

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time 10 July 2022 The faithful ministers of Christ must not lightly give up on anyone. —Martin Bucer

As Paul preaches the cross, God providentially creates a cruciform structure in his life. The shape of the cross was true of the underlying rhythms of his life: preaching Christ as a cross-bearer meant that he too shared in afflictions, trials, opposition, misunderstandings, privations, loneliness, and rejection—as well as in fruitfulness, joy and the triumphs of grace. The life of the preacher is death-and-resurrection shaped. —Sinclair Ferguson

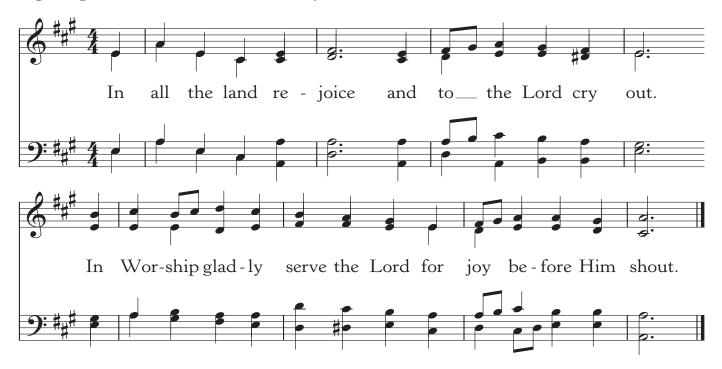
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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—Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Sung Response—In All The Land Rejoice (Psalm 100), Vs. 1



Text: Psalm 100:1, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, Copyright © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications; Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1894.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 68:4-6, 18-19

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the Lord; exult before Him!

All: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

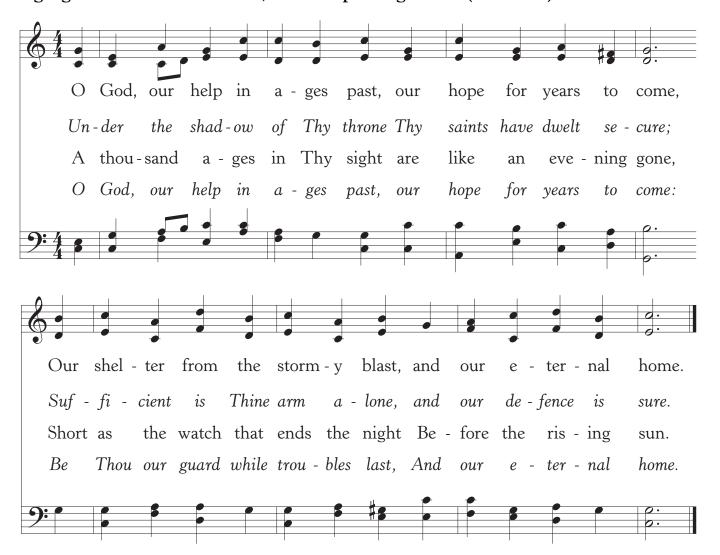
Reader 1: God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Reader 2: You, O Lord, ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.

All: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Pastor: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Congregational Psalm—O God, Our Help In Ages Past (Psalm 90)

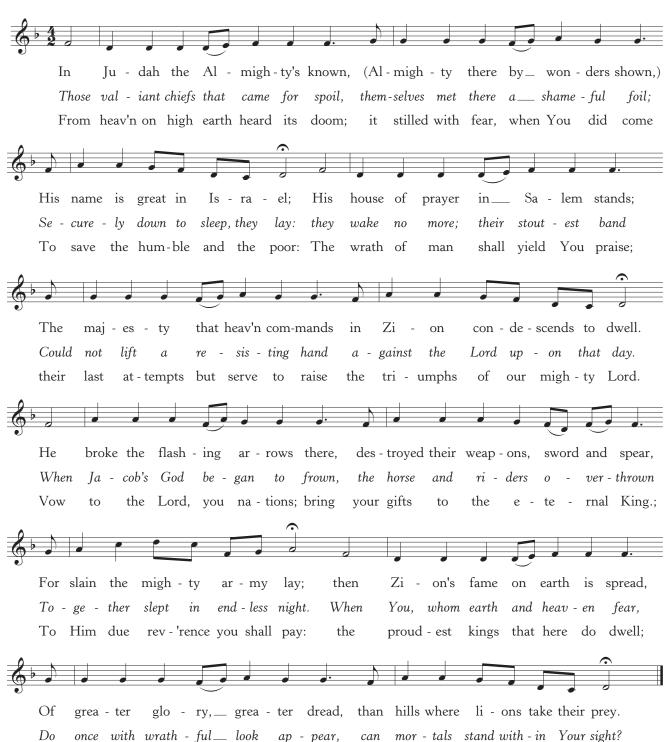


Text: paraphrase of Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1708.

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—In Judah The Almighty's Known (Psalm 76)



Text: A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: RODERICK, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

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Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus



Baptism of Isabella Gutierrez, daughter of Carlos and Laura Gutierrez

Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 12:11-21

I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. 12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works. ¹³ For in what were you less favored than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong! ¹⁴Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. 15 I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? ¹⁶ But granting that I myself did not burden you, I was crafty, you say, and got the better of you by deceit. ¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you? ¹⁸ I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not act in the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps? ¹⁹ Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all for your upbuilding. beloved. ²⁰ For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. ²¹ I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Speak, O Lord, Vs. 1



Sermon—Caring for Your Souls

-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

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.

Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 1:7-10; Romans 1:16-17

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

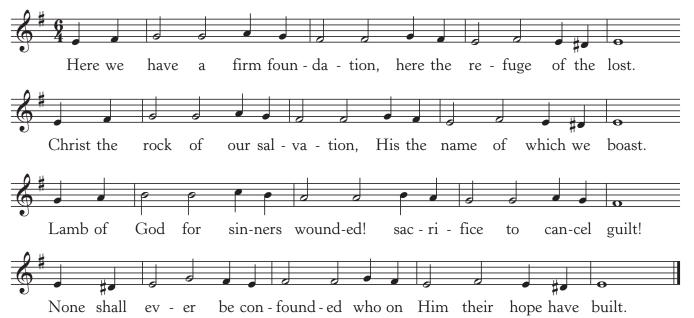
Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The

righteous shall live by faith."

Sung Response—Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted, Vs. 4



Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804; Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850.

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:



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—Blessed Are All They (Psalm 1)



Text: paraphrase of Psalm 1, T. M. Moore, The Ailbe Psalter, 2009; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

Congregational Hymn—Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace



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—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863.

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 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. *Amen*.

Sung Response—Gloria Patri



Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century; Music: Nathan George, 2015, Harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

In this morning's sermon text from 2 Corinthians, Paul explains that he has written his second letter to build them up ("all for your upbuilding," vs. 19). Similarly, the hymns we sing in worship this morning use the language of "building," "flourishing," and "making sure." The Call to Worship from Psalm 68 and the two sung psalms that follow, O God, Our Help In Ages Past—Psalm 90 and In Judah The Almighty's Known—Psalm 76, recount times in Israel's history that the Lord built up and established His people. We read from Ephesians of how God gives grace "for building up the body of Christ," and we respond from O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus that His love "lifts me up to glory." Speak, O Lord mentions the power of God's Word to "shape and fashion us," while Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted and Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace each refer to Christ as the "foundation" upon which we build. Blessed Are All They—Psalm 1 compares the believer to a tree that, when "firmly planted" will "flourish, and bear fruit." The closing hymn, My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less, recalls Jesus' parable in Matthew 7 and Luke 6 of the "wise man who built his house on the rock." As we leave here this morning, I pray that the service will be an encouragement to all who are here to grow and build from the sure foundation we have in Christ. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Keystone Verse: Upbuilding, Fool, Apostles, Burden, Souls, Fear

Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you?

It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all for your upbuilding,

beloved. (2 Corinthians 12:19)



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