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Season of Easter

15 May 2022

As thunder follows lightening, giving follows grace. When God's grace touches you, you can't help but respond with generous giving. —Randy Alcorn

People go through three conversions: the conversion of their head, their heart, and their pocketbook. Unfortunately, not all at the same time. —Martin Luther

Your bank and credit card statements are theological documents. They tell who and what you worship. —Brian Kluth

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 9:8

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

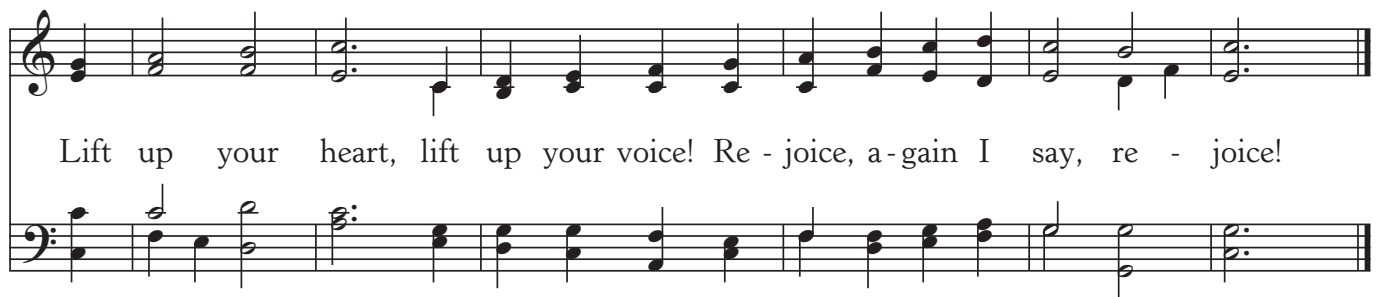
Introit—Rejoice, The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



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—based on Psalm 115:1, 3, 11, 18

Pastor: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory!

All: **Glorify Your name, O Lord, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!**

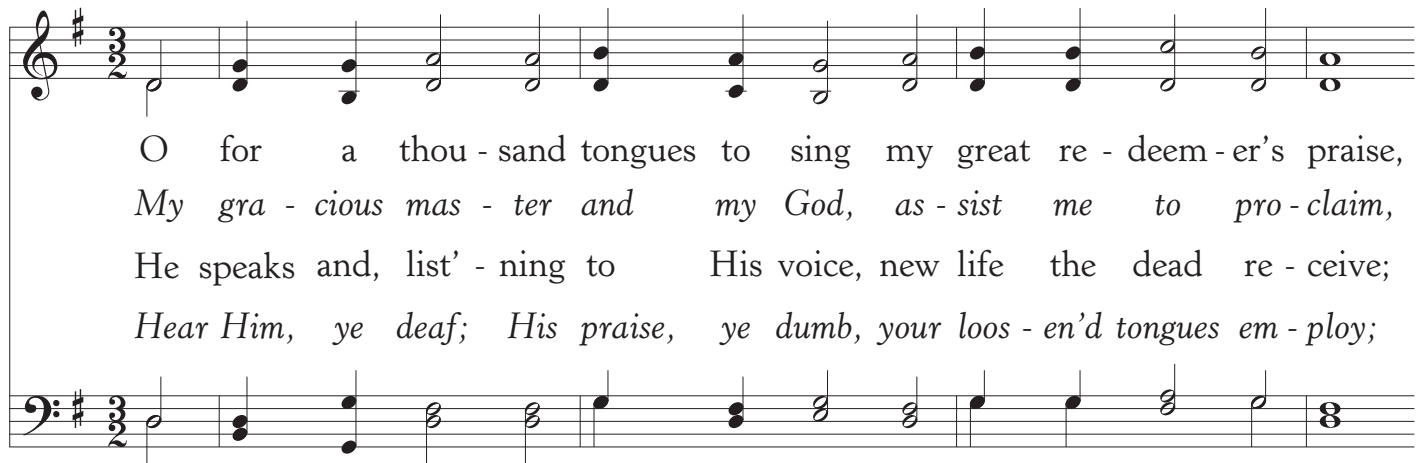
Reader 1: Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.

Reader 2: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

All: **We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.**

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing



O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great re - deem - er's praise,
My gra - cious mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
He speaks and, list' - ning to His voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loos - en'd tongues em - ploy;



The glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of His grace.
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
The mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - jice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, 1828,
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

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 Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)

O_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures. ____
O_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures." ____
In an - guish to_ the Lord I cried; the_ Lord then set me_ free. ____
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He_ gives His help to_ me; ____
O_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly. ____

O let all Is - ra - el_ now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." ____
Let those who fear_ the Lord now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." ____
The Lord's with me, _ I will not fear. What harm can man do me? ____
And so in tri - umph I_ will look on_ all those ha - ting me. ____
Yes bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord than_ men whose rank is_ high. ____

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.
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Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18

Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments and His rules and His statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God... Beware lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth." You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Praise—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness



My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;
Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.
Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with His light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on Earth is giv - en by the King.
And wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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Baptism of Ruth Elston, daughter of Jim and Beth Elston

Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 8:1-15

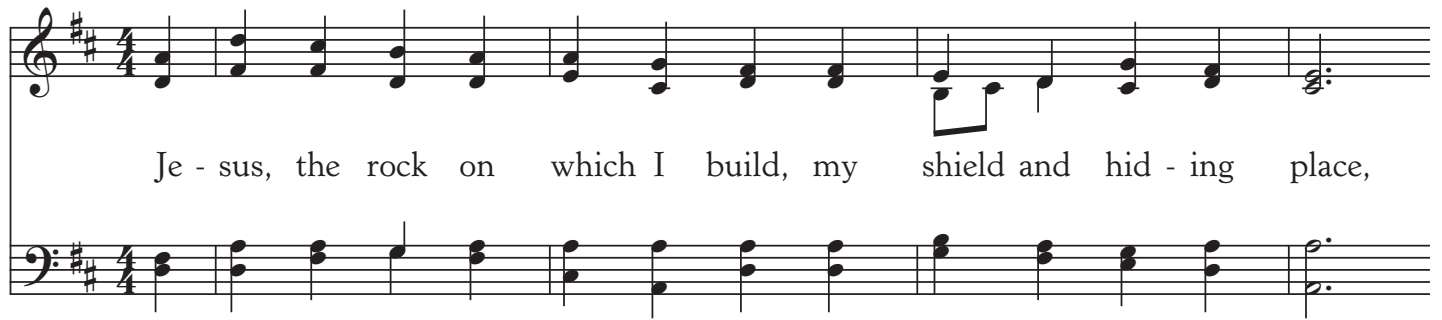
We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.⁹ For 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.¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

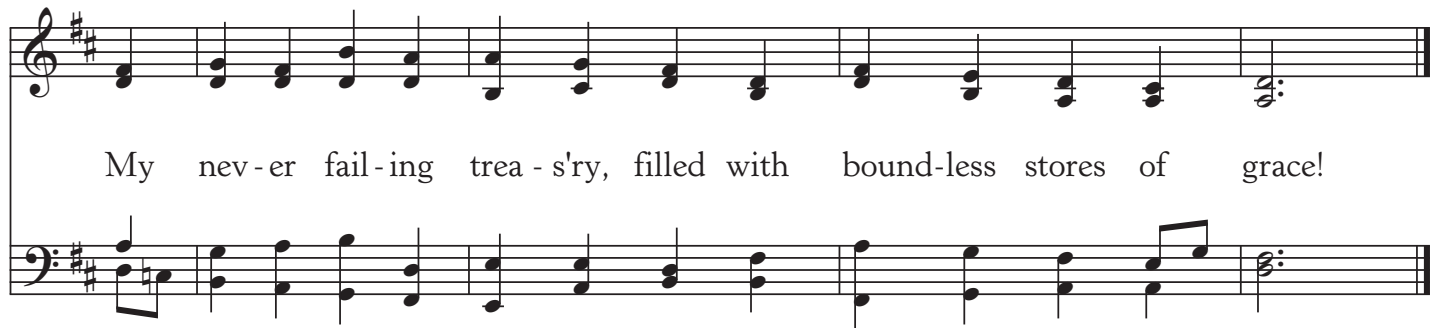
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds, Vs. 3



Je - sus, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,



My nev - er fail - ing trea - s'ry, filled with bound - less stores of grace!

Music: Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836.

Sermon—*A Manifestation of Grace*

—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 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 14-17

Pastor: Lord we come confessing. We know that all too often we have been lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, and abusive.

All: **We have been disobedient, ungrateful, unholy, and without self-control.**

Pastor: We confess that we are sinners, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

All: **Lord, we have often had the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.**

Pastor: Therefore, O Lord, by Your mercy and grace, enable us to continue in what we have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom we learned it. For we have been acquainted with the Sacred Word, which is able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All: **For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.**

Assurance of Pardon—from Isaiah 35:4, 6, 8, 10; John 3:16-17

Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you. Waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, Vs. 5

But drops of grief can ne'er re-pay the debt of love I owe;—

Here, Lord, I give my-self a-way, 'tis all that I can do.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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.

Psalm of Praise—Alleluia! How Blest The Man (Psalm 112)



A - le - lu - ia! How blest the man who great-ly__fears the Lord!
Light to the up - right shall a - rise, though he in__dark-ness be;
When e - vil ti - dings he shall hear, he shall not be a - fraid:
A - bun - dant wealth with - in his house shall ev - er__be in store;



Who dai - ly finds de - light with - in Je - ho - vah's Ho - ly Word
Com - pass - ion - ate, and mer - ci - ful and ev - er__just is he.
His__heart is fixed, his__con - fi - dence up - on the__Lord is stayed.
And his un - spot - ted__right - eous - ness en - dures for - ev - er - more.



His__child - ren for their might shall be in__all the land re - nowned;
There sure - ly is not__an - y thing that ev - er shall him move:
Es - tab - lished firm - ly__is his heart, a - fraid he shall not be,
The__wick - ed ones shall see, and grieve: their teeth will gnash a - way,



The gen - er - a - tion of the just in bless - ings shall a - bound.
The right - eous man's me - mor - i - al shall ev - er - last - ing prove.
Un - til a - mong his__en - e - mies, his tri - umph He__shall see.
For__what the wick - ed__most de - sire shall ut - ter - ly__de - cay.

Text: Psalm 112:1-10, *The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church*, 1887, Alt. 2018; Music: POTTSVILLE, Henry C. Haffner, 2018.

Hymn of Praise—O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



O Love that will not let__me__go, I rest my wea - ry soul in Thee.
O Light that fol - lows all__my__way, I yield my flick'-ring torch to Thee.
O Joy that seek - est me__through pain, I can - not close my heart to Thee.
O Cross that lift - est up__my__head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.



I give Thee back the life__I__owe, that in Thine oce - an depths its flow
My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day
I trace the rain - bow through the__rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain,
I lay in dust, life's glo - ry__dead, and from the ground there blos - soms red,



May rich - er, ful - ler__be.
May bright - er, fair - er__be.
That morn shall tear - less be.
Life that shall end - less__be.

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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—Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, — Lord, to — Thee.
Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love.
Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be — no — long - er — mine.

Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise,
Take my feet, and — let them be — swift and beau - ti - ful — for — Thee, —
Take my in - tel - lect and use — ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Take my heart, it — is Thine own; it shall be Thy ro - yal — throne,

Let them flow in — cease - less praise.
Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Ev - 'ry pow'r as — Thou shalt choose.
It shall be Thy ro - yal throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: HENDON, Henri A. C. Malan, 1827;
Harm. Lowell Mason, 1841.

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—based on Psalm 116:5-7

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord preserves the simple; when we were brought low, He saved us. The Lord has dealt bountifully with us. Go forth with thanksgiving. Amen.

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Even if you have been coming to Parish for a while, you may not often read the small text under the header of each section in the bulletin that gives some explanation for the various elements of worship. At the top of page 10, you'll find these words: "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." This act of giving, serving, and working in response to the grace we have received is emphasized in 2 Corinthians 8, and all throughout this morning's worship. *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing* and *O Thank The Lord For He Is Good—Psalm 118* open the service by thanking God for "the triumphs of His grace" and rejoicing in "His gracious love." But this grace must not be taken lightly. The Scripture reading from Deuteronomy encourages us to remember the Lord by walking in His ways, because we are not the source of our blessings—He is. In response, we sing hymns like *My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness* ("I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.") and *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* ("I give myself away") which declare our intent to channel the grace we have received into our daily lives. Because of the "abundant wealth" promised in *Alleluia! How Blest The Man—Psalm 112*, we must sing to God, "I give Thee back the life I owe," from *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*. The final hymn, *Take My Life And Let It Be*, is a prayer that our hands and feet, our silver and gold, our entire lives and callings might "move at the impulse" of His grace. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Grace, Bestowed, Abundance, Poverty, Beyond, Complete, Abound, Rich
Keystone Verse: We want to make known to you the grace of God bestowed upon the churches of Macedonia. (2 Corinthians 8:1)



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