



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Epiphany

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There is enough to vex and agitate the Church without making a trifle to light up a torch of discord in the midst of us.  
—Thomas Chalmers

Love—and the unity it attests to—is the mark Christ gave Christians to wear before the world. Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and that Jesus was sent by the father. If we expect non-Christians to know that we are Christians, we must show the mark. Love is the final apologetic. —Francis Schaeffer

## 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—1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

### Introit—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;

Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,  
Arr. David Evans, 1927.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 47:1-2, 6-9

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Reader 1: For the Lord, the Most High, is a great king over all the earth. Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Reader 2: Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Pastor: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!**

## Hymn of Praise—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:  
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;  
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,  
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



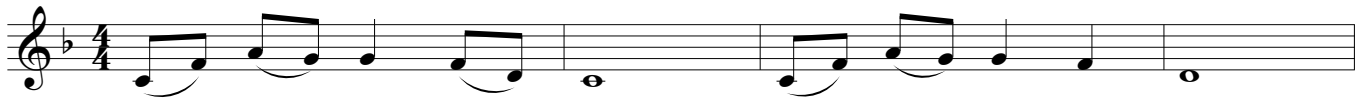
O may His love— im - mor - tal flame—tune ev - ery heart and tongue.  
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.  
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.  
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Traditional Irish Melody,  
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939.

# 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—I Will Lift My Voice (Psalm 101)



I will lift my voice. I will ever sing,  
I will raise my song for that glorious day!  
By Your mighty hand I will turn my eyes  
I will look to see, all the faithful souls



For Your steadfast love abounds, O my Lord and King!  
Lord if You should tarry long, I will ever wait.  
From these fading shadowlands to eternal light.  
Ever walk in unity, pressing toward the goal.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



I will ever sing, O my Lord and King.  
For that glorious day I will ever wait.  
I will turn my eyes to eternal light.  
All the faithful souls pressing toward the goal.

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2014.

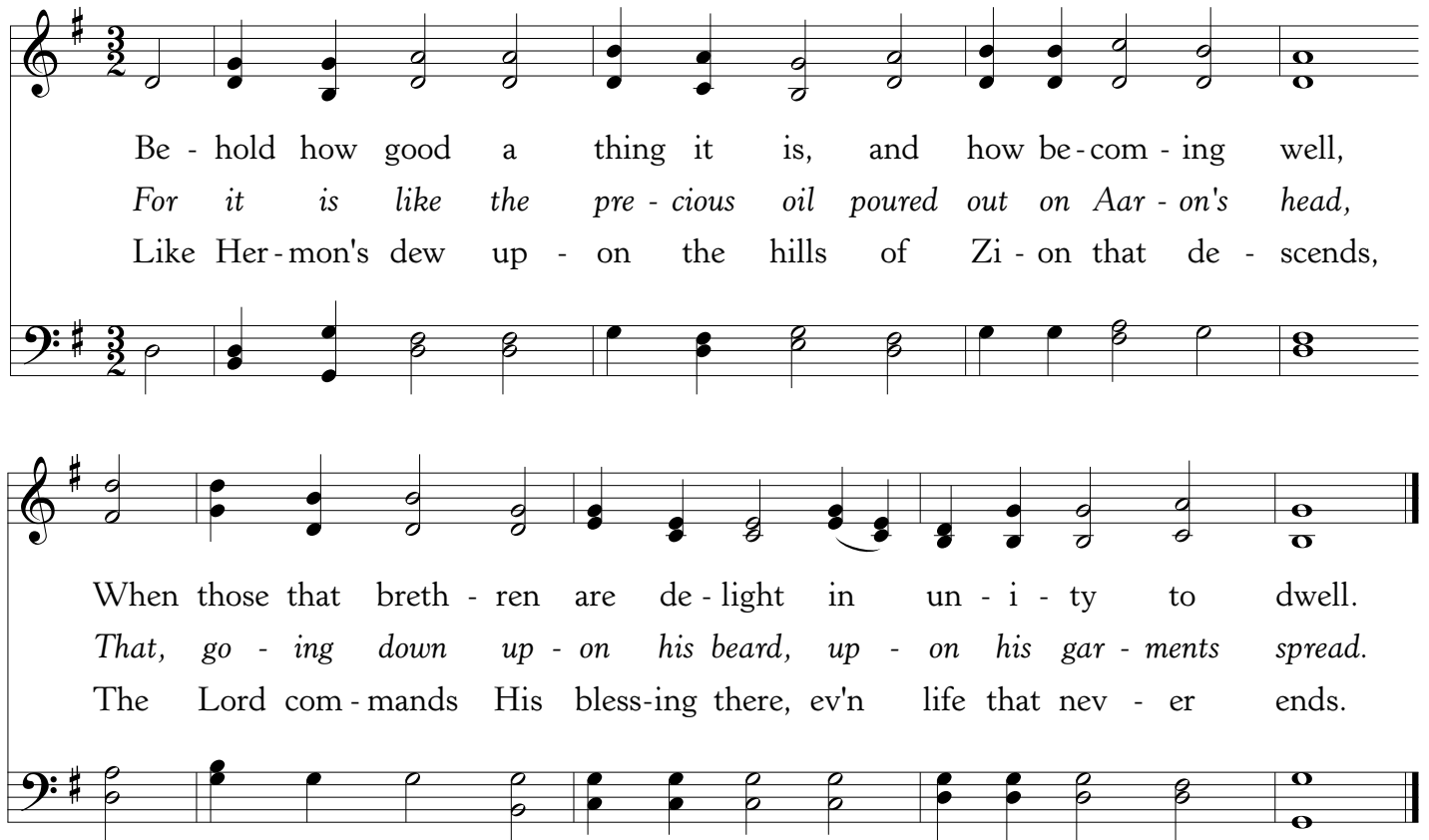
## Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1-3

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn of Praise—Behold How Good A Thing It Is (Psalm 133)



Be - hold how good a thing it is, and how be - com - ing well,  
For it is like the pre - cious oil poured out on Aar - on's head,  
Like Her - mon's dew up - on the hills of Zi - on that de - scends,  
When those that breth - ren are de - light in un - i - ty to dwell.  
That, go - ing down up - on his beard, up - on his gar - ments spread.  
The Lord com - mands His bless - ing there, ev'n life that nev - er ends.

Text: Psalm 133, *Scottish Psalter*, 1650;  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

## Reading of the Word—1 Corinthians 1:10-17

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Response—The Church's One Foundation, Vs. 2



E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the Earth,



Her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:



One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,



And to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel J. Wesley, 1864.

## Sermon—*Of One Mind*

—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 1 Peter 2:1-2, 9-10, 16-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing; we come confessing our worldliness, our sinfulness, our divisiveness. You commanded us to put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

All: Like newborn infants, we are to long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it we may grow up into salvation.

Pastor: For we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that we might proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

Pastor: We are to live as people who are free, not using our freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

All: We are to honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the magistrate.

## Assurance of Pardon—from 1 Peter 2:24-25

Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds we have been healed. For once we were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

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—Church's One Foundation, Vs. 6

Yet she on Earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with Thee.

# 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. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, - Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - est. A - men. san-na in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.

Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.



## 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.*

### Hymn of Praise—O Lord, How Joyful 'Tis To See



O Lord, how joy - ful 'tis to see the breth-ren join in love to Thee!  
How sweet with - in Thy ho - ly place with one ac - cord to sing Thy grace.  
The world with - out may rage, but we will on - ly cling more close to Thee.  
O may we love, the house of God, of peace and joy, the blest a - bode.



On Thee a - lone their heart re - lies their on - ly strength Thy grace sup - plies.  
Be - sieg - ing Thy at - ten - tive ear with all the force of fer - vent prayer!  
With hearts to Thee, more whol - ly giv'n More weaned from Earth, more fixed on Heav'n.  
O may no an - gry strife des - troy that sac - red peace, that ho - ly joy.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr. John Chandler, 1837;  
Music: O WALY WALY, Traditional English folk song.

### Hymn of Praise—O Lord Of Hosts, How Lovely (Psalm 84)



O Lord of Hosts, how love - ly Thy dwell - ing pla - ces are  
Be - neath Thy care the spar-row shall find a place of rest  
Blest they who dwell in Zi - on whose joy and strength Thou art



For them my heart is yearn - ing, though I have wan - dered far,  
To keep her young in safe - ty the swal - low finds a nest  
For - ev - er they will praise Thee, Thy ways are in their heart



My soul is near - ly faint - ing Thy sa - cred courts to see  
Then, Lord, my King al - migh - ty, Thy love will shel - ter me  
Though tired, their tears like show - ers shall fill the springs of peace



My heart and flesh are cry - ing O liv - ing God, to Thee.  
Be - side Thy ho - ly al - tar my home shall ev - er - be.  
And all the way to Zi - on their strength shall be in - creased.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;  
Music: CHAPEL HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

## 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.*

### Hymn of Praise—Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glor - y, Lord of love;  
All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and Heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery - mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fath - er, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy div - ine.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907; Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824,  
arr. Edward Hodges, 1864.

# 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.*

## Reception of New Members

### Benediction—from 1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Go in peace. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Gloria Patri

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time and features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Glor - y be to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics: "As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,". The third system concludes the piece with lyrics: "World with - out end. A - men. A - men." and includes a double bar line at the end. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2<sup>nd</sup> century;  
Music: Nathan George, 2015, Harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

The hymns we sing this morning come in pairs, each responding to a different aspect of Paul's call for unity in the church in 1 Corinthians 1. We begin the service with a vision of the name of Jesus compelling "every heart and tongue" to "join the sacred song" (*To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*), and close with a declaration that all our Father's works shall bless Him (*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*). We sing twice from the Psalms that we look to see "all the faithful souls ever dwell in unity" (a paraphrase of Psalm 101:6) and that this unity is "good" and "becoming" (*Behold How Good A Thing It Is—Psalm 133*). We confess twice from *The Church's One Foundation* that the cornerstone of this "mystic sweet communion" between the saints is "one Lord, one faith, one birth" (echoing Paul's words in Ephesians 4). As we go to the table, the hymns speak of the particular joy of unity within the church: it is sweet to sing in one accord (*O Lord, How Joyful Tis To See*), and all who praise together in Zion are blest (*O Lord Of Hosts, How Lovely—Psalm 84*). While this vision is indeed sweet, it isn't easily attainable due to our fallen natures. As we go out, let's continue to sing and pray the final verse of the closing hymn: "teach us how to love each other..." —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Appeal, Agree, United, One, Mind, Judgment, Divisions, Gospel  
**Keystone Verse:** Be united in the same mind and the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1:10)



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