



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Easter

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Happy is the soul that has been awed by a view of God's majesty. —A.W. Pink

You must learn to make your troubles your great good; and to spin comforts, peace, joy, communion with Christ, out of your afflictions, which are Christ's woovers, sent to speak for you from Himself. —Samuel Rutherford

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## 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 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

### Introit—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 1

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

### Call to Worship—Psalm 33:1, 4, 8, 12, 20-22

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: **For the Word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

Reader 1: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

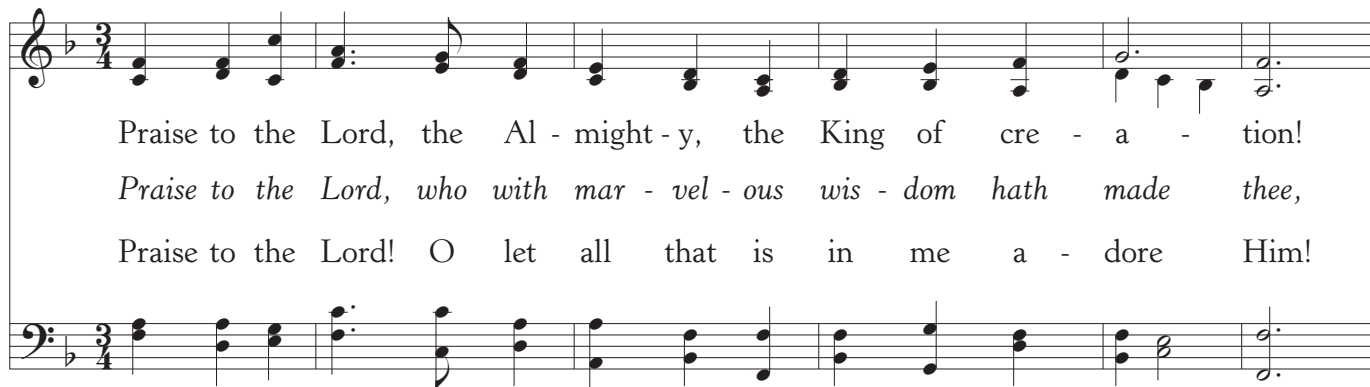
Reader 2: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

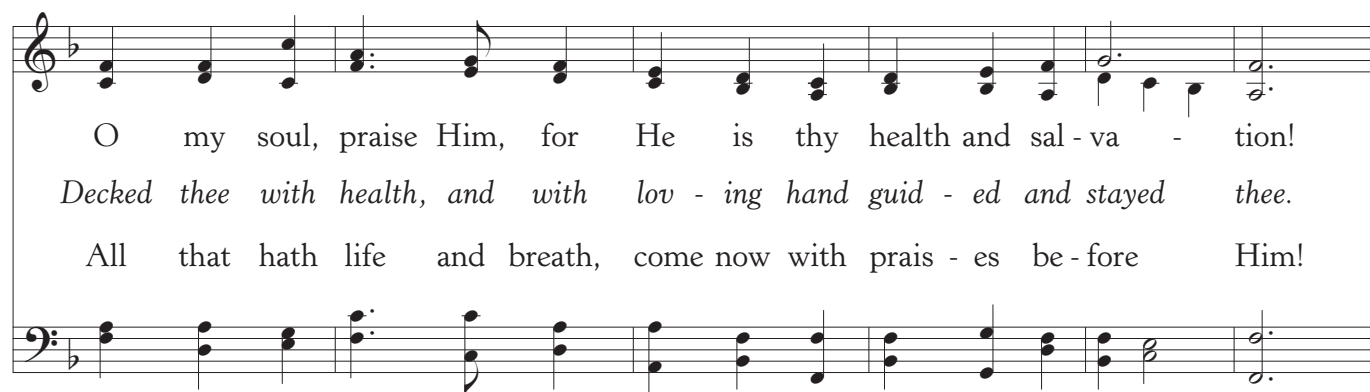
All: **For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.**

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

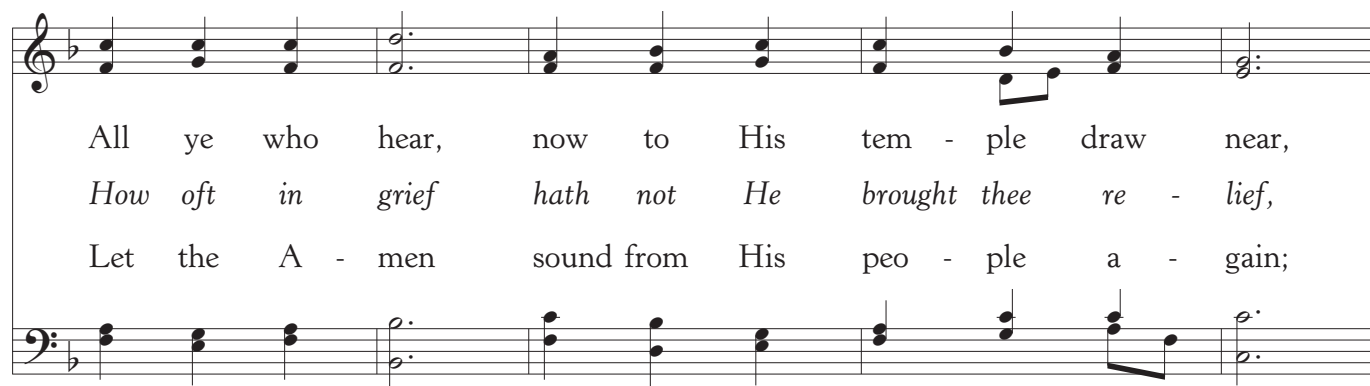
## Hymn of Praise—Praise To The Lord, The Almighty



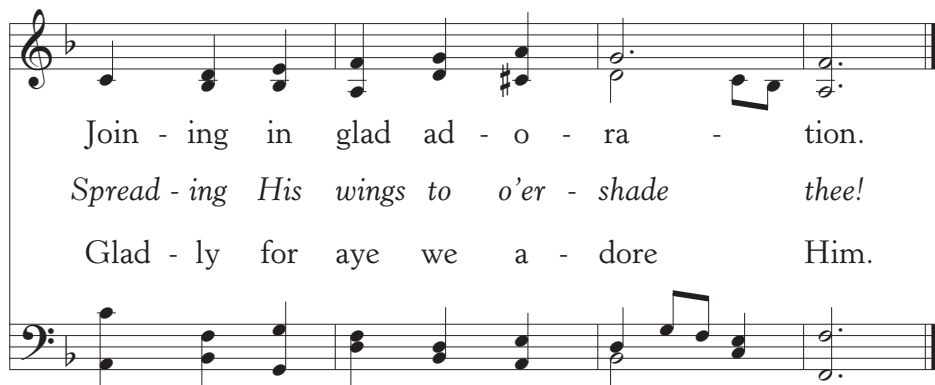
Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
*Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee,*  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
*Decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.*  
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him!



All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near,  
*How oft in grief hath not He brought thee re - lief,*  
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain;



Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
*Spread - ing His wings to o'er - shade thee!*  
Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665.

# 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—O Praise Ye The Lord And Sing A New Song (Psalm 149)



O— praise ye the Lord and sing a new song, — a - mid all His saints His prais-es pro - long.



The praise of their ma-ker His peo-ple shall sing, — and chil-dren of Zi-on— re - joice in their King.



With drum and with harp sing praise to His name; give praise with your dance, and— joy - ful ac-claim.

In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the Lord, with songs on your beds loud prais - es ac-cord.

Great rul - ers you'll bind and king - doms des-roy, these hon - ors are yours, these tri - umphs en-joy.

*D.C. al Fine*



For God in His peo-ple His plea - sure will seek; beau - ty and sal - va - tion He gives to the meek.

His Word is a two edg-ed— sword in your hand, to— ex - e - cute ven-geance on all heath - en lands.

For Lo! It is writ - ten His saints shall not fail: O— sing “Al - le - lu - ia,” His might shall pre - vail.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1909; *New Version of the Psalms of David in Meter*, 1709; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;

Music: PULASKI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

## Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise—Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee;  
Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove  
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pass-ions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er will be.  
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness to Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
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.

## Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 7:2-16

<sup>2</sup>Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. <sup>3</sup>I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. <sup>4</sup>I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

<sup>5</sup>For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. <sup>6</sup>But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, <sup>7</sup>and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. <sup>8</sup>For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. <sup>9</sup>As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

<sup>10</sup>For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. <sup>11</sup>For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. <sup>12</sup>So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God. <sup>13</sup>Therefore we are comforted.

And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. <sup>14</sup>For whatever boasts I made to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our boasting before Titus has proved true. <sup>15</sup>And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. <sup>16</sup>I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

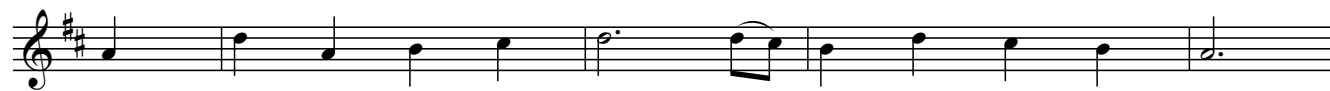
## Sung Response—O Put Your Trust In God, Vs. 3



Through waves, and clouds, and storms, His pow'r will clear your way;



Wait on His time, the dark - est night shall end in bright - est day.



Leave to His sover - eign sway to choose and to com - mand;



So shall you, wond' - ring, own His way, How wise, how strong His hand.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1656, Tr. John Wesley, 18<sup>th</sup> C, Alt. 2008;  
Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.

## Sermon—*Griefs and Comforts, Repentance and Rest*

—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 40:5-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We confess that we are but flesh. We are sinners in need of Your saving hand.

All: **We know that Your glory shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.**

Pastor: For You have spoken, O Lord.

All: **What then shall I cry?**

Pastor: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on them.

All: **Surely, we are but grass.**

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades, but Your Word, O God, Your Word will stand forever.

### Assurance of Pardon—from Revelation 19:1, 5-7; John 3:16-17

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great. Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.

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

All: **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Pastor: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

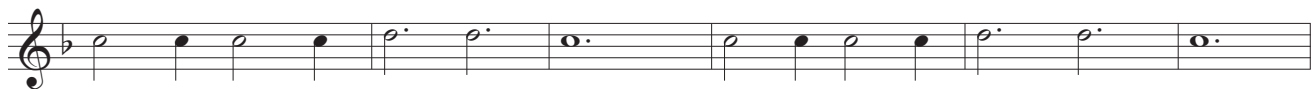
### Sung Response—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, Vs. 4



Plen-teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



Thou of life the foun-tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;



Spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

# 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 high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. A-men. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. A-men.



# 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—Be Still, My Soul



Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain.  
*Be still, my soul: thy God doth un-der-take to guide the fu-ture, as He has the past.*  
Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord.



Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide; in eve-ry change, He faith-ful will re-main.  
*Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let no-thing shake; all now mys-ter-ious shall be bright at last.*  
When dis-ap-point-ment, grief and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored.



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'n-ly friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
*Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.*  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752, trans. Jane L. Borthwick, 1855; Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1899.

## Hymn of Reflection—God Moves In A Mysterious Way



God moves in a mys-ter-ious way His won-ders to per-form;—  
*You fear-ful saints, fresh cour-age take; the clouds you so much dread—*  
His pur-po-ses will ri-pen fast, un-fold-ing ev-'ry hour;—



He plants His foot-steps in the sea, and rides up-on the storm.—  
*Are filled with mer-cy, and shall break in—bless-ings on your head.—*  
The bud may have a bit-ter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.—



Deep in un-fath-om-a-ble mines of nev-er fail-ing skill—  
*Judge not the Lord by fee-ble sense, but trust Him for His grace;—*  
Blind un-be-lief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;—



He trea-sures up His bright de-signs, and works His sov'-reign will.  
*Be-hind a frown-ing pro-vi-dence He hides a smil-ing face.*  
God is His own in-ter-pre-ter, and He will make it plain.

Text: William Cowper, 1774, Alt. 2019; Music: ELKINS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

# 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—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, 1869; Music: ENDLESS SONG, Robert Lowry, 1869,  
Arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2014.

# 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—Jude 1:25

To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

This morning's service draws our attention to the relationship of joy, comfort, and affliction in the Christian life. We are invited into worship with a passage from 1 Thessalonians, which implores us to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks *in all circumstances*." The opening two hymns both call us to "join in glad adoration" and "Rejoice in [our] King"—but the exuberant joy is tempered with the reminder of "how oft in grief hath He not brought you relief, spreading His wings to o'ershade thee." The Scripture reading from Philippians reminds us to "rejoice always" and to not be anxious, because God guards us with a peace "which surpasses all understanding." We respond by singing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, in which we confess that God has provided all we have needed, including a "peace that endureth." In the Sermon text from 2 Corinthians, Paul goes even further, stating that even in affliction he is "overflowing with joy." This sentiment is echoed in the two communion hymns, *Be Still My Soul* and *God Moves In A Mysterious Way*, which hopefully declare that "thorny ways" of grief and pain can lead to a joyful end and that even the most fearful providence can disguise the tender, smiling face of the Father. No matter the circumstance, our response is clear. Do we face trials? Praise Him. Have we been brought through trials? Praise Him. It is fitting then to close the service with *How Can I Keep From Singing?* Through tumult and strife, darkness and storms, Christ is Lord of Heaven and earth—and He promises us peace. So praise Him! —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Rejoice, Comfort, Joy, Grief, Refreshed

**Keystone Verse:** Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret (2 Corinthians 7:10)



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