



PARISH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time  
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God is always mindful of us, let us never be forgetful of Him. —Matthew Henry

Christ died for us, and that by taking upon Him what was due to us, He redeemed us from the curse of death. And it is added, that this was done through the grace of God, for the cause of redemption was the infinite love of God towards us, through which it was that He spared not even His own Son. —John Calvin

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## 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—Revelation 4:11

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”

### Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;

Praise is His gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,  
arr. David Evans, 1927.

### Call to Worship—Psalm 8:1-9

**Pastor:** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

**All:** Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

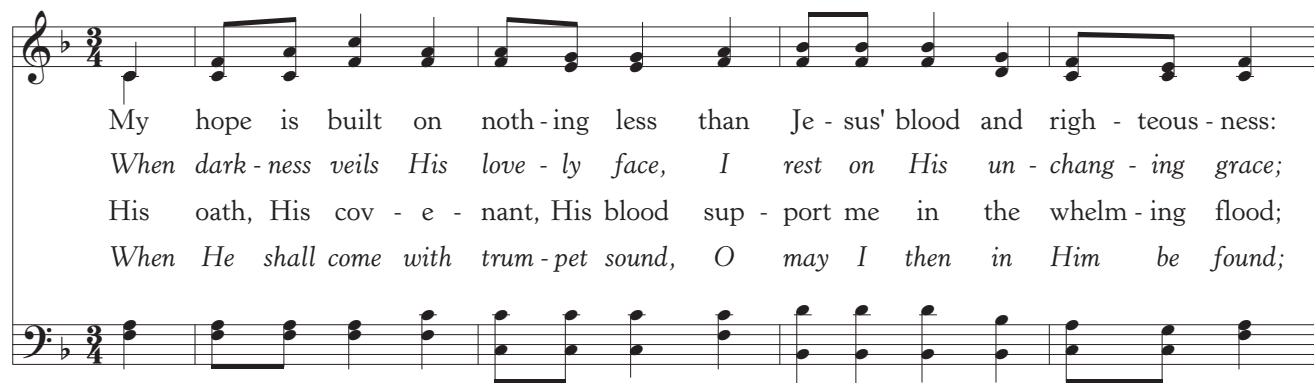
**Reader 1:** When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

Reader 2: Yet You have made Him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned Him with glory and honor. You have given Him dominion over the works of Your hands.

All: You have put all things under His feet: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

### Congregational Hymn—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less



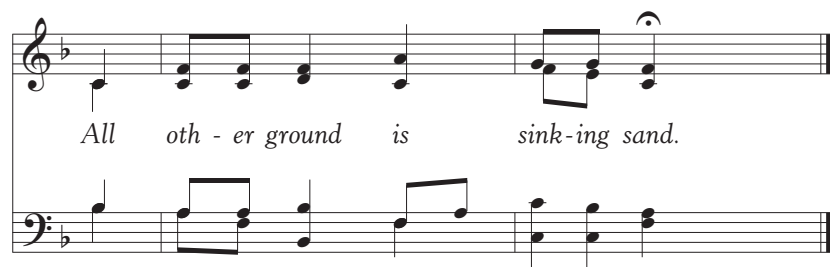
My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness:  
When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace;  
His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;  
When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in Him be found;



I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,



All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# 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—O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name (Psalm 8)



O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the Earth!  
O, when I gaze at the heav'n's and all the works Your hands have made,  
Though You have made him low - er than the an - gels for a time.  
You set his feet up - on the Earth to be a car - ing shield



For You have set Your glor - ious name a - bove the high - est heav'ns.  
The moon and stars in the heav'n's a - bove, which You have set in place,  
You crown'd him in Your maj - es - ty, in glo - ry and in light.  
For flocks of sheep and herd - ing beasts and cat - tle in the fields,



Out of mouths of babes and in - fants, You es - tab - lished strength!  
What is man that You are mind - ful, and re - mem - ber him,  
You gave him do - min - ion o - ver all You did cre - ate.  
Birds of heav - en, teem - ing wa - ters; all Your won - drous works.



All Your en - e - mies will then be si - lent at Your praise.  
And the son of man that You will gen - tly care for him?  
O - ver all the won - drous works and all Your hands have made.  
Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the Earth!

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2015.

## Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn—The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, and light tri - um - phant breaks;  
Not as of old a lit - tle child to bear, and fight, and die,  
The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, and earth's dark night is past;  
And let the end - less bliss be - gin, by wear - y saints fore - told,

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills, and life to joy a - wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
O haste the ris - ing of that morn, the day that e'er shall last.  
When right shall tri - umph ov - er wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last four lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Text: Ancient Greek Hymn, tr. John Brownlie, 1907; Music: MORNING SONG, Elkanah Kelsay Dare, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

## Reading of the Word—Hebrews 2:5-9

<sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that You are mindful of Him,  
Or the son of man, that You care for Him?  
<sup>7</sup>You made Him for a little while lower than the angels;  
You have crowned Him with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under His feet.

Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him.<sup>9</sup> But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—All Glory, Laud And Honor, Vs. 1

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
Who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820, tr. J. M. Neale, 1854;  
Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchoir Teschner, c. 1615.

## Sermon—*Trusting What We Don't Yet See*

—Associate Pastor, Mike Fennema

# 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—Psalm 130:1-4

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!

All: O Lord, hear my voice!

Pastor: Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

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

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

## Assurance of Pardon—1 Peter 2:24-25; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

## Sung Response—How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds, Vs. 1

How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!

It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.

## 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 Hymn—What Wondrous Love Is This

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this  
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing down  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,  
Be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul,  
Who is the great I AM while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,  
I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?  
For my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

## Congregational Hymn—There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's veins;  
*The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;*  
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
*Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power,*

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
*And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.*  
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
*Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.*

Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
*Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;*  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
*Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;*

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
*And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.*  
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
*Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.*

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

# 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.

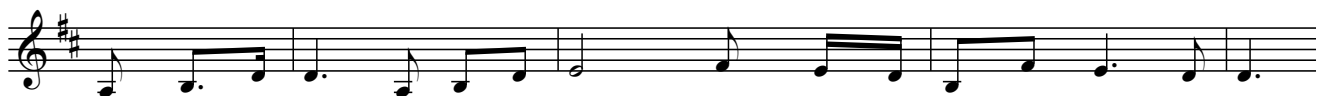
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

*Amen.*


## Congregational Hymn—In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe!  
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.  
Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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# 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—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glor - y be\_\_ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is\_\_ now, and ev - er shall be,

World\_\_ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2<sup>nd</sup> century;  
Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Often, whenever I write worship notes, I feel the need to write something incredible, to make some new, impressive realization that will make me seem grand and wise. Obviously, I need to hear Hebrews 2:4-9. Our Savior, who is worthy of all glory, laud, and honor, humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. As we come before His throne this morning, He calls us into the victory He has accomplished over death. He reminds us that our hope is built on His blood and righteousness. When the distractions of this world begin to overwhelm, He drives away our fear and neediness. He who took the form of a servant has plunged sinners beneath the flood of His love so that we might lose all our guilty stains. Now, we who once searched for our own glory sing the song of redeeming love. Our only hope is in Christ. He is firm through the fiercest drought and storm. Because of the power of Christ, we can sing “glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.” —Emma Marsh

**Key words:** Angels, Subjection, Control, Jesus, Crowned, Glory, Honor, Suffering

**Keystone verse:** Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. (Hebrews 2:8)



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