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SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time

14 August 2022

The question is never between God's house and His poor; it is not between God's house and His Gospel; it is between God's house and ours. —John Ruskin

Whatever God orders and whatever God guides, He provides. God's work, done in God's way, never lacks for God's supply. —J. Hudson Taylor

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—Psalm 25:8

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lift up your heads, ye might-ty gates; be - hold, the King of_ glor - y waits;". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of_ the world is here!". The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with a final double bar line and a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 84:1-2, 10, 12

Pastor: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: **Our souls long, yes, faint for the courts of the Lord.**

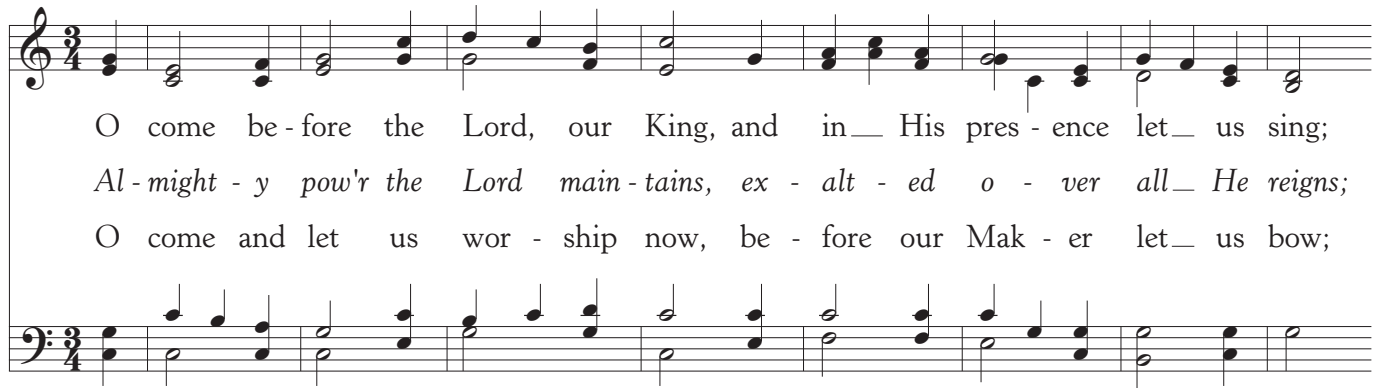
Reader 1: Our hearts and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Reader 2: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

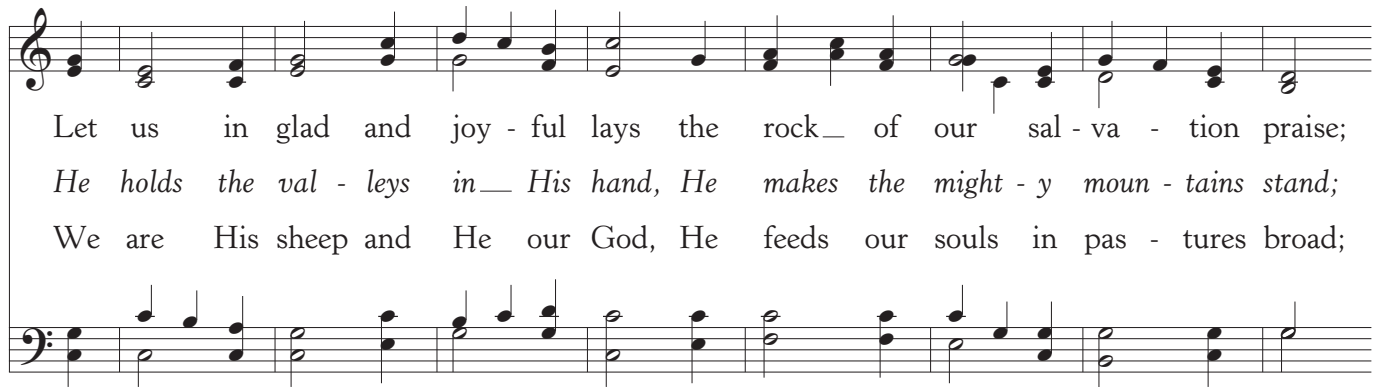
All: **We would rather be doorkeepers in the house of our God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Pastor: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

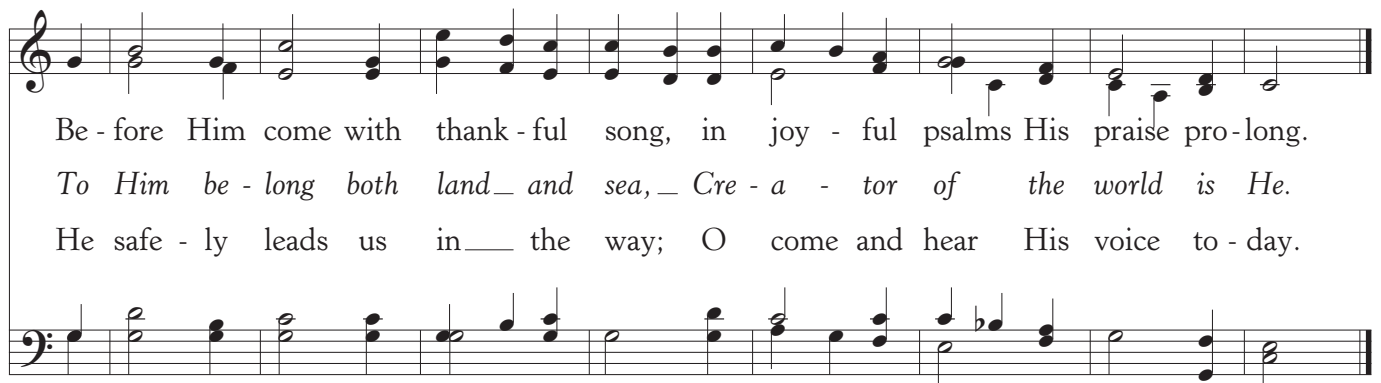
Congregational Psalm—O Come Before The Lord, Our King (Psalm 95)



O come be - fore the Lord, our King, and in His pres - ence let us sing;
Al - might - y pow'r the Lord main - tains, ex - alt - ed o - ver all He reigns;
O come and let us wor - ship now, be - fore our Mak - er let us bow;



Let us in glad and joy - ful lays the rock of our sal - va - tion praise;
He holds the val - leys in His hand, He makes the might - y moun - tains stand;
We are His sheep and He our God, He feeds our souls in pas - tures broad;



Be - fore Him come with thank - ful song, in joy - ful psalms His praise pro - long.
To Him be - long both land and sea, Cre - a - tor of the world is He.
He safe - ly leads us in the way; O come and hear His voice to - day.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

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—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 yearn - 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.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 84:3-7

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise! Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Focus

—Assistant Pastor, James Crampton

Congregational Psalm—O Lord Of Hosts, How Lovely (Psalm 84)



O Lord of Hosts, how love - ly Thy dwell - ing pla - ces are
Be - neath Thy care the spar - row shall find a place of rest
Blest they who dwell in Zi - on whose joy and strength Thou art



For them my heart is yearn - ing, though I have wan - dered far,
To keep her young in safe - ty the swal - low finds a nest
For - ev - er they will praise Thee, Thy ways are in their heart



My soul is near - ly faint - ing Thy sa - cred courts to see
Then, Lord, my King al - migh - ty, Thy love will shel - ter me
Though tired, their tears like show - ers shall fill the springs of peace



My heart and flesh are cry - ing O liv - ing God, to Thee.
Be - side Thy ho - ly al - tar my home shall ev - er - be.
And all the way to Zi - on their strength shall be in - creased.

Text: Psalm 84:1-7, *The Psalter*, 1912, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;
Music: CHAPEL HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Reading of the Word—Haggai 1:1-11

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ²“Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.” ³Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, ⁴“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

⁷“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord. ⁹You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts. Because of My house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. ¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You (Psalm 27), Vs. 1



O— Lord, teach me to fol-low You, in - struct me in Your way,



And lead me on a le - vel path be - cause of foes, I pray!

Text: Psalm 27:11; Music: LOUISE, Robert M. Copland, 1972.

Sermon—*My House, His House*

—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—from Romans 3:10-12; Psalm 25:1-2, 4-7

Pastor: Lord, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one.

All: No one understands; no one seeks for God. We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Pastor: So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. O Lord God, in You do we trust. Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths.

All: Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we do wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love. Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 25:8, 10; Philippians 3:9-10; Romans 3:23-24

Good and upright is the Lord. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. Therefore, we can now count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. For we do not have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law. Rather, our righteousness is that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; so now we may truly know Him and the power of His resurrection.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Sung Response—Light Of The Anxious Heart, Vs. 3

Bright - ness of God a - bove, un - fath - om - a - ble grace,

Thy pres - ence be a fount of love with - in Thy cho - sen place.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Bright - ness of God a - bove, un - fath - om - a - ble grace, Thy pres - ence be a fount of love with - in Thy cho - sen place.'

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century, Tr. John Henry Newman, 1836;
Music: SELMA, Robert Archibald Smith, 1825.

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, God of pow'r and might

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 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—By Babylon's Great Riverside (Psalm 137)



By Ba - by - lon's great ri - ver - side we cap - tive peo - ples sat and wept;
 For there our cap - tors asked for songs; tor - ment - ing us, they asked for praise;
 Re - mem - ber Lord, how they laid bare our home up - on that dread - ful day;



While o - ver all our hearts the tide of Zi - on's me - mor - ies had swept.
 Re - quir - ing songs that hap - py throngs on Zi - on had been known to raise.
 Though wick - ed E - dom now seems fair, her sons are doomed to pass a - way.



On weep - ing wil - lows, droop - ing low, our si - lent, joy - less harps we hung;
 But how can we, in for - eign land, Je - ho - vah's songs be made to sing?
 Re - mem - ber Lord, the dread - ful day of our land's fall and bit - ter woe

Verse 1&2, then Chorus



Their strings were bro - ken, tuned with woe, when with such aw - ful grief they sung.
 If I for - get you, let this hand lose all its skill up - on the string.
 How hap - py he who shall re - pay the cru - el hat - red of her foe.

Chorus



If I do not re - mem - ber you, for - get my songs, let lan - guage cease



If I should place a - no - ther joy a - bove my care for Zi - on's peace.

Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907; *The Psalter*, 1912; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: WILLIAMSON, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Congregational Hymn—Jerusalem, My Happy Home



Je - ru - sa - lem my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they see God face to face;
 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as mas - ter of the choir:
 There Mag - da - len hath left her moan, and cheer - ful - ly doth sing
 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 They tri - umph still, they still re - joice: most hap - py is their case.
 Ten thou - sand times that man were blest that might this mu - sic hear.
 With bless - ed saints, whose har - mo - ny in ev - 'ry street doth ring.
 Thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: Joseph Bromehead, 1795; Music: LAND OF REST, Traditional Appalachian Melody.

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.

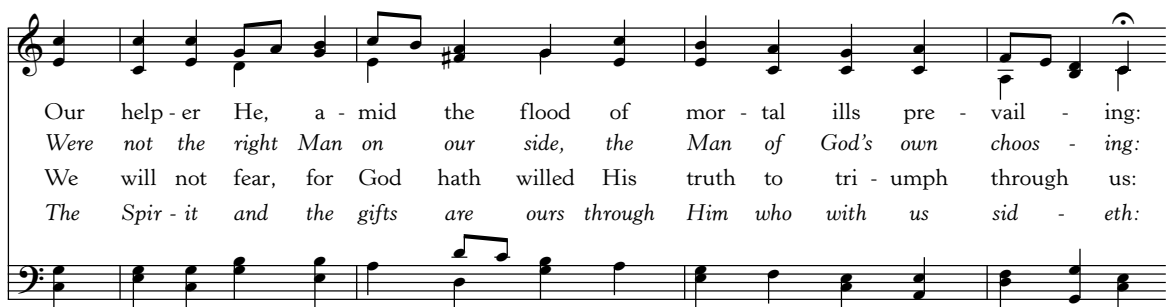
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

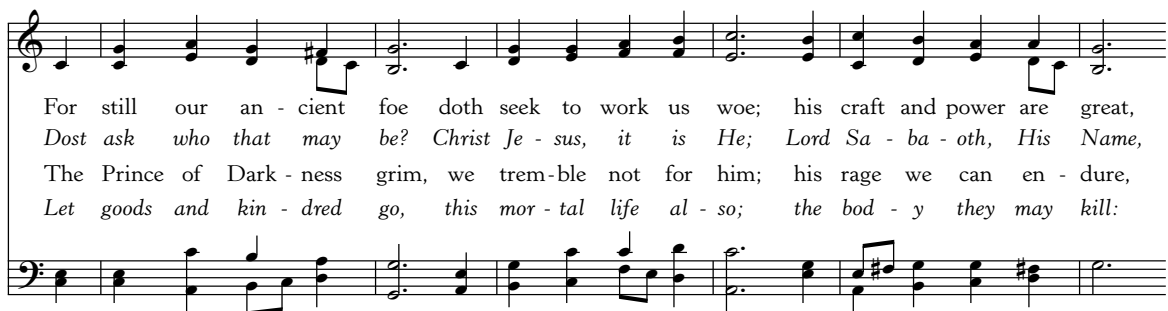
Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



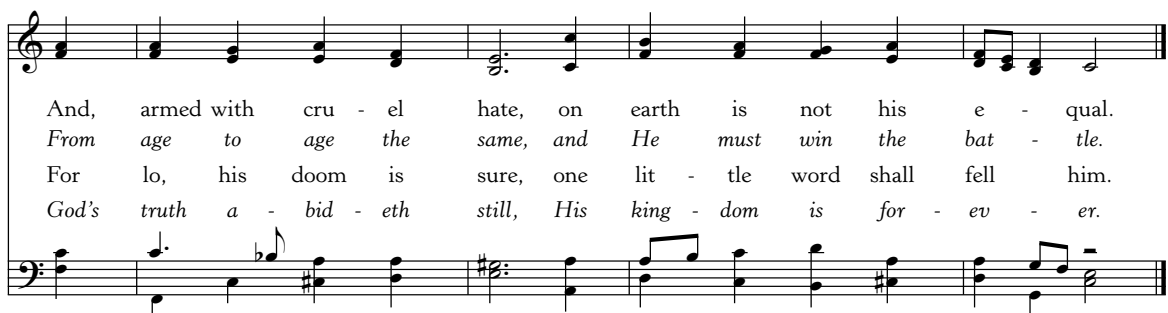
A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing;
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth:



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His Name,
The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
From age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

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—Psalm 84:11

The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3

O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er_ is con - fessed

O hap-py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in_ tri-umph comes!

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/2 time. The first system contains the first line of lyrics, and the second system contains the second line. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs.

Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weessel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise! —Psalm 84:4

The prophecy of Haggai is addressed to the generation tasked with rebuilding the temple, following the Israelites' return from exile in Babylon. This duty of God's people to cultivate the place He has given them is seen throughout the Scriptures—and in this morning's service. Psalm 84, in which the psalmist longs desperately for the "courts of the Lord," serves as the Call to Worship, the Scripture reading, and the Benediction. We'll also sing a metrical version of the same passage, *O Lord Of Hosts, How Lovely*. In light of the "unfathomable grace" we receive in the forgiveness of sins, we pray using the words of *Light Of The Anxious Heart* that the Lord's presence will be a "fount of love within [His] chosen place." Both *By Babylon's Great Riverside—Psalm 137* and *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* use the language of "land" and "home" to urge us not to forget God's house and to look forward to the ultimate fulfillment of a place where the harmony of all the "blessed saints ... in every street doth ring." Having been reminded of our need to "consider our ways," our duties to God's house, we are sent out with an encouragement. Since "no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly," we sing that where Christ is confessed, the city and land (as well as the homes and hearts) will be happy and blessed. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Hosts, Time, House, Houses, Consider, Glorified, Withheld
Keystone Verse: Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. (Haggai 1:7)



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