

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time 3 July 2022 Come all crosses, welcome, welcome! So I may get my heart full of my Lord Jesus. When I am in the cellar of affliction, I look for the Lord's choicest wines. —Samuel Rutherford

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—Romans 8:31-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

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



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Call to Worship—from Psalm 25:1-2, 9-10

Pastor: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

All: O our God, in You do we trust; let us not be put to shame.

Reader 1: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths.

Reader 2: Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for You do we wait all the day long.

All: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble His way.

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Congregational Hymn—Praise To The Lord, The Almighty



Text: Joachim Neander, 1680, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665.

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—Within Your Temple Lord (Psalm 48)



Text: Psalm 48:9-14, The Psalter of the United Presbyterian Church, 1887, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019; Music: SAINT JOHN'S, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:26-30

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—There's A Wideness In God's Mercy



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, William Moore, 1825.

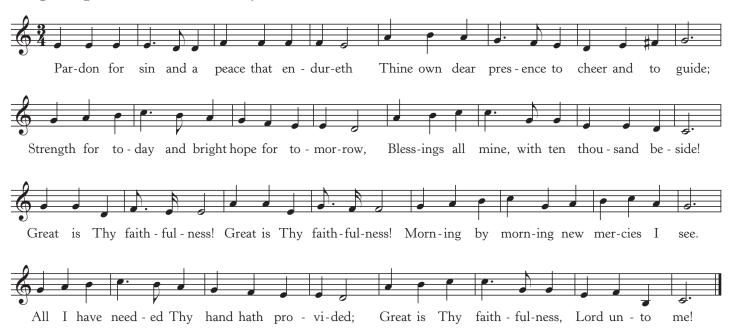
Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Vs. 3



Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: FAITHFULNESS (RUNYAN), William M. Runyan, 1923.

Sermon—All of Him

—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 Psalm 25:6-7, 11

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for

they have been from of old.

All: Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions.

Pastor: According to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

All: For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 25:8, 12-13; Romans 1:16-17

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way. Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

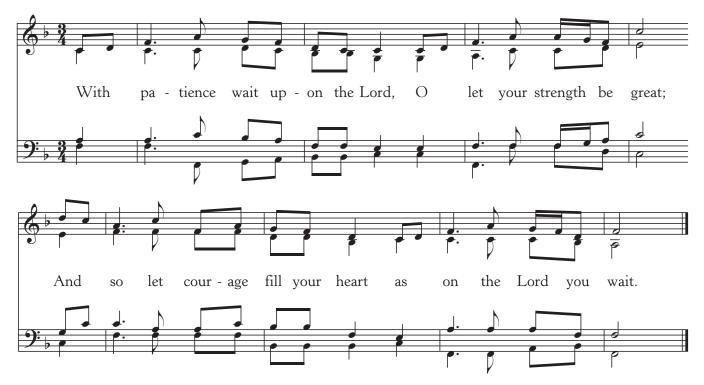
Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

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—O Lord Teach Me To Follow You (Psalm 27), Vs. 4



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.
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 Hymn—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee



If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways, Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure in cheer-ful hope, with heart con-tent Sing, pray, and keep His ways un-swerv-ing, per-form thy du - ties faith-ful-ly,



He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.

To take what-e'er thy Fa-ther's plea-sure and His dis-cern - ing love hath sent,

And trust His Word: though un - de - serv-ing, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.



Who trusts in God's un-changing love builds on the rock that naught can move.

Nor doubt our in - most wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.

God nev-er yet for-sook in need the soul that trust-ed Him in-deed.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1641, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Music: NEUMARK, Georg Neumark, 1657.

Congregational Psalm—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)



vour-self when e - vil seems to Fret not pros - per the land,_ And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like tree, __ Lord and wait; de - light in still be - fore the His com - mands. Ι youth or age, the right-eous man have not seen, inde



Nor when the wick-ed_ plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man. The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught breeze. And He shall keep your path-way straight, up - hold with His hand. The Lord pro-vides a her - i - tage, fu $full_{-}$ а ture peace.



Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de-sires ful fill. will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will strong - hold sure in_ trou-bled days, the Lord His peo saves. Не is all fuge er - more, for who trust the Lord.

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—How Firm A Foundation



Text: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody.

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—Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*.

Sung Response—Gloria Patri



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

Announcements

Worship Notes:

My grace is sufficient for you...—2 Corinthians 12:9

In the moments of our greatest weakness, God (through Christ) provides the strength to sustain us. Even when things seem impossible, His grace is enough. We are invited into the service this morning with an acknowledgement that God will "graciously give us all things." We respond by singing that our "desires have been granted in what He ordaineth" (Praise To The Lord, The Almighty) and that He will be our guide until death (Within Your Temple Lord—Psalm 48). We read in Romans 8 that "The Spirit helps us in our weakness" even when we cannot ask for help, and we respond with thanks for the grace and healing He gives (There's A Wideness In God's Mercy). We prepare ourselves to hear the sermon by declaring that in the Lord we have "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow" (Great Is Thy Faithfulness). After confessing our sins and receiving the Lord's pardon, we are reminded to "wait upon the Lord" to provide, even when it seems beyond our strength (O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You—Psalm 27). During communion, we encourage one another to "be patient" and "fret not," because God will "give thee strength" in all circumstances and "uphold you with His hand" (If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee; Fret Not Yourself—Psalm 37). We go out singing from the perspective of God Himself, echoing Isaiah 43: "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply." —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)



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