



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Kingdomtide

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We say that Christ so died that He infallibly secured the salvation of a multitude that no man can number, who through Christ's death not only may be saved, but are saved, must be saved, and cannot by any possibility run the hazard of being anything but saved. —Charles Spurgeon

It was our sorry case that caused the Word to come down, our transgression that called out His love for us, so that He made haste to help us and to appear among us. It is we who were the cause of His taking human form, and for our salvation that in His great love He was both born and manifested in a human body. —Athanasius

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 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy shall ring, "The Lord om-ni - po - tent is King."

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin, from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, Alt. 2010.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 105:1-4, 7-8, 45

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**

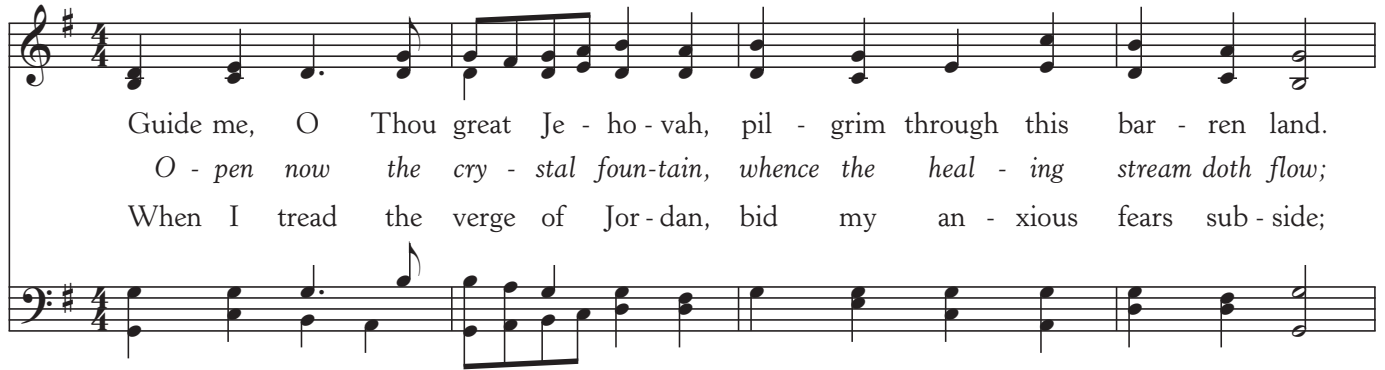
Reader 1: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Reader 2: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

All: **He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

Pastor: He remembers His covenant forever, the Word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.
Praise the Lord!

Congregational Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side.



Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be Thou still my Strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



More; (*want no more*) feed me till I want no more.
Shield; (*Strength and Shield*) be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Thee; (*give to Thee*) I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

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.

Antiphonal Scripture Song—Song At The Sea

* REFRAIN

Leader



To the Lord I will sing for His glo-rious vic-to-ry; the horse and the ri-der He has thrown in-to the sea.

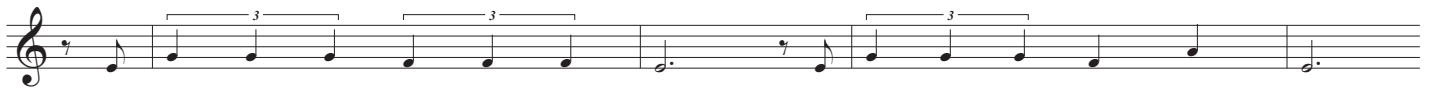
Congregation



Fine

To the Lord I will sing for His glo-rious vic-to-ry; the horse and the ri-der He has thrown in-to the sea.

Leader



The Lord is my strength and my song, sal - va - tion He brings to me;
For Phar - aoh and all of his host, He cast them in - to the sea,
The en - e - my vowed to pur - sue, to ru - in to rape to spoil;
You led to Your ho - ly a - bode the peo - ple whom You re - deemed;
You plant them on Your ho - ly hill, the moun - tain which You have made,



My fa - ther's God, He is my God, and I will ex - alt and praise.
The floods went up; and in the depths their char - i - ots sank like stones.
The sea rose up and cov - ered them; in wa - ter they sank like lead.
The na - tions heard; they trem - ble still; all Ca - naan shall melt a - way.
Es - tab - lished there by Your right hand, for - ev - er with You they'll reign.

Congregation



The Lord is a man of war; Je - ho - vah is His name. *
Your hand shows your glor - ious pow'r to crush your en - e - mies.
O who is like You, my Lord, in per - fect ho - li - ness? *
On them shall great ter - ror fall till all Your folk pass by.
Ma - jes - tic are all Your deeds, the won - ders of Your hand. *

Text: Exodus 15:1-21, Henry C. Haffner. 2022; Music: MIDNIGHT SUN. Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

Scripture Reading—John 1:1-4, 14-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.’”) For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Alleluia, Sing To Jesus!



Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scept - er, His the throne.
Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
Al - le - lu - ia! bread of an - gels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;



Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to Thee from day to day:
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, Earth Thy foot - stool, Heav'n Thy throne:



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood.
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the fort - y days were o'er
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
Thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by His blood.
Shall our hearts for - get His pro - mise, “I am with you ev - er - more”?
Where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Thou on earth both priest and vic - tim in the Euch - ar - is - tic feast.

Text: William C. Dix, 1867; Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

Baptism of Harriet Scoones, daughter of Ben and Kathryn Scoones

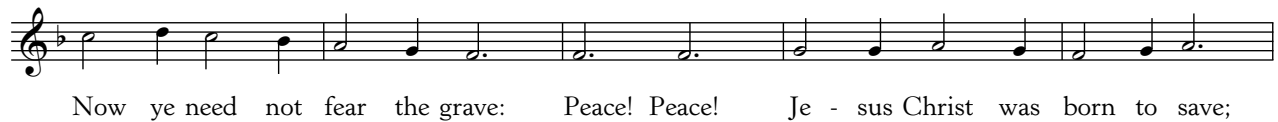
Reading of the Word—Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, “I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.” ¹³ And again, “I will put My trust in Him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given Me.” ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Good Christian Men, Rejoice, Vs. 3



Text: Medieval Latin Carol, tr. John Mason Neale, 1853; Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German Melody, 14th century, harm. John Stainer, 1871.

Sermon—*The Founder of Our Salvation*

—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 Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord! Let Your ears be attentive to voice of our pleas for mercy!

All: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

All: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

All: For He will redeem Israel from all our iniquities.

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7; Colossians 2:6-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

Sung Response—Not All The Blood Of Beasts, Vs. 5

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;" and "We bless the Lamb with cheer-ful voice, and sing His bleed-ing love." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y—be un - to— Thee,
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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—How Deep The Father's Love For Us



How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure
Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders.
I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure.
A - shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Congregational Hymn—I Know That My Redeemer Lives



I___ know that my re - deem - er lives, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!
He___ lives to bless me___ with His love; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!
He___ lives to crush the fiends of hell; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!
He___ lives to plead my___ cause a - bove; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!
He___ lives and doth with - in me dwell; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!



Shout___ on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live, and the lost is found, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1775; Music: ANTIOCH, Samuel Wood, *The Sacred Harp*, 1850;
arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2017.

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—Man Of Sorrows!



Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned He stood;
Guilt - y, vile, and help - less we; spot - less Lamb of God was He;
Lift - ed up was He to die; "It is fin - ished!" was His cry;

Ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!
Sealed my par - don with His blood. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!
"Full a - tone - ment!" can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!
Now in Heav'n ex - alt - ed high. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!

Text and Music: Phillip P. Bliss, 1875.

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 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, 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—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

There are several distinct passages in Scripture that are sometimes referred to as the “Song of Moses,” including Deuteronomy 32, Psalm 90, and Revelation 15. The earliest of these to appear is the Israelites’ song of triumph over the Egyptians in Exodus 15, also known in Hebrew poetry as the “Song at the Sea.” We’ll be learning a new setting of this Scriptural song all through the month of October. This setting alternates between a single leader and the congregation, intending to resemble the back-and-forth pattern of the text itself, in which Moses and Miriam alternate in a refrain of “Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.” (Exodus 15:1, 21). On the musical score, the leader’s portions are printed in a smaller type, while the congregations’ parts are larger. After verses 1, 3, and 5, an asterisk indicates a return to the refrain, which is sung first by the leader, then the congregation. Though this setting (to the tune MIDNIGHT SUN) is a bit more complicated than our usual fare, I hope you’ll find it a rewarding journey through a less familiar passage of Scripture—particularly this month as we study Hebrews 2 and 3, which mentions how “Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.”

—Henry C. Haffner

Key words: Founder, Suffering, Sanctified, Brother, Death, High Priest, Propitiation

Keystone verse: For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. (Hebrews 2:10)



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