



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time

4 September 2022

Revival means renewal of life, and life means energy. It is true that revival delivers church from the problems created by apathy and deadness, but it is equally true that revival plunges the church into a welter of new problems created by the torrential overflow of disordered and undisciplined spiritual vitality. In a revival, the saints are suddenly roused from a state of torpor and lethargy by a new and overwhelming awareness of the reality of spiritual things and of God. They are like sleepers shaken awake and now half blinded by the unaccustomed glare of the sun. They hardly know for the moment where they are; in one sense they now see everything as they never saw it before, yet in another sense, because of the very brightness of the light, they can hardly see anything. — J.I. Packer

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—Romans 5:20

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more!

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be-hold, the King of_ glor - y waits; The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of_ the world is here!"

Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 80:1-3, 14

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock.

All: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Reader 1: Stir up Your might and come to save us!

Reader 2: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

All: Turn again, O God of hosts!

Pastor: Look down from heaven, and see. Have regard for us!

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;

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.

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.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



The Lord ev - er hear you when trou - bles are near;
May He all the gifts of your love keep in mind,
For joy in sal - va - tion we'll shout to His praise:
Some trust in their char - iots pre - pared for the fray,
Our foes are bowed down and are fal - len at length,



The name of our God keep you safe from all fear.
And all of your off' - rings ac - cep - ta - ble find;
In God's ho - ly name all our ban - ners we'll raise.
And some in their hor - ses the foe to dis - may,
While we have a - ris - en and stand in Your strength.



The Lord send you help; from His tem - ple pro - claim
May He ev - er grant you the wish — of your heart,
The Lord who has saved be your con - fi - dence still,
But we will make men - tion of one — on - ly name;
O, Lord save the king! For You rule — o - ver all;



That He'll out of Zi - on — your weak - ness sus - tain.
Ful - fill all your yearn - ing, — and wis - dom im - part.
And all your pe - ti - tions — in mer - cy ful - fill.
The Lord God al - migh - ty, — we'll ev - er ac - claim.
Give bless - ing and an - swer — when - ev - er we call!

Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: STAR POINTER, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 64:1-2, 6

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence! But we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bo - som fly,
 Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on Thee;
 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:
 Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: MARTYN, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834.

Reading of the Word—Haggai 2:10-19

¹⁰ On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, ¹¹ “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask the priests about the law: ¹² ‘If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment and touches with his fold bread or stew or wine or oil or any kind of food, does it become holy?’” The priests answered and said, “No.” ¹³ Then Haggai said, “If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?” The priests answered and said, “It does become unclean.” ¹⁴ Then Haggai answered and said, “So is it with this people, and with this nation before Me, declares the Lord, and so with every work of their hands. And what they offer there is unclean. ¹⁵ Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the Lord, ¹⁶ how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty. ¹⁷ I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and with hail, yet you did not turn to Me, declares the Lord. ¹⁸ Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, consider: ¹⁹ Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

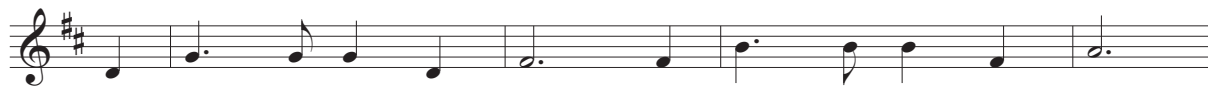
Sung Response—Not What My Hands Have Done, Vs. 2



Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;



Your pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - rase.



No oth - er work but Yours, no oth - er blood will do;



No strength but that which is div - ine can bear me safe - ly through.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Tune: LEOMINSTER, George Walter Martin, 1862.

Sermon—Grace Upon Grace

—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—from Psalm 80:4, 7, 14-15

Pastor: O Lord God of hosts, we come confessing. We confess our iniquities. We confess that even our good deeds are tainted with sin.

All: **How long, O Lord, will You be angry with us sinners?**

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts. Let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Turn again, O God of hosts! Have regard for this Your sinful people that we may be saved.

All: **Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.**

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 80:17-19; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself! Then we shall not turn back from You. Give us life, and we will call upon Your name! Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 1

God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;

Plen-teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres-sions now;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea; Plen-teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres-sions now; Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.'

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:

WOMEN

MEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, 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—O Lord My God, Prove And Defend My Cause (Psalm 43)



O Lord my God, prove and de - fend my cause; save me from the lies of god - less men.
Why, O my God, have You re - jec - ted me? Should I mourn be - cause my foes op - press?
Then I will go un - to my God with joy. I will praise You once a - gain O God.



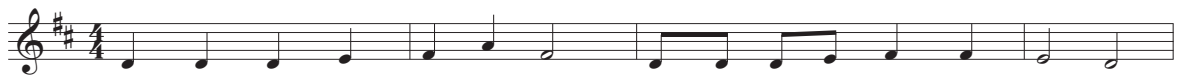
Res - cue me, O God; rise and save! You are my God; in You I take my com - fort and re - fuge.
Send forth Your light! Send forth truth! Let them now lead, and bring me un - to Your ho - ly dwell - ing.
Why are you cast down O my soul? "Hope in your God!" For I will praise my God and sal - va - tion.



A - - - men.

Text & Music: Nathan George, 2015.

Congregational Hymn— Nothing But The Blood



What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
For my par - don, this I see, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
For my cleans - ing this my plea, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done: Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.



Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—



No oth - er fount I know, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1876; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1876.

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.

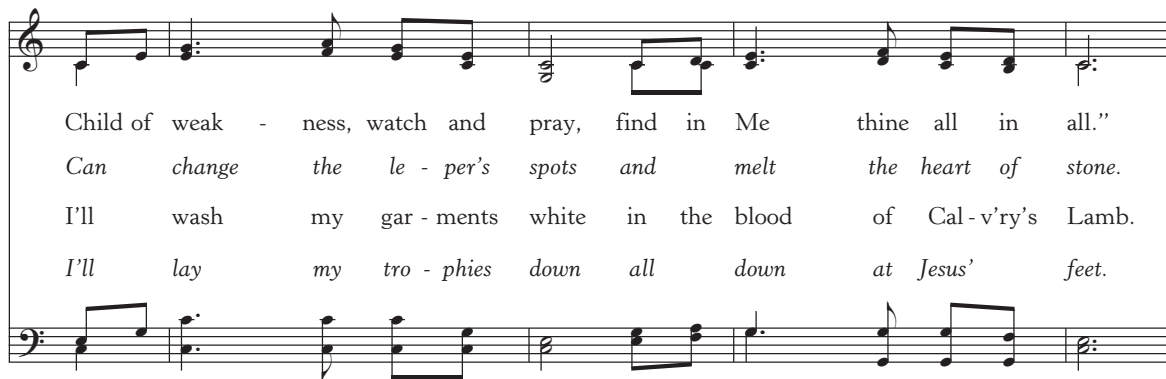
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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—Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

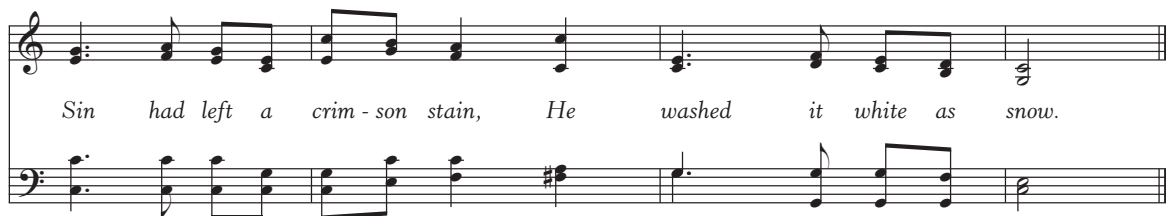


Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
I'll lay my tro - phies down all down at Jesus' feet.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: ALL TO CHRIST, John T. Grape, 1865.

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—Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er_ is con - fessed" and "O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in_ tri - umph comes!". The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes marked with accents.

Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This morning's passage from Haggai deals with the question of cleanliness versus uncleanness. Are the people made clean by their work on the Lord's temple? No—Haggai reminds them that all their works and offerings are still unclean (Haggai 2:14). But unlike the returning exiles, we can sing this morning of the finished work of Christ. We will declare that "His blood will make the foulest clean" (*O For A Thousand Tongues*), and we will ask that He find our offerings acceptable (*The Lord Ever Hear You—Psalm 20*). We will rejoice that His grace can cover all our sins (*Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*) and that His strength will bear us through (*Not What My Hands Have Done*). We rest in nothing good that we have done (*Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus*). Instead, we wash ourselves white in the blood of the Lamb (*Jesus Paid It All*). Just like those Hebrew exiles rebuilding the temple, any good works that we do are all of Christ and all of grace—nothing of ourselves. I pray that each of these hymns would remind us not to trust in any of our own accomplishments, skills, wisdom, or goodness. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: From this day on I will bless you. (Haggai 2:19)



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