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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Lent

5 March 2023

Contentment is natural wealth, while luxury is often an artificial poverty. —Socrates

Jealousy sayeth, “I want what ‘ere I cannot have.” Envy sayeth, “I deign to destroy what ‘ere I want but cannot have.” —John Dryden

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—John 10:10

Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1



What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 16:1-2, 5-6

Pastor: Preserve us, O God, for in You we take refuge.

All: We say to the Lord, “You are our Lord; we have no good apart from You.”

Reader 1: The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; You hold our lot.

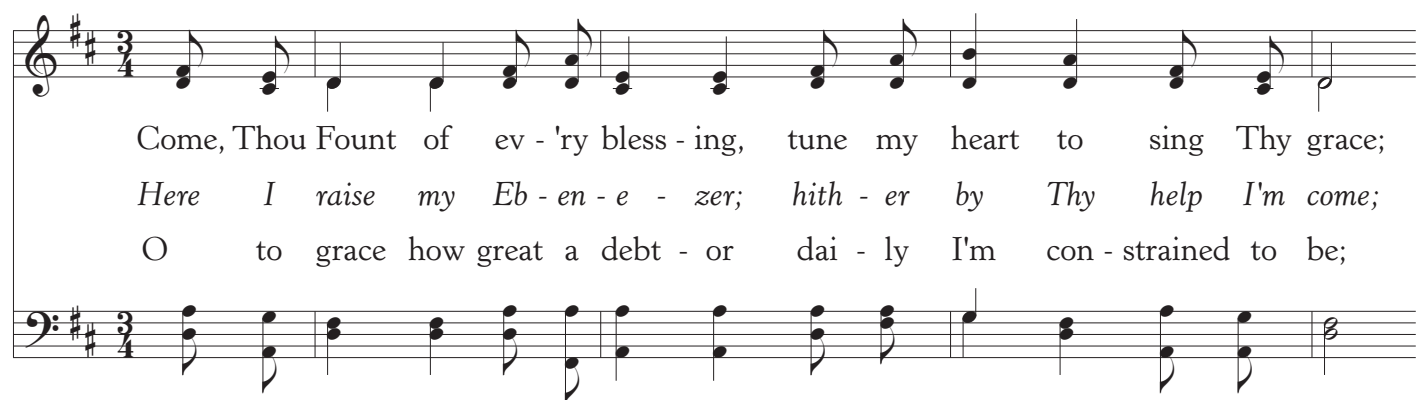
Reader 2: The lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; indeed, we have a beautiful inheritance.

Pastor: You make known to us the path of life.

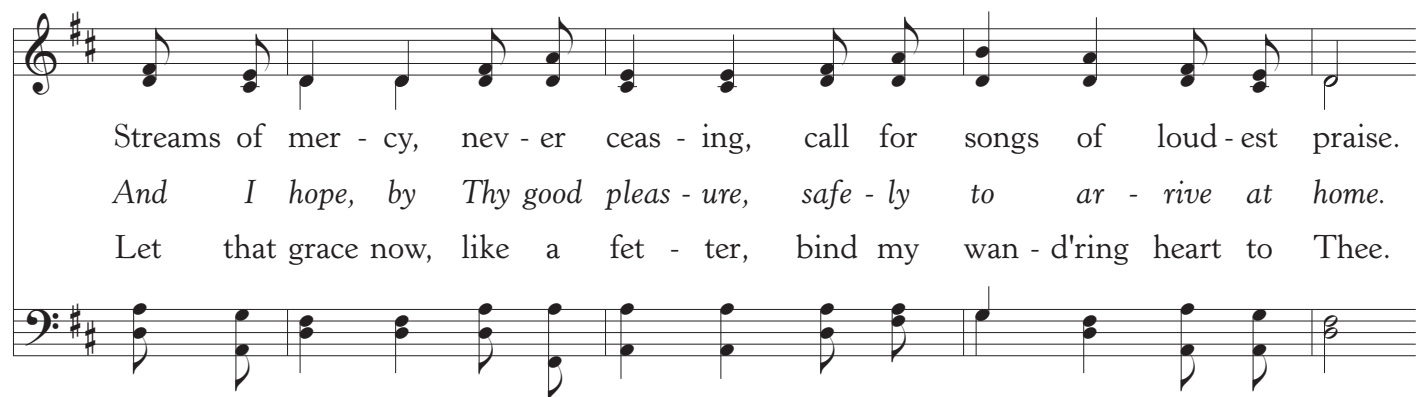
All: In Your presence there is fullness of joy.

Pastor: At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

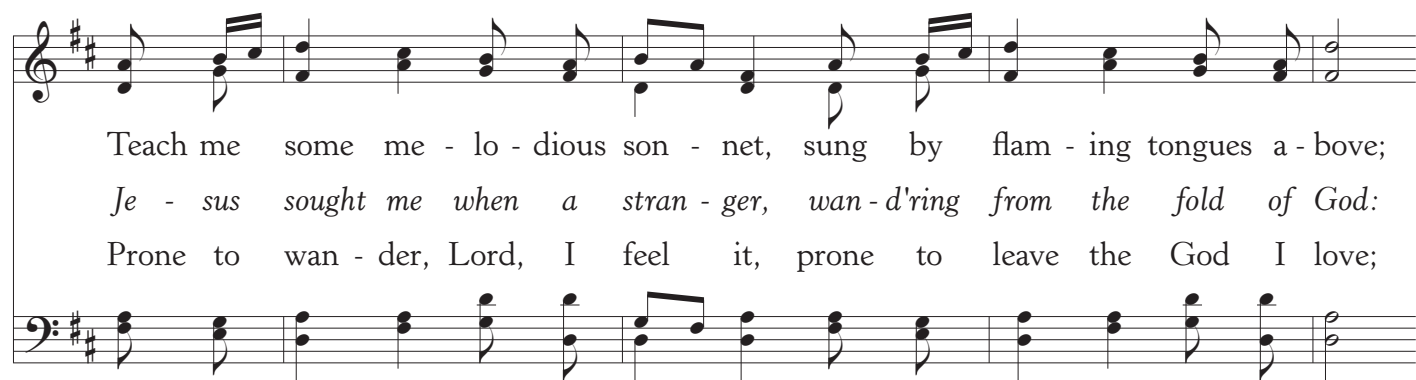
Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



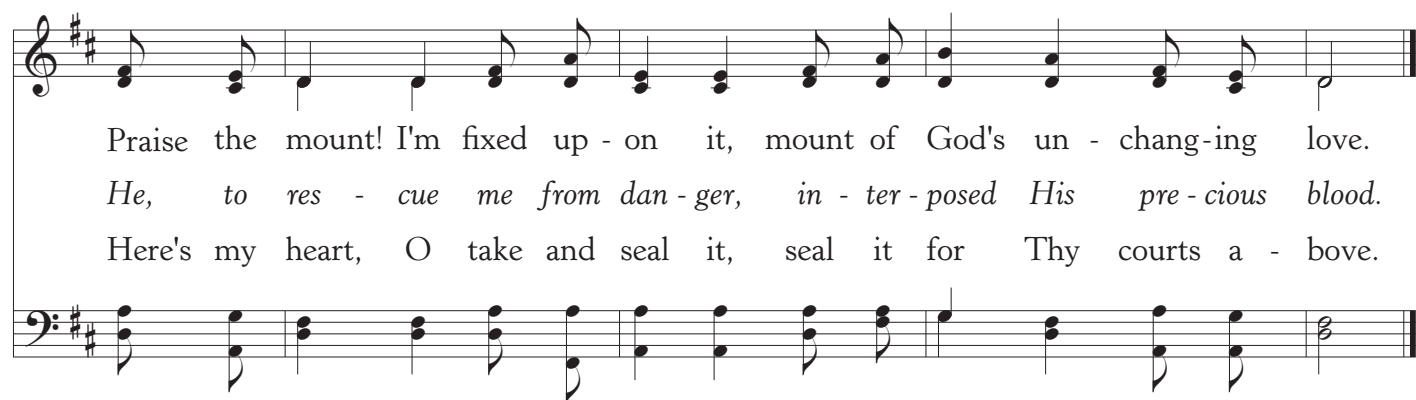
Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

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—Lord, Hear My Voice (Psalm 61)



Lord, hear my voice, my prayer at - tend, from earth's re - mot - est bound I send
In You my soul has shel - ter found, and You have been from foes a - round
For You, O Lord, my vows have heard, on me their her - i - tage con - ferred,
Be - fore the Lord shall he a - bide; oh, give him truth, and grace pro - vide



My bro - ken heart - ed cry. When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast,
The tow'r of my de - fense. My home shall your pa - vil - ion be;
That fear Your ho - ly name. Long life You to Your ser - vant give,
To guard him in the way. So I Your prais - es will make known,

Vs. 1 & 2, then Chorus



Then lead me on the rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.
And un - der - neath Your wings I'll flee, to find de - liv - er - ance.
Through gen - er - a - tions he shall live, from age to age the same.
And hum - bly bend - ing at Your throne, my vows will dai - ly pay.

Chorus



When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast, then lead me on



The rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.

Text: Psalm 61:1-8, *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2022;
Music: TRAVELLER, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior



May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,
May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,

By His love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
So that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through His pow'r.
That I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.
Look - ing on - ly un - to Jes - us as I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

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... 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—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee, Vs. 2



Be pa-tient and a - wait His lei-sure in cheer-ful hope, with heart con - tent



To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea-sure and His dis - cern-ing love hath sent,



Nor doubt our in - most wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1641 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: NEUMARK, Georg Neumark, 1657.

Sermon—8th Commandment: Holy Contentment

—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 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.

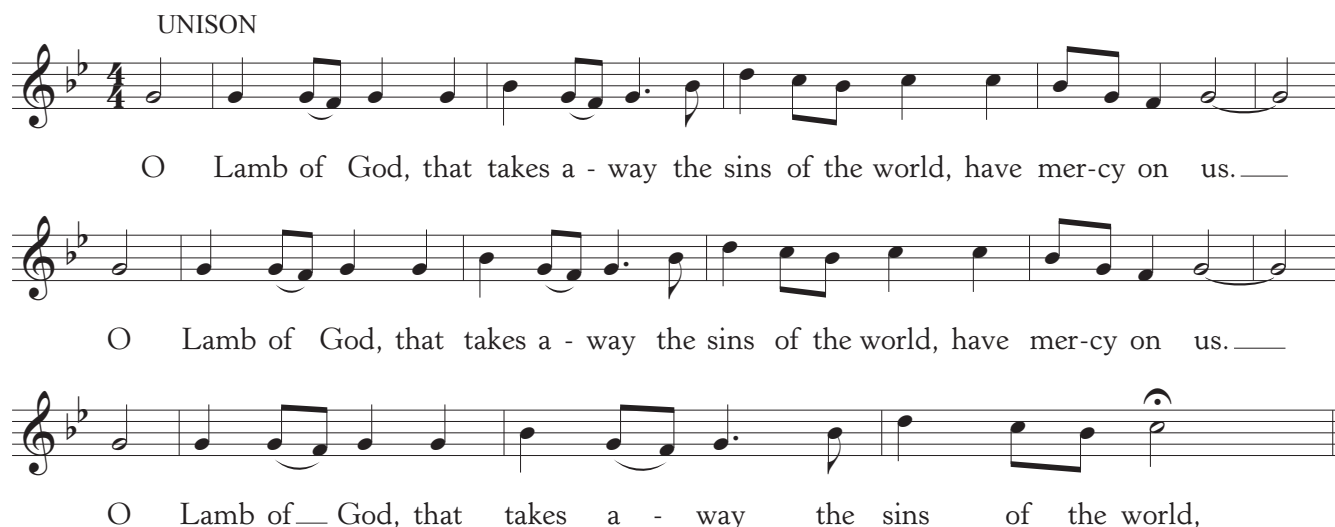
All: **“You shall not bear false witness. You shall not covet.”**

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—Lamb Of God

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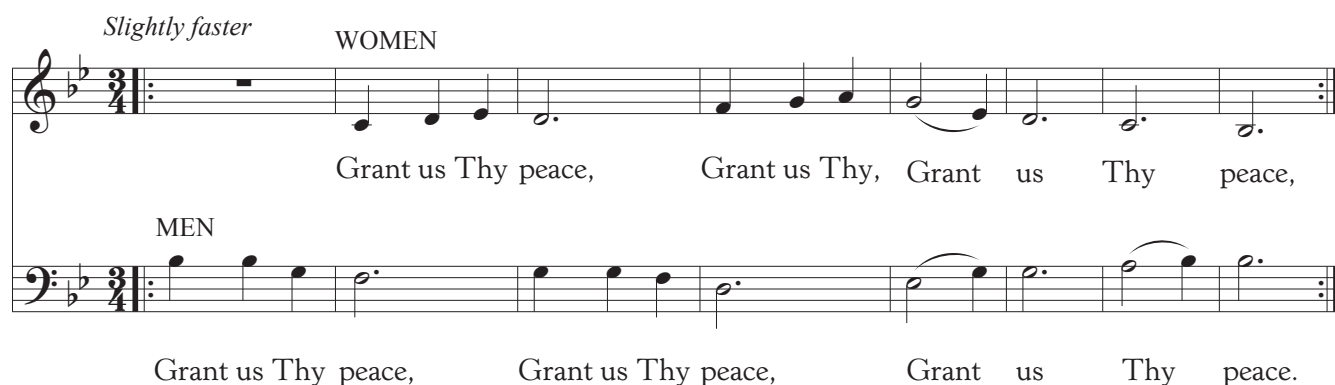


O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —

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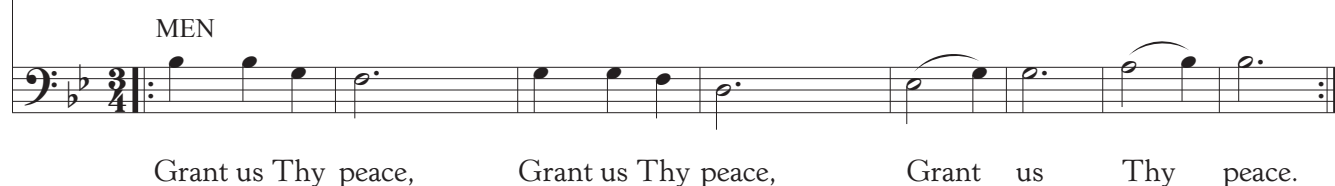
O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

Slightly faster WOMEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

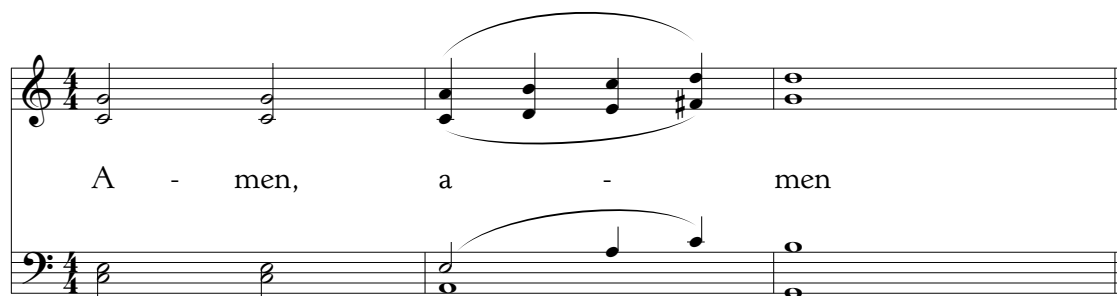
Assurance of Pardon—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Mark 12:30

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

Sung Response—Twofold Amen



A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th Century.

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:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

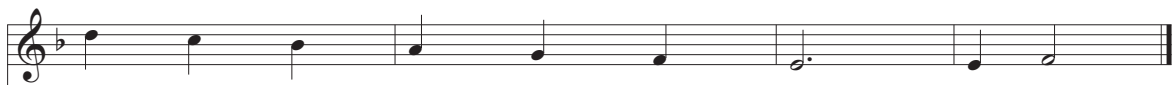


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

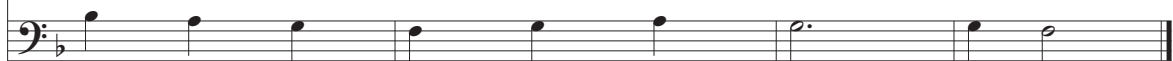
MEN



We praise You, we bless — You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



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Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

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—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)

Fret not your-self when e - vil seems to pros - per in the land, —
And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like a tree, —
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait; de - light in His com - mands.
I have not seen, in youth or age, the right - eous man de - crease.

Nor when the wick - ed plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man.
The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught in a breeze.
And He shall keep your path - way straight, up - hold you with His hand.
The Lord pro - vides a her - i - tage, a fu - ture full of peace.

Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de - sires ful - fill.
His bow will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will pre - vail.
A strong - hold sure in trou - bled days, the Lord His peo - ple saves.
He is a re - fuge ev - er - more, for all who trust the Lord.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 37, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020; Music: GRAYMERE, Henry C. Haffner and Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020.

Congregational Hymn—Calm Content

Fierce passions rise and toss the mind as tempests turn the sea;
In vain by reason and by rule we try to bend our will;
Teach us, then, by humble 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

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.

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—There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's veins;
The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power,

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
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Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

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—1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re - store me,



Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: attr. St. Patrick, 5th Century, tr. C. F. Alexander, 1889; Music: CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Richard Terry, *The Westminster Hymnal*, 1912.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This morning's service speaks to contentment: our lack of it, and God's infinite ability to supply our deficiencies. Having been called into worship with Psalm 16, which tells us that "the Lord is our chosen portion," we respond with *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*, admitting that we are quick to wander after the things of this world. In *May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior*, we pray that the peace of God would rule our lives, so that we might be "calm to comfort [the] sick and sorrowing." When greed, envy, or doubt rise up, *If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee* urges us to be patient, taking whatever our Father sends us with "cheerful hope and heart content." *Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)* reminds us to "be still before the Lord and wait" when trials and difficulties come, while in *Calm Content* we declare our desire to "learn to be content with when and where" He leads. As we head out into a discontented, turbulent world this week, I pray that this service would help us to rest in the supply of our Savior's flowing wounds—a Savior who shed His blood for dying thieves like us. —Henry C. Haffner

Keystone Verse: You shall not steal. (Exodus 20:14)



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