



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Easter

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Quote for Reflection

When there is the exposition of the Scriptures, an enlarging and opening of the preacher's heart, and the exposing of the hearts of the hearers, then the majesty of the word of God *written* will be self-evident and the presence of the Word of God *incarnate* will stand forth in all His glory. —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—1 John 3:1a

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Introit—Jesus Shall Reign, Vs. 1

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces-sive jour - neys run;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus Shall Reign, Vs. 1'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces-sive jour - neys run;' and 'His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.'

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 36:5-10

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.**

Reader 1: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Reader 2: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

All: **For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.**

Pastor: Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!

Psalm of Praise—All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)



All peo - ple that on Earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with - out our aid He did us make;
O en - ter then His gates with praise, ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;
For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for ev - er sure;

Him serve with fear, His praise forth - tell come ye be - fore Him and re - jice.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.
Praise, laud, and bless His name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
His truth at all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

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.

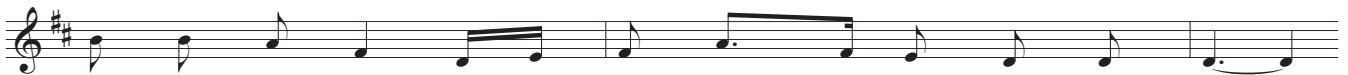
Psalm of Praise—The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad (Psalm 21)



O Je - ho - vah, the king in Your strength shall be glad,
Through sal - va - tion from You is his fame wide - ly spread,
You will stretch forth Your hand on the heads of Your foes,



And shall in Your sal - va - tion re - joice;— for You free - ly have giv - en each
For the maj - es - ty You did im - part— O most bles - sed for - ev - er the
On Your hat - ers a right hand of pow'r, then Your wrath shall a - round them like



Wish his heart had, You at - tend to the cries of his voice.—
King has been made, and Your pres - ence has glad - dened his heart.—
Fur - nace flames close; for Je - ho - vah's own wrath shall de - vour.—



All the bless - ings he craved You did grac - ious - ly give,
For the king in the name of Je - ho - vah Most High
From the earth shall their race be con - sumed and de - stroyed,
You will turn back your foes; You will put them to flight,



With the pur - est of gold he is crowned.— When he asked of You life, You
Did un - wav - er - ing con - fi - dence place;— through His great lov - ing - kind - ness
And their off - spring for - ev - er shall fail;— by the e - vil they plot - ted,
When Your ar - rows are aimed at their face.— Be ex - al - ted Je - ho - vah,



Have made him to live, while the ag - es shall cir - cle a - round.
He still will re - ly on the High - est, and stand by His grace.
The schemes they em - ployed. they shall nev - er a - gainst You pre - vail.
In strength and in might; we will sing of Your pow - er and grace.


Text: *The Psalter*, 1898; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: KING PHILIP, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 2:1, 5-8

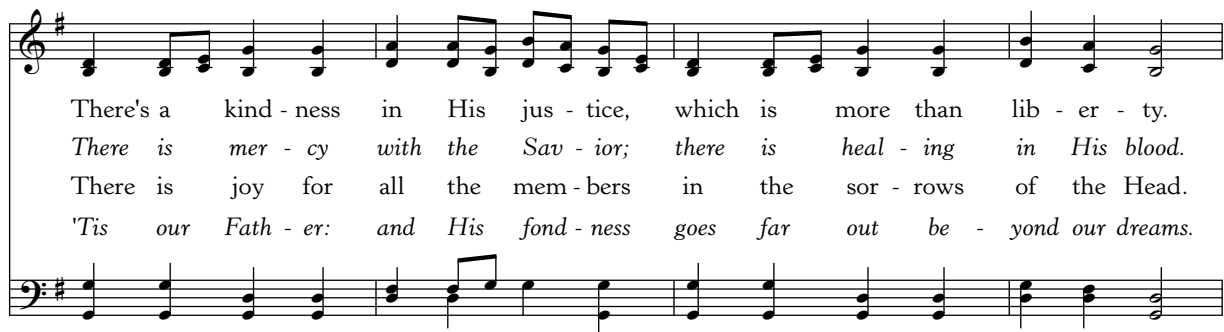
For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain... For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

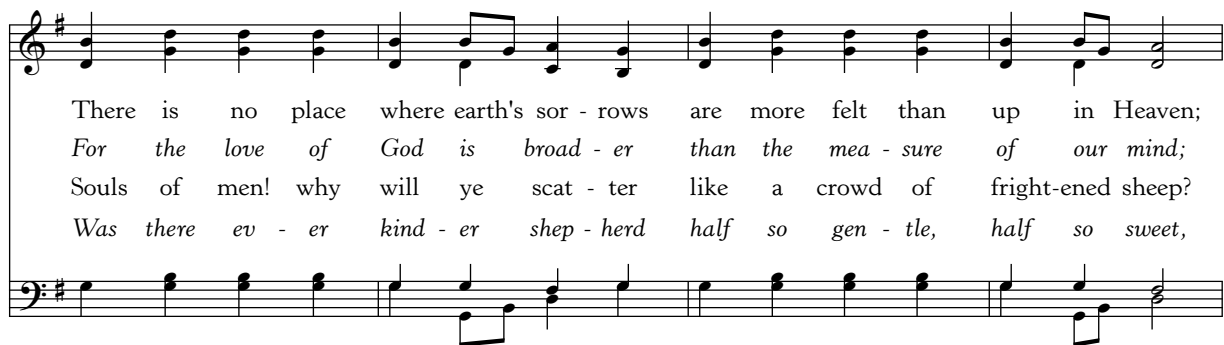
Hymn of Praise—There's A Wideness In God's Mercy



There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
It is God: His love looks might - y, but is might - ier than it seems;



There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in His blood.
There is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
'Tis our Fath - er: and His fond - ness goes far out be - yond our dreams.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in Heaven;
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of our mind;
Souls of men! why will ye scat - ter like a crowd of fright - ened sheep?
Was there ev - er kind - er shep - herd half so gen - tle, half so sweet,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
Fool - ish hearts! why will ye wan - der from a love so true and deep?
As the Sav - ior who would have us come and gath - er at His feet?

Baptism of Roland George, son of Jonathan and Lela Grace George

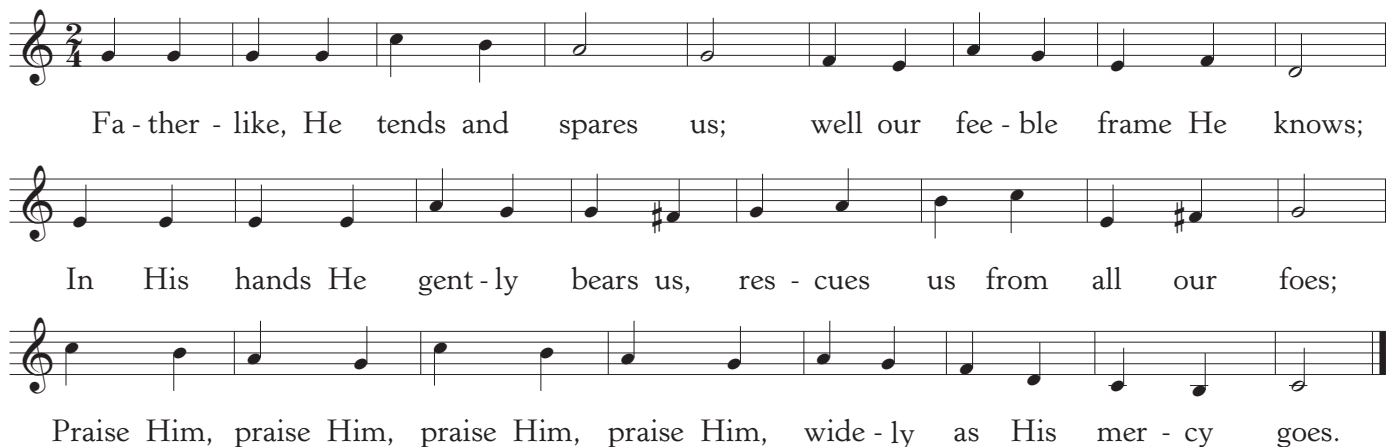
Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 6:3-13

³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven, Vs. 3



Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;
In His hands He gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.

Text: from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869.

Sermon—*Wide Open Ministry*

—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 51:1, 3-4, 10, 12-13, 17

Pastor: We come confessing that we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

All: Against You, and You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew us from within.

All: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Pastor: Restore to us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

All: Then we will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

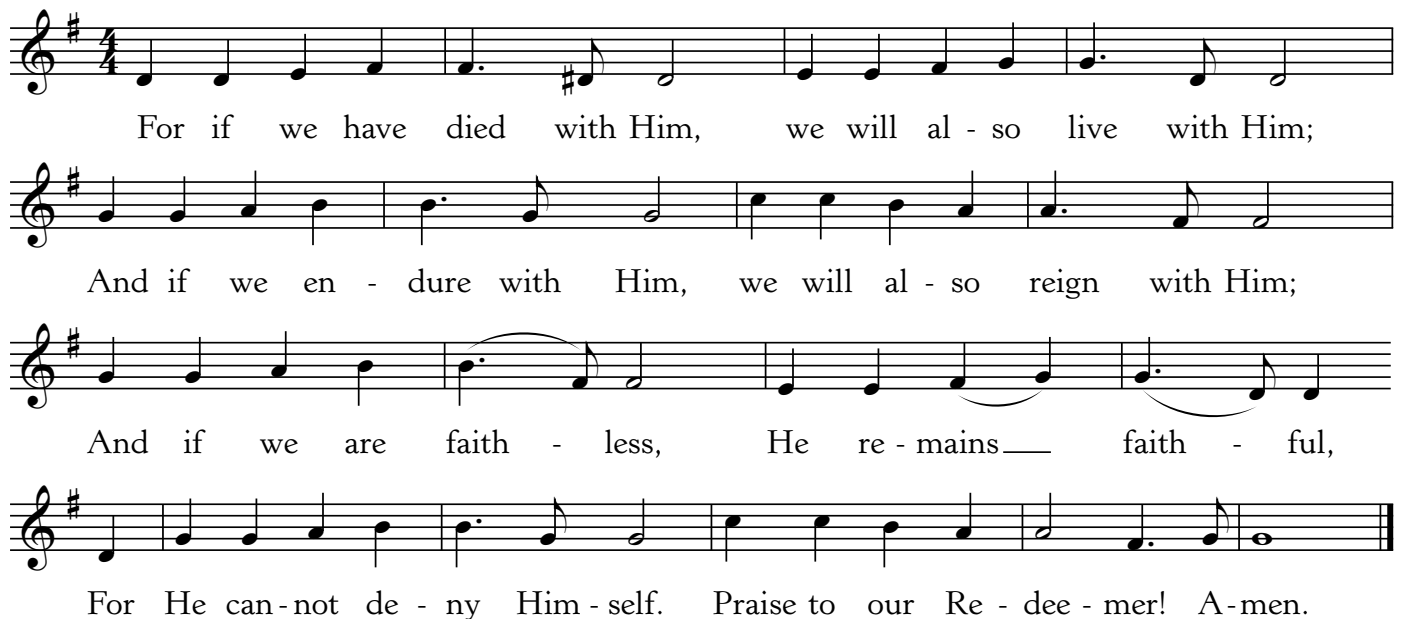
Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11; Luke 18:27

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. . . Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: What is impossible with man is possible with God.

Sung Response—The Creed Of Timothy



For if we have died with Him, we will al - so live with Him;

And if we en - dure with Him, we will al - so reign with Him;

And if we are faith - less, He re - mains— faith - ful,

For He can - not de - ny Him - self. Praise to our Re - dee - mer! A - men.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Music: Nathan George, 2012.

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.

Hymn of Praise—Come Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy



Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, — sick and sore;
Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;
Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, — love and power.
True be - lief — and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er — come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me — in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are — ten — thou - sand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759; Music: RESTORATION (ARISE), William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Psalm of Praise—The Wicked Man Fears Not The Lord (Psalm 36)



The wick - ed man fears not the Lord, But trusts in his own way.
But Your a - bun - dant love ex - tends To heav - en, Lord most high.
Let not Your stead - fast love de - part, Nor let us fall to — pride,

Vs. 1 & 2, then Chorus

In his in - i - qui - ty as - sured He — sins both night and day.
In just - ice You pre - serve the men And beasts who to You cry.
But help us be up - right of heart, And Your name glor - i - fy.

Chorus

Un - der the sha - dow of Your wings Is a ri - ver of de - light.
In You, — we true a - bun - dance find, And in Your light, see light.

Text: based on Psalm 36, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2018; Music: FLAT CREEK, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

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.

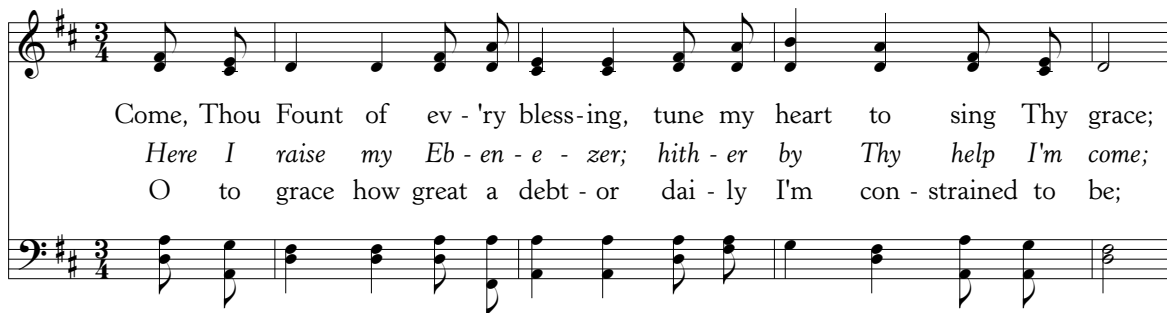
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

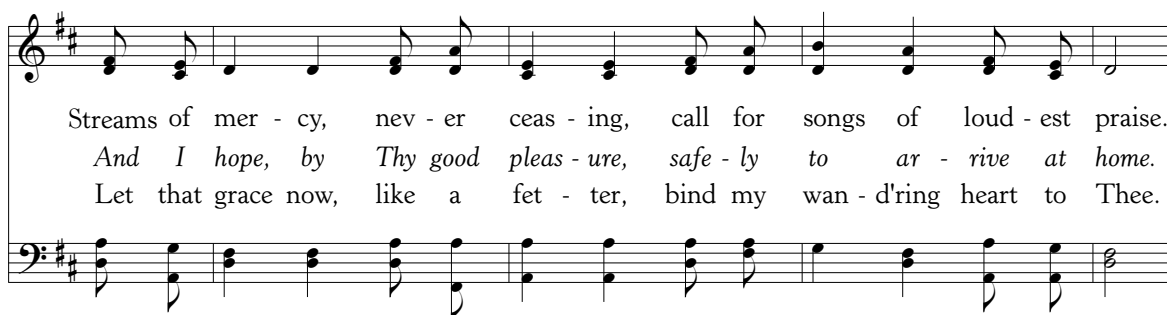
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



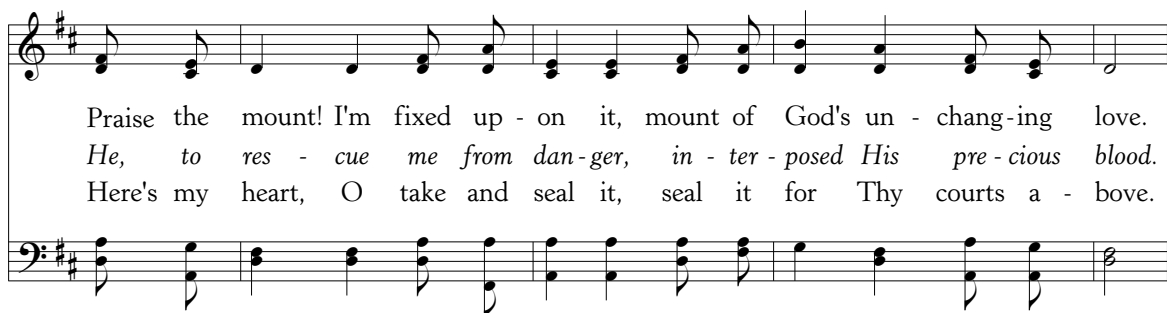
Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

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—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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

Announcements

Worship Notes:

The elements in this morning's service point us to the extravagance of God's grace in our lives—both the abundance and the totality of the undeserved blessings He gives. *Jesus Shall Reign* and *All People That On Earth Do Dwell—Psalm 100* speak of Christ's kingdom reaching from “shore to shore,” compelling the praise of “all people.” The Call to Worship from Psalm 36 describes God's love as extending “to the heavens,” as vast as both mountains and seas, as an abundant feast, and as a river of delight (we'll sing this same psalm, *The Wicked Man Fears Not The Lord—Psalm 36*, during communion). *The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad—Psalm 21* joyfully proclaims that the Lord has poured out all the blessings we have craved and that His fame will be widely spread. *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven* implores us to praise the Lord as “widely as His mercy goes.” Though we do not deserve this mercy, *The Creed Of Timothy* and *Come Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy* remind us that even when we are faithless, “He remains faithful,” providing a “free bounty” of every grace that brings us near to Him. *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* speaks of a love that is “broader than the measure of our mind,” a “plentiful redemption,” and a love that “goes far out beyond our dreams.” In response to this love that is even mightier than it seems, we widen our hearts (as Paul commends the Corinthians in this morning's sermon text), extending grace to our brethren and praise to our God. As the closing hymn puts it: “Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.” —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Widen, Heart, Commend, Servants, Ministry, Endurance, Patience, Affections
Keystone Verse: We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. (2 Corinthians 6:11)



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