



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time

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The glorious Gospel paradox is that we are exhorted to work hard knowing that the hard work is already done. Though no longer under the economy of do-this-and-live, we are under the economy of live-and-do. —Thomas Chalmers

## 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 8:9

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

### 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—based on Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord.

**All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Reader 1: He instructs sinners in the way, He leads the humble in what is right, and He teaches the humble His way.

Reader 2: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord. Teach us Your paths.

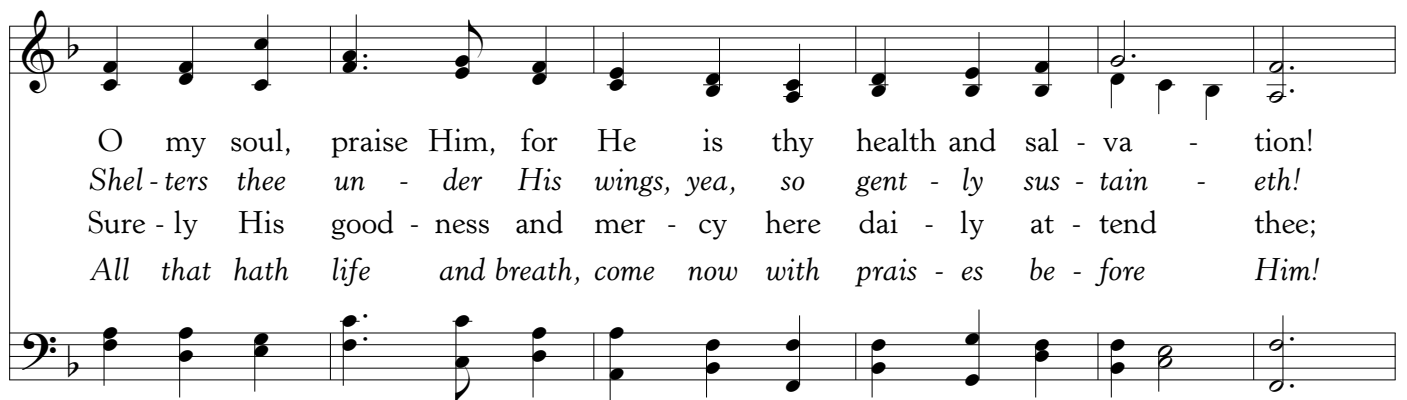
**All: Lead us in Your truth and teach us.**

Pastor: For You are the God of our salvation

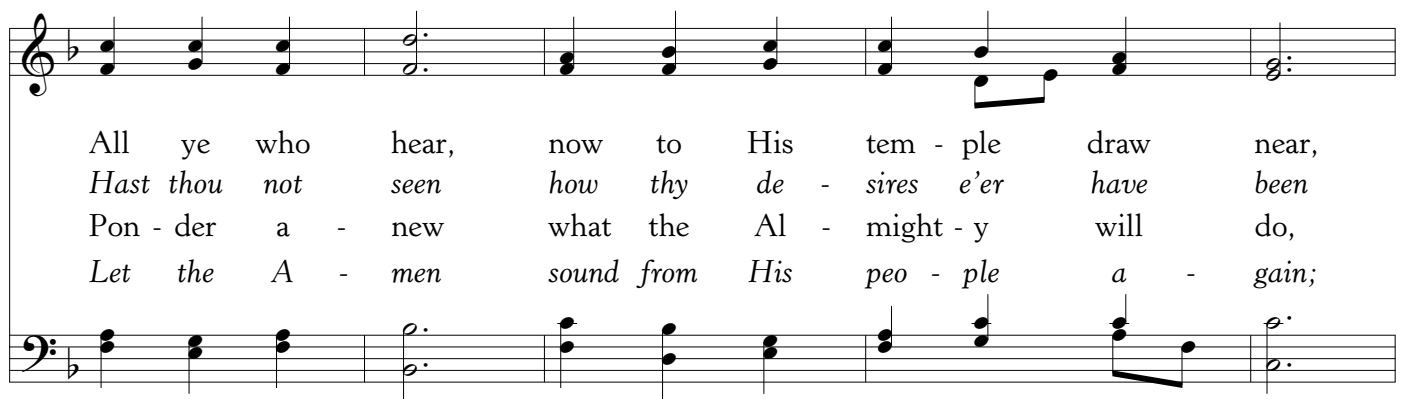
## Congregational Hymn—Praise To The Lord, The Almighty



Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,  
 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend 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!  
 Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend 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,  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do,  
 Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain;



Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 If with His love He be - friend 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.

## 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—Isaiah 52:7-10, 12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Go forth therefore; the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## 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  
Our God for - ev - er shall a - bide, and He ‘till death, will be our guide



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.

## Reading of the Word—2 Timothy 1:8-18

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

<sup>15</sup>You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup>May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, <sup>17</sup>but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—<sup>18</sup>may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior, Vs. 5

May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Look - ing on - ly un - to Jes - us as I on - ward go.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly un - to Jes - us as I on - ward go." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

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

## Sermon—*Unashamedly Steadfast*

—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 James 4:4; Romans 3:22-26

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We know that friendship with the world is enmity with God. We know that whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

All: **For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: God put Jesus forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

All: **This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins.**

Pastor: It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be both the just and the justifier.

All: **He has completely redeemed the one who has faith in Jesus.**

### Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 85:8-12; Romans 1:16-17

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints... Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in the land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: **It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

### Sung Response—Jesus, Shepherd Of Thy People, Vs. 1



Je - sus, Shep - herd of Thy peo - ple, lead us through this des - ert land;



We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble, yet we trust Thy might - y hand;



Great pro - tec - tor! By Thy power a - lone we stand.

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

MEN  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven and Earth are

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

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—I Waited Patient For The Lord (Psalm 40)



I wait - ed pa - tient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry;  
Firm on a rock He made me stand, and taught my cheer - ful tongue  
How man - y are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mer - cies, Lord, how great!

He saw me rest - ing on His Word, and brought sal - va - tion nigh.  
To praise the won - ders of His hand, in a new thank - ful song.  
We have not words nor hours e - nough their num - bers to re - peat.

He raised me from a hor - rid pit, where mourn - ing long I lay,  
I'll spread His works of grace a - broad; the saints with joy shall hear,  
When I'm af - flict - ed, poor, and low, and light and peace de - part,

And from my bonds re - leased my feet, deep bonds of mir - y clay.  
And sin - ners learn to make my God their on - ly hope and fear.  
My God be - holds my hea - vy woe, and bears me on His heart.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 40, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: FINGAL, Traditional Irish Melody,  
arr. Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

### Congregational Hymn—To Live Is Christ



I re - jice! for through your prayers, and the help of Je - sus' Spir - it,  
My sure hope and ex - pec - ta - tion is that I will not be shamed  
Our de - sire is to de - part, be with Christ up - on that day

*Vs. 1 & 2 then Chorus*

All these pre - sent trials will turn to de - li - ver - ance.  
But that Christ will gain the glo - ry in my life or death.  
Though now we are called to live, live in joy and faith.

*Chorus*

To live is Christ, to be His ser - vant. To die and live with Him is gain.

Though as I live, may fruit - ful la - bor glor - i - fy His Name, glo - ri - fy His Name.

Text: based on Philippians 1:19-25, Nathan George, 2012; Music: 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—Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears,

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home.  
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace.  
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong;  
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us, we jour - ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
With deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.  
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836.

## 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—Hebrews 11:1; 12:1-2

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Let us therefore run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 3

O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four 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 one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

If last week's sermon text presented Paul reminiscing about the past, this week's passage finds the Apostle looking to the future, confident that Christ will lead him in the way he should go. He urges Timothy to follow in the path set before him (vs. 13), the "holy calling" that the Lord has placed on his life (vs. 9). As we sing this morning, we echo Paul's imperative. We declare that our God will be our guide until death (*Within Your Temple Lord—Psalm 48*). We ask Him to lead us through desert lands and onto a rock where we might rest from trouble (*Jesus, Shepherd Of Thy People; Lord, Hear My Voice—Psalm 61*). We seek Him for strength to run the race set before us (*May The Mind Of Christ My Savior*). Like Paul, we boldly state our intent to proclaim God's works to sinners and saints alike (*I Waited Patient For The Lord—Psalm 40*), and trust that we will not be put to shame in our labors (*To Live Is Christ*). Though sin's wars may be fierce, we can say boldly that we follow our Lord without fear (*Lead On, O King Eternal*). His grace will make us strong. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key words:** Ashamed, Suffering, Convinced, Entrusted, Follow, Day

**Keystone verse:** I know Whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. (2 Timothy 1:14)



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