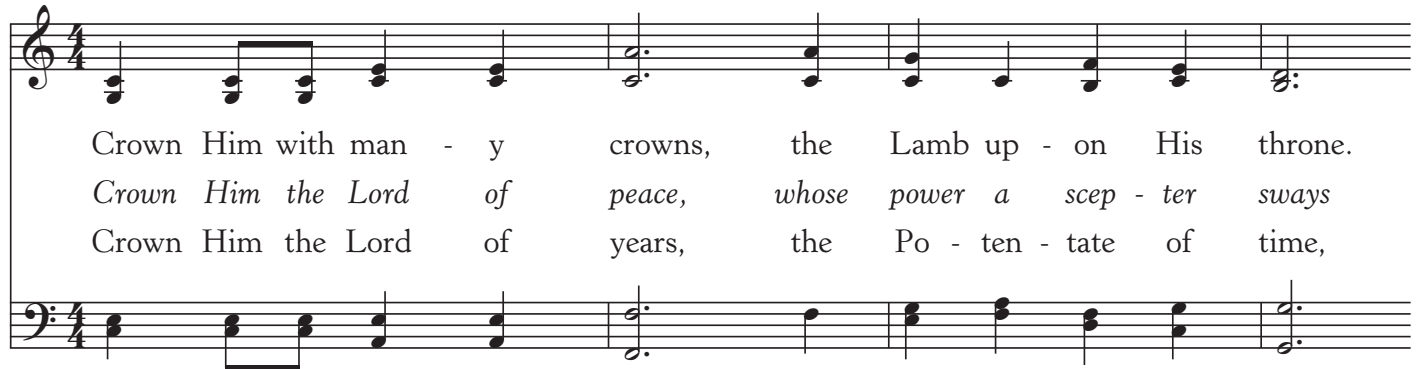
Reader 1: Sing to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Reader 2: So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

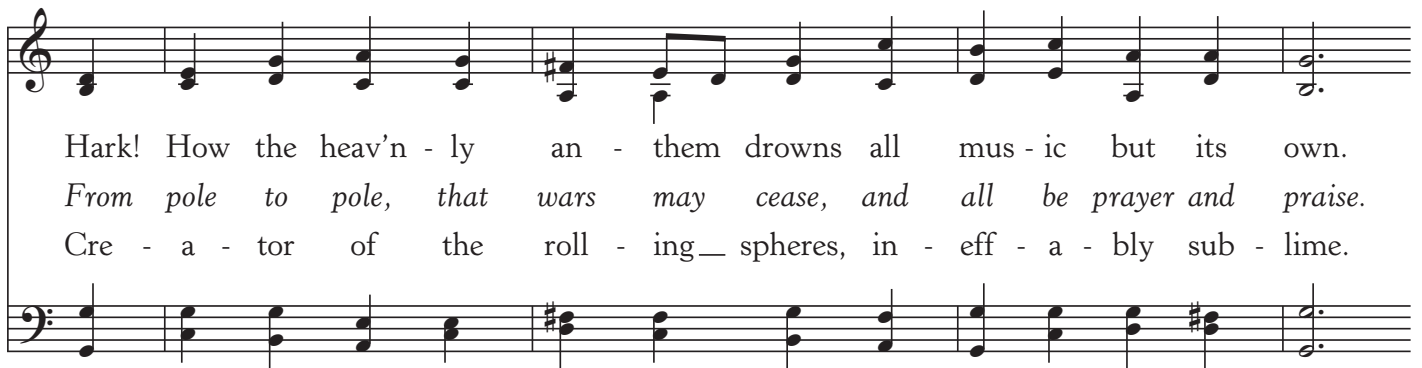
All: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You.

Pastor: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

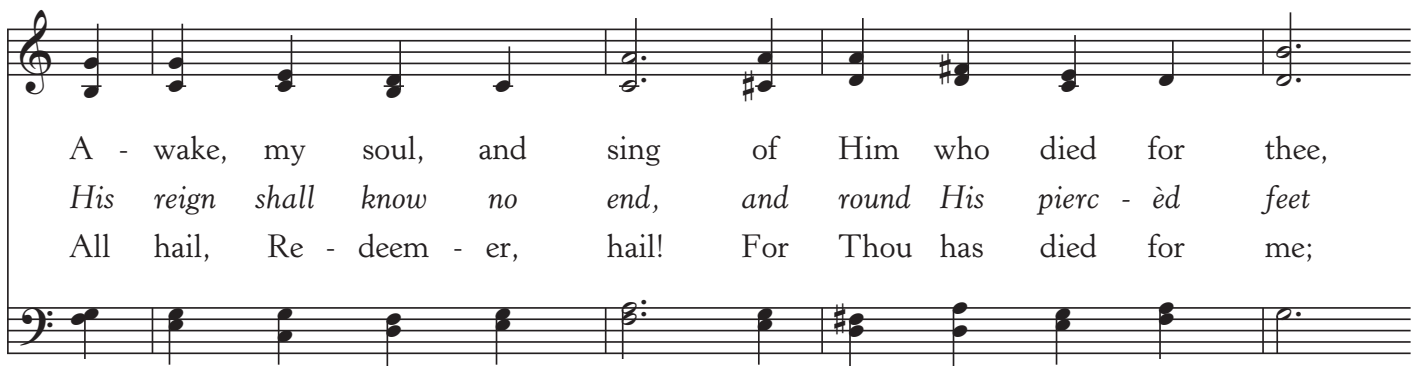
Congregational Hymn—Crown Him With Many Crowns



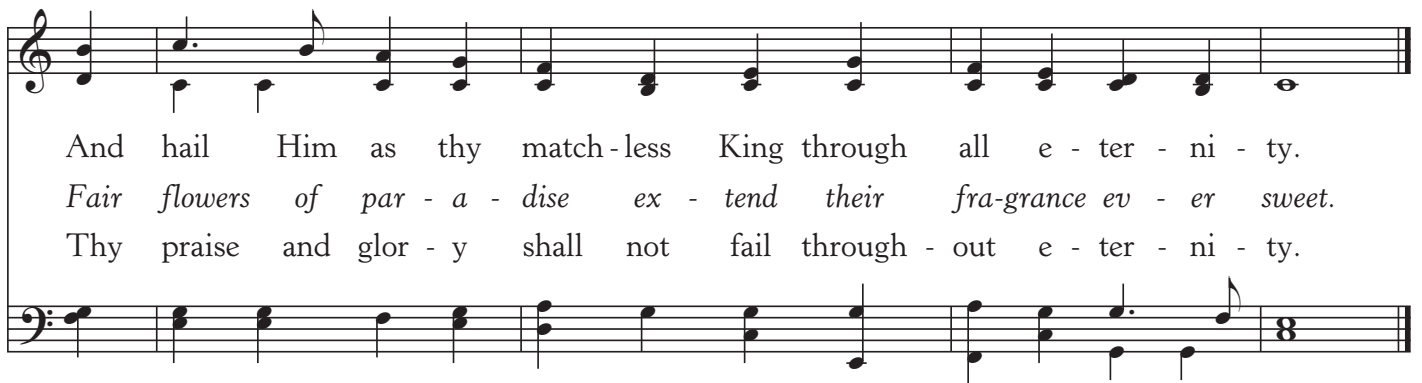
Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne.
Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,



Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own.
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing_ spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierc - èd feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou has died for me;



And hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
Fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
Thy praise and glor - y shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

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—My Trust Is In The Lord (Psalm 11)



My trust is in the Lord; how can you say to me,
The Lord the righteous tries: but wicked men He hates,
“A way with speed, and like a bird to your high mountain flee?
For all whose hearts love violence His punishment awaits.
What can the righteous do? What can for them avail,
Fire, winds, and burning coals, on wicked men shall rain;
If their foundations be destroyed and all they built on fail?”
This is the portion of their cup, the cup which they shall drain.
The Lord in Zion dwells, the Lord's throne is on high:
Because the righteous Lord delights in righteousness;
His eyes behold the sons of men; O they will surely be tried.
And with His gracious countenance the upright He will bless.

Text: Psalm 11:1-7, *Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;
Music: GAINESBORO, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for My people: “You have scattered My flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Not All The Blood Of Beasts

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the two staves of each system. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last four lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain
But Christ, the Heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way;
My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of Thine,
My soul looks back to see the bur - dens Thou didst bear
Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;

Could give the guil - ty con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
While, like a pen - i - tent, I stand, and there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and hopes her guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709, Alt. 1961; Music: SOUTHWELL, William Damon, 1579.

Reading of the Word—Psalm 4:1-8 (NKJV)

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have relieved me in my distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory to shame?

How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood? *Selah*

³ But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly;

The Lord will hear when I call to Him.

⁴ Be angry, and do not sin.

Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. *Selah*

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

And put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?"

Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart,

More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

⁸ I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;

For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Before The Throne Of God Above, Vs. 3



Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness,



The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace,



One in Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood,



My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!



With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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Text: Charitie Bancroft, 1863; Music: Vikki Cook, 1997.

Sermon—*Righteousness Offered to the Sons of Men*

—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—from Isaiah 45:5, 15-16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You are the Lord, and there is no other, besides You there is no God. Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

All: We are put to shame and confounded; because we make idols, we go in confusion.

Pastor: You did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; You did not say to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek Me in vain."

All: We have no knowledge as we carry about our wooden idols and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 45:22-24; from Colossians 2:6-7

Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By Myself I have sworn; from My mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of Me, are righteousness and strength.

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—Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Vs. 3



Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor-row, Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vi-ded; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: FAITHFULNESS (RUNYAN), William M. Runyan, 1923.

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: 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—The Lord I Will At All Times Bless (Psalm 34)



The Lord I will at all times bless; with praise my mouth employ; my soul shall in Je-ho-vah boast, the hum-ble hear with joy—
O chil-dren, come, and gath-er round for wis-dom you should hear; I'll teach you how to un-der-stand and seek the Lord with fear
The trou-bles that af-flict the just in num-ber man-y be;—but God de-liv-ers from them all the righ-teous He sets free.



O let us mag-ni-fy the Lord, ex-alt His name with me.—look up to Him, and so your fac-es ra-di-ant shall be.
Re-strain your lips from speak-ing lies, con-trol your fool-ish tongue. de-part from ill, do good, seek peace, so shall your days be long.
Your bones He care-ful-ly will keep, what-ev-er shall be-fall,—for not so much as one of them can be bro-ken at all.

Chorus



Taste—and see—that the Lord—is good;— Take re-fuge in— His bless-ing—



Fear— Him, you saints:— those who fear— the Lord lack no— good thing.

Coda, after verse 3



The righ-teous cry un-to the Lord sal-va-tion He im-parts; the Lord is ev-er near to them who ache from broken hearts.—



A - - - men.

Text: *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: BETHESDA, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Congregational Hymn—How Can I Keep From Singing?



My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove Earth's la-men-ta-tion
What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth;
I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a-bove it;



I hear the sweet though far off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion:
What though the dark-ness gath-er round! Songs in the night He giv-eth:
And day by day this path-way smoothes since first I learned to love it:



Through all the tu-mult and the strife I hear the mu-sic ring-ing;
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that re-fuge cling-ing;
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A foun-tain ev-er spring-ing:



It finds an ech-o in my soul: how can I keep from sing-ing?
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and Earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
All things are mine since I am His: how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1860; Music: ENDLESS SONG, Robert Lowry, 1860, arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2014.

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—Answer, Father When I Call (Psalm 4)



An - swer, Fa - ther, when I call, O God of my right - eous - ness.
How long will you, sons of men, turn my ho - nor in - to shame?
Trem - ble now but then de - part, from all these be - set - ting sins;
Ma - ny say "Who brings us good? Lift your light and bless the ground!"



You have giv - en me re - lief, when in deep dis - tress.
How long will you love your lies, speak - ing them in vain?
Me - di - tate with - in your heart, rest, be si - lent.
But more joy is in my heart, Than when wine a - bounds.



An - swer Fa - ther, and be gra - cious to the ser - vant in Your care,
Know the Lord has called the god - ly, made them ho - ly, one and all.
Of - fer right - eous sa - cri - fi - ces; bring your faith un - to the judge.
So in per - fect peace now rest - ing, I will both lie down and sleep



Show Your mer - cy in my trou - ble, O Lord hear my prayer;
Know the Lord will sure - ly hear me when to Him I call;
Lay your si - lent hearts be - fore Him; place in Him your trust;
You a - lone, O Lord pro - tec - tor, my soul safe - ly keep;



O Lord hear my prayer.
When to Him I call.
Place in Him your trust.
my soul safe - ly keep.

Text & Music: Nathan George, 2012.

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:

Isn't it fascinating to see the connections between these first few psalms in the psalter? After David declares that he will "lay down and sleep" in the midst of his enemies in Psalm 3, the image of "sleep" comes again in Psalm 4. Here we see David giving thanks for relief amid distress, then sleeping "in peace" (vs. 8). Many of the hymns and psalms we sing this morning also speak of finding peace in Jesus' loving care. We call Him "the Lord of peace" (*Crown Him With Many Crowns*) and express that we trust Him even "if [our] foundations be destroyed" (*My Trust Is In The Lord—Psalm 11*). We delight that the Lord provides a "peace that endureth" (*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*). "The peace of Christ" refreshes our hearts, smoothing our paths in the midst of storms and darkness (*How Can I Keep From Singing*). We take up David's cry as our own at the end of the service, singing "in perfect peace now resting, I will both lie down and sleep" (*Answer, Father, When I Call—Psalm 4*). In a world that so dearly longs for peace, I pray that we will find a taste of the peace of Christ this morning. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Hear, Prayer, Shame, Falsehood, Offer, Righteousness, Trust, Light, Gladness, Peace
Keystone Verse: Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. (Psalm 4:5)



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