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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Easter

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All my hope is found solely in Your exceeding great mercy. Give what You command, and command what You will.  
—Augustine of Hippo

The love of God and the love of the world, are two affections, not merely in a state of rivalry, but in a state of enmity  
—and that so irreconcilable, that they cannot dwell together in the same bosom. —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 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### Sung Response—Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Vs. 1

Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day, — al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, — al - - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye — heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, — al - - - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

### Call to Worship—Psalm 33:1, 4-6, 18-19, 22

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.**

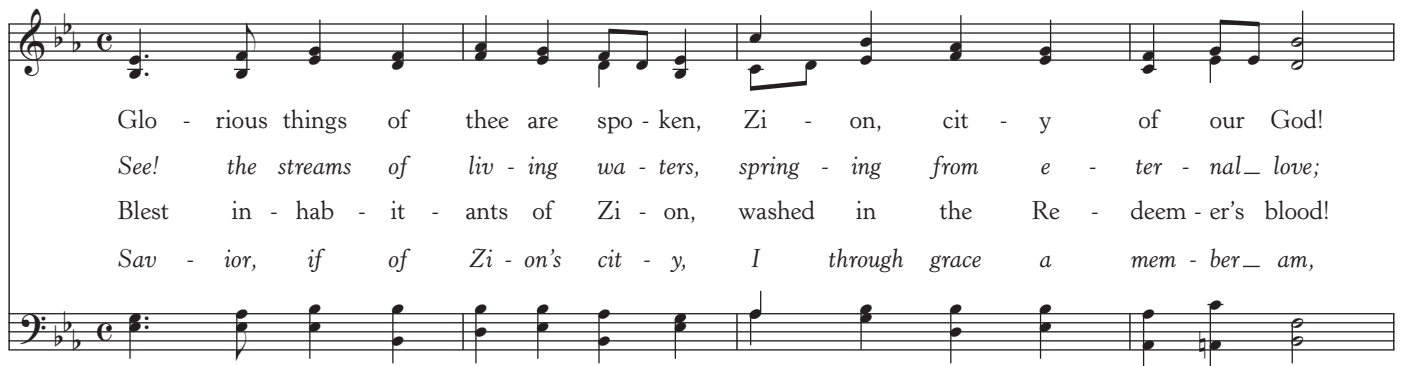
Reader 1: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Reader 2: By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

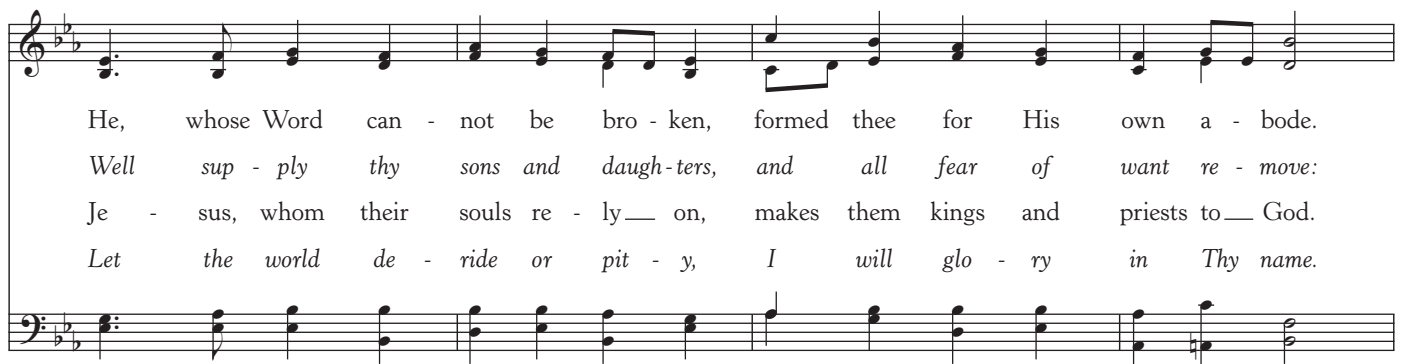
All: **Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death.**

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

## Congregational Hymn—Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken



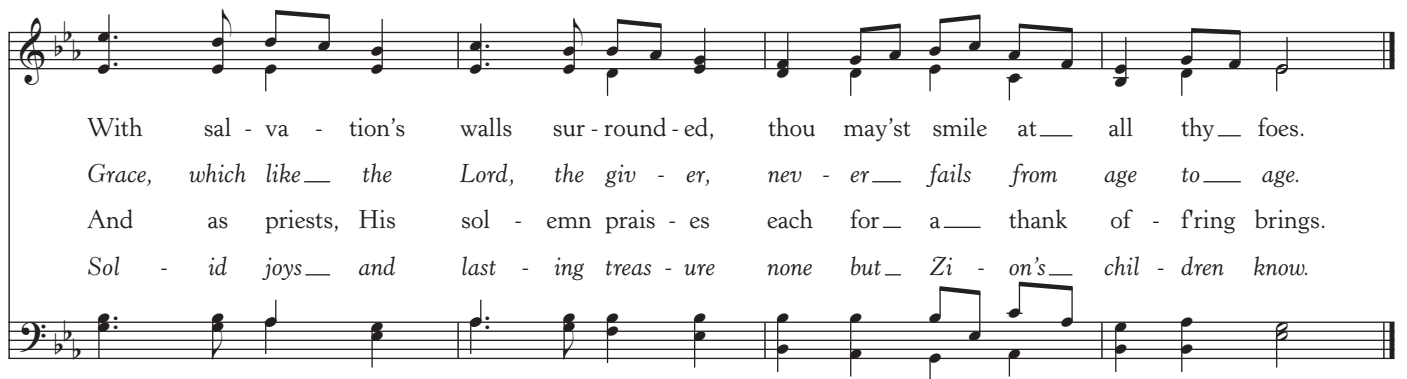
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!  
*See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal\_ love;*  
 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!  
*Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber\_ 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:*  
 Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly\_ on, makes them kings and priests to\_ God.  
*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?*  
 'Tis His love His peo - ple rais - es, o - ver self to reign as kings,  
*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.*  
 And as priests, His sol - emn prais - es each for\_ a\_ thank of - fring brings.  
*Sol - id joys\_ and last - ing treas - ure none but\_ Zi - on's\_ chil - dren know.*

Text: John Newton, 1789; Music: AUSTRIA, Joseph Haydn, 1779.

# 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—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.”  
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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.

## Scripture Reading—John 13:31-35

Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn—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.

## Reading of the Word—1 John 2:7-17

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup>At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. <sup>10</sup>Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup>But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

<sup>12</sup>I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. <sup>14</sup>I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding, Vs. 1



Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say,



"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."

Text: 5th century, tr. Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1850.

## Sermon—*A Loving Command in a Hostile World*

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

# 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 Daniel 9:5, 7, 9, 17; John 3:19

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing that we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.

All: To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame because of the sins we have committed against You. We have loved darkness rather than the light because our deeds are evil.

Pastor: To You, O Lord belong mercy and forgiveness, for You are righteous in all Your works that You have done.

All: Listen to the prayer of Your people and to our pleas for mercy. Forgive us for rebelling against You and not obeying Your Word.

## Assurance of Pardon—Colossians 1:13-14; Luke 18:27

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

All: What is impossible with man is possible with God.

## Sung Response—Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Vs. 1



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee;



Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pass-ions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev-er will be.



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.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

*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  
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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.



# 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 Hymn—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee



If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways,  
Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure in cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent  
Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing, per - form thy du - ties faith - ful - ly,



He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.  
To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure and His dis - cern - ing love hath sent,  
And trust His Word: though un - de - serv - ing, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.



Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that naught can move.  
Nor doubt our in - most wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.  
God nev - er yet for - sook in need the soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1641, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Music: NEUMARK, Georg Neumark, 1657.

## 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 yeam - 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.

# 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—The God Of Abraham Praise

The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,  
He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His oath de - pend;  
The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Right - eous - ness,  
The whole tri - um - phant host gives thanks to God on high;

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to Heav'n as - cend.  
A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.  
Tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.  
"Hail Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry,

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I shall be - hold His face, I shall His pow'r a - dore,  
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
On Zi - on's sa - cred height His king - dom He main - tains,  
Hail, Abra - ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays;

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er - blest.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace for - ev - er - more.  
And trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.  
And glor - ious with His saints in light for - ev - er reigns.  
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine, and end - less praise.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1770; Music: LEONI, Jewish melody, arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770.

## 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—1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints. *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, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

### Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Many of the hymns we sing this morning point to the eternal, unchanging nature of God (“Him who is from the beginning,” 1 John 2:14). We declare that “Our God forever shall abide” (*Within Your Temple, Lord—Psalm 48*) and that His grace “never fails from age to age” (*Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken*). We are grateful that He “changest not” (*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*), and we have confidence that the God who is the “Ancient of Days” will also reign forever with us in His Kingdom of light (*The God Of Abraham Praise*). The remaining hymns respond to an unchanging God by looking to His eternal commandment of love—which is both “new” (John 13:34) and “old” (1 John 2:7). We pray that the Lord will “teach us how to love each other” (*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*), and encourage one another to “keep His ways unswerving” (*If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee*). We do not trust in chariots or horses, but in the God who promises to answer, “whenever we call” (*The Lord Ever Hear You—Psalm 20*). —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Commandment, Old, New, Light, Darkness, Writing, World, Love, Hate  
**Keystone Verse:** Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. (1 John 2:7-8)



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