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No one has ever been as separated from sinners or from sin as Christ was. He did draw near to them, but as a physician draws near to the sick. —John Oecolampadius

## 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—2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 1

Come, Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.

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

### Call to Worship—Psalm 96:6-9

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

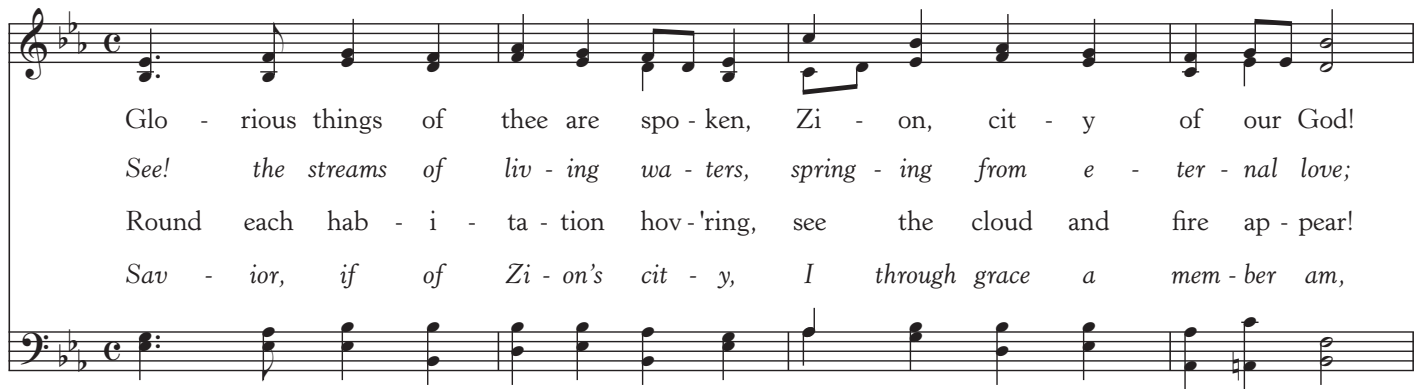
Reader 1: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness!

Reader 2: Tremble before Him, all the earth!

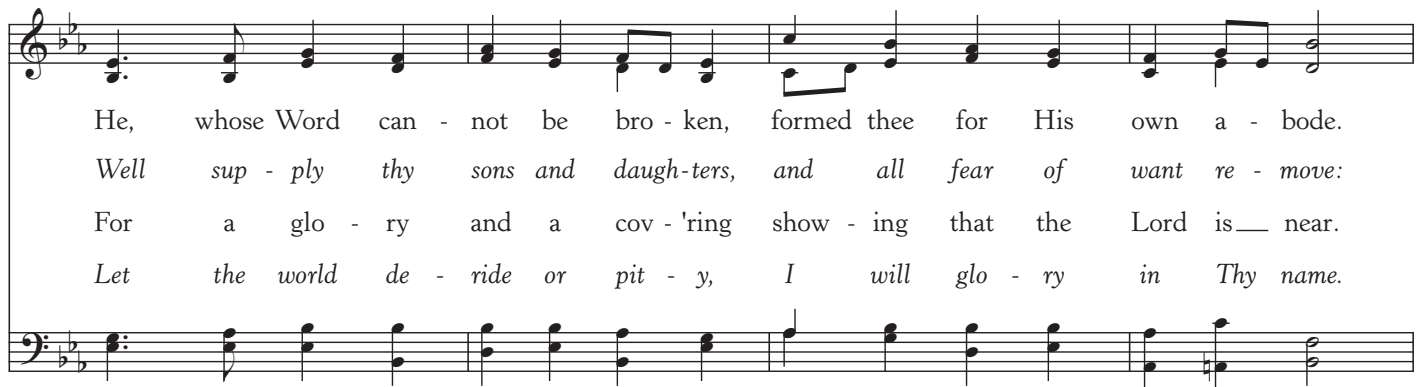
All: **Splendor and majesty are before Him.**

Pastor: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

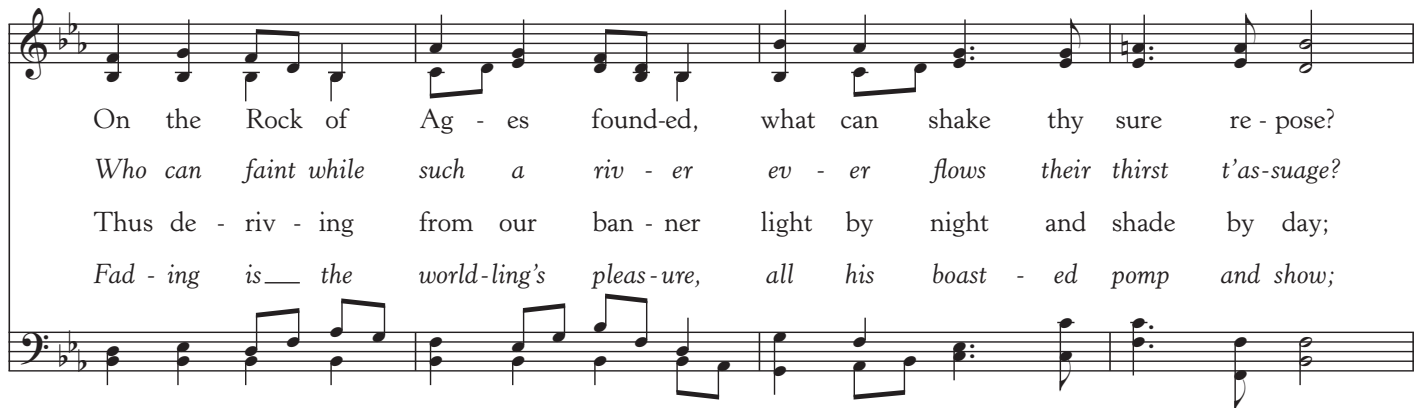
# Congregational Hymn—Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken



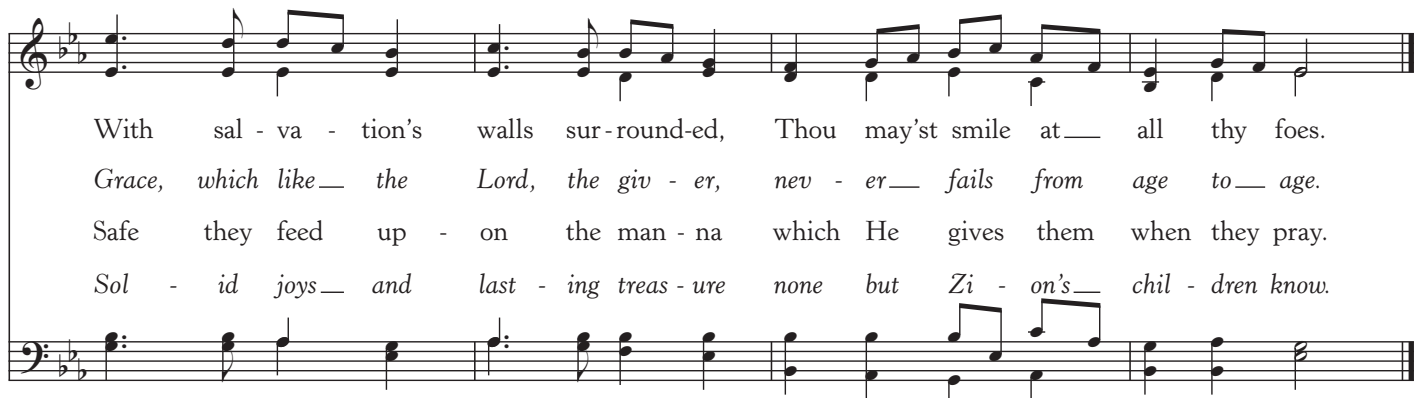
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!  
See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love;  
Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear!  
Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber am,



He, whose Word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for His own a - bode.  
Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:  
For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring show - ing that the Lord is near.  
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name.



On the Rock of Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?  
Thus de - riv - ing from our ban - ner light by night and shade by day;  
Fad - ing is the world - ling's pleas - ure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
Safe they feed up - on the man - na which He gives them when they pray.  
Sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## 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—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)



O\_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures. \_\_\_\_  
O\_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures." \_\_\_\_  
In an - guish to\_ the Lord I cried; the\_ Lord then set me\_ free. \_\_\_\_  
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He\_ gives His help to\_ me; \_\_\_\_  
O\_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly. \_\_\_\_

O let all Is - ra - el\_ now say, "His\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_ \_\_\_\_  
Let those who fear\_ the Lord now say, "His\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_ \_\_\_\_  
The Lord's with me,\_ I will not fear. What harm can man do me?\_ \_\_\_\_  
And so in tri - umph I\_ will look on\_ all those ha - ting me. \_\_\_\_  
Yes bet - ter far\_ to trust the Lord than\_ men whose rank is\_ high. \_\_\_\_

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2009 Crown and Covenant Publications;  
Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.


### Scripture Reading—Leviticus 9:1-2, 7-9

On the eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel, and he said to Aaron, “Take for yourself a bull calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, both without blemish, and offer them before the Lord... Then Moses said to Aaron, “Draw near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people, and bring the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as the Lord has commanded.” So Aaron drew near to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself. And the sons of Aaron presented the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar and poured out the blood at the base of the altar.


Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.


## Congregational Psalm—Not Unto Us (Psalm 115)



Not un - to us, not us O Lord— but to Your ho - ly name ac - cord  
The i - dols made of sil - ver, gold, — are works which hu - man hands shall mold—  
God, mind-ful of His own, will bless,— bless Aar - on's house and Is - rael's race;




The glo - ry, which for it a - lone— His mer - cy and His truth have won.  
A mouth they have, yet si - lent be, — and eyes they have, yet can - not see;  
On all His saints, both great and small— may His in - creas - ing bless - ings fall.



Why should the hea - then na - tions say, “Where is the God these men o - bey?”  
No sound of words, no tune - ful note will form with - in— their voice - less throat.  
Both you and yours shall taste the store of Him who made the— earth of yore.

*Last time, to Coda*



Our God a - bove in hea - ven dwells; Our God shall do— what - e'er He wills.  
*Like them shall those that make them be, — and all that trust them fool - ish - ly.*  
The heav - ens are the Lord's in - deed;— but earth He's giv - en to man's— seed.

*Coda*



The dead His prais - es can - not show, nor they that down to— si - lence go: —



But we, yes we, will bless the Lord; — from this time forth and ev - er - more

Text: Psalm 115:1-8, 12-18, *Lyra Regis*, 1885, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2022;

Music: BLACK CREEK, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

## Baptism of Henry-Joseph Phillips, son of Brian and Julia Phillips

### Reading of the Word—Hebrews 7:26-8:6

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

<sup>8:1</sup> Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. <sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. <sup>5</sup> They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” <sup>6</sup> But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Sung Response—Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation, Vs. 2

To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;  
 With Thy want - ed lov - ing-kind - ness Hear Thy ser - vants as they pray.  
 And Thy full - est be - ne-dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.

Text: Anonymous, 7<sup>th</sup> century, tr. J. M. Neale, 1851; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1867.

### Sermon—*Such a High Priest!*

—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 Leviticus 11:43-45; Psalm 19:12-13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You are the Lord who brought us up out of the land of Egypt to be our God. Therefore, we should be holy, for You are holy.

All: **But we have made ourselves detestable by sinning against You. We have defiled ourselves and become unclean through our sin.**

Pastor: Who can discern his errors? Declare us innocent from hidden faults.

All: **We are blameworthy and guilty of great transgression.**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

## Sung Response—Kyrie

WOMEN

MEN

Lord have mer - cy \_\_\_\_ Christ have mer - cy \_\_\_\_

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—Colossians 1:21-23a; Matthew 11:28

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: He says to us, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Amen.

## 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:

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 Psalm—The Floods Have Lifted Up (Psalm 93)

*Chorus*

The floods have lift - ed up, they lift - ed up their voice, —  
The floods have lift - ed up their waves and made a migh - ty noise.

God reigns, and He is clothed with maj - es - ty — most bright;  
But yet the Lord on high, is migh - ti - er — by far

Je - ho - vah clothes Him - self with strength, and wears a belt of might.  
Than noise of man - y wat - ers is, or great sea bill - ows are.

The world is firm - ly fixed, that it can - not de - part;  
Your tes - ti - mon - ies all in faith - ful - ness ex - cel;

Your throne is fixed of old, and You from ev - er - last - ing are.  
And hol - i - ness for - ev - er, Lord, Your house be - com - eth well.

*D.C. al Fine*

Text: Psalm 93:1-5, *Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;  
Music: MT. HOPE, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

## Congregational Psalm—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

My\_ shep - herd will sup - ply my need: Je - ho - vah is His name; —  
When I walk through the shades of\_ death Thy pre - sence is my stay; —  
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days; —

In\_ past - ures fresh He makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream. —  
One word of\_ Thy sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way. —  
O\_ may Thy house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise. —

He brings my wand - ring spir - it\_ back when I for - sake His ways, —  
Thy hand, in\_ sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread; —  
There would I\_ find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come; —

And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in\_ paths of truth and grace. —  
My cup with bless - ings ov - er - flows, Thine oil a - noints my head. —  
No more a\_ strang - er, nor a\_ guest, but like a child at home. —

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, *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 Psalm—Within Your Temple Lord (Psalm 48)



With - in Your tem - ple Lord, — we on Your mer - cies dwell; —  
Let Zi - on's mount re - joice, — let Ju - dah's daugh - ters praise —  
The walls of Zi - on tell, — her pal - a - ces sur - vey, —



As is Your name a - dored, — so let Your praise ex - cel: —  
The Lord with cheer - ful voice, — for judg - ment He dis - plays; —  
Mark all her tow - ers well, — and to your child - ren say: —



Your prais - es sound through ev - ery land, and right Your scep - ter shall com - mand,  
Go round the walls on Zi - on's mount, go round her splen - dors to re - count  
“Our God for - ev - er shall a - bide, and He ‘till death, will be our guide  
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Your scep - ter shall com - mand.  
Her splen - dors to re - count.  
“Till death, will be our guide.”  
‘Till death, will be our guide.”

Text: Psalm 48:9-14, *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;  
Music: SAINT JOHN'S, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

# 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 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
*Amen.*

## Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

The hymns we sing this week all include some form of “temple” or “priestly” imagery, picking up on many of the themes in this week’s passage from Hebrews. The opening and closing hymns of the morning, *Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken* and *Within Your Temple, Lord—Psalm 48*, both celebrate “Zion” as a place where God dwells: “go round the walls on Zion’s mount . . . her splendors to recount,” and “He, whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode.” Both *O Thank The Lord For He Is Good—Psalm 118* and *Not Unto Us—Psalm 115* call for a blessing on the priestly “house of Aaron,” and the latter also points to God’s heavenly dwelling place. We ask for God’s blessing on our earthly place of worship in *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*, and we use the words of *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need—Psalm 23* to ask that the Lord would make His house our abode and place of rest. *The Floods Have Lifted Up—Psalm 93* testifies that God’s throne is eternal, “fixed of old,” and that “holiness, forever” becomes His house. I pray that this would be true of our worship today, and for days to come—both here and in the “house” being built up on Hallelujah Hill. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** High Priest, Offer, Son, Perfect, Heaven, Ministry

**Keystone Verse:** For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. (Hebrews 7:26)



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