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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Lent

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The only proof of genuine faith, then, is fruitful faith—faith that perseveres and leads to a long-term bearing of fruit, a faith that leads to good works. —Thomas Schriener

Tested faith brings experience. You would never have believed your own weakness had you not needed to pass through trials. And you would never have known God’s strength had His strength not been needed to carry you through.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

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 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 146:1-3, 5-8, 10

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

All: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Reader 1: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Reader 2: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

All: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Pastor: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Congregational Hymn—Speak, O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness,
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



That the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on Your prom-is-es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the Earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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—Blest The Man Who Feared Jehovah (Psalm 128)



Blest the man who fears Je - ho - vah, ev - er walk - ing in His ways
In your wife you shall have glad - ness she will fill your home with good.
Joy - ful chil - dren, sons and daugh - ters shall a - round your ta - ble meet.
Lo, on him who fears Je - ho - vah shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,
You shall see God's king - dom pros - per all your days till life shall cease,

By your toil you shall be pros - pered and be hap - py— all your days.
Hap - py in her lov - ing ser - vice and the joys of— moth - er - hood.
Ol - ive plants, in strength and beau - ty, full of hope and pro - mise sweet.
For Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on shall to you— His bless - ing send.
May you see your chil - dren's chil - dren, on our peo - ple Lord, be peace.

Text: Psalm 128:1-6, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2017; Music: OWL HOLLOW, Henry C. Haffner, 2017.

Scripture Reading—James 2:14-23

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

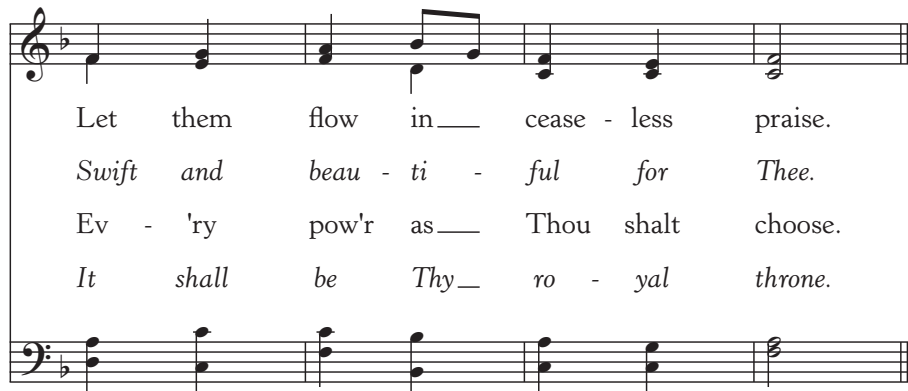
Congregational Hymn—Take My Life And Let It Be



Take my life, — and let it be con - se - crat - ed, — Lord, to — Thee.
Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse — of Thy love.
Take my sil - ver — and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Take my will, — and make it Thine; it shall be — no — long - er — mine.



Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less — praise,
Take my feet, and — let them be — swift and beau - ti - ful — for — Thee, —
Take my in - tel - lect and use — ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Take my heart, it — is Thine own; it shall be Thy ro - yal — throne,



Let them flow in — cease - less praise.
Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Ev - 'ry pow'r as — Thou shalt choose.
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Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: HENDON, Henri A. C. Malan, 1827, harm. Lowell Mason, 1841.

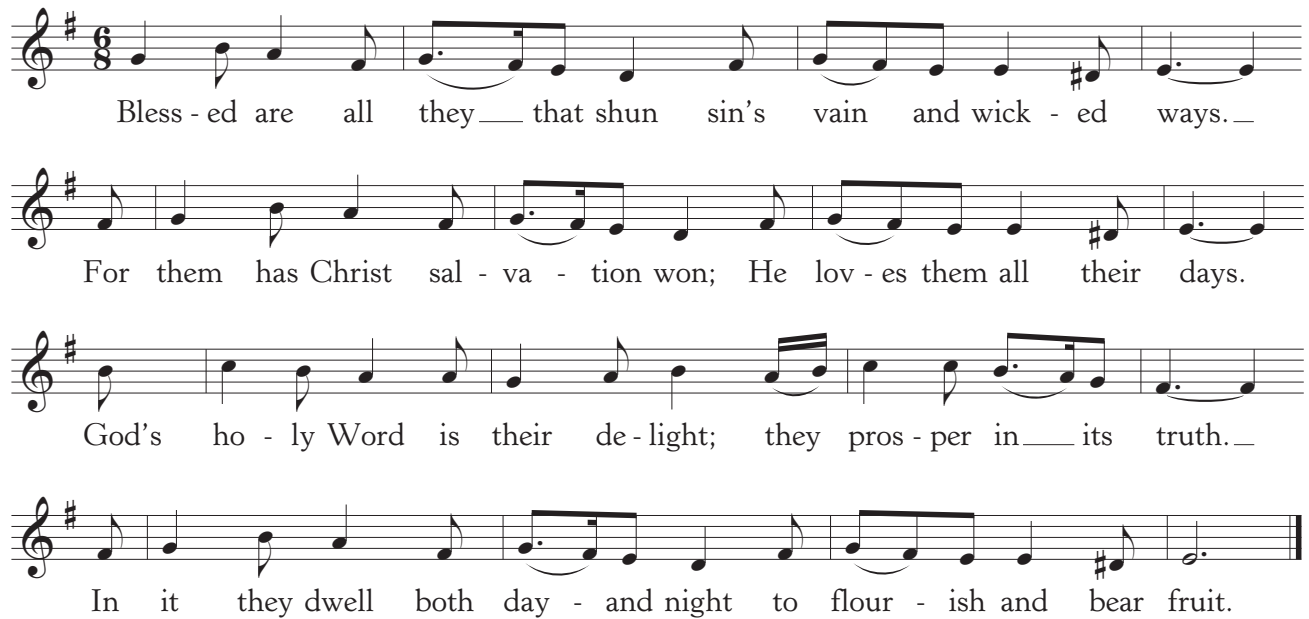
Reading of the Word—Hebrews 11:17-22

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Blessed Are All They (Psalm 1), Vs. 1



Bless - ed are all they — that shun sin's vain and wick - ed ways. —
For them has Christ sal - va - tion won; He lov - es them all their days.
God's ho - ly Word is their de - light; they pros - per in — its truth. —
In it they dwell both day - and night to flour - ish and bear fruit.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 1, T. M. Moore, *The Ailbe Psalter*, 2006; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

Sermon—*Faith in Action*

—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 the 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 You there is steadfast love and plentiful redemption.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

UNISON

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Slightly faster WOMEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7; Mark 12:30

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

Sung Response—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th century.

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:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

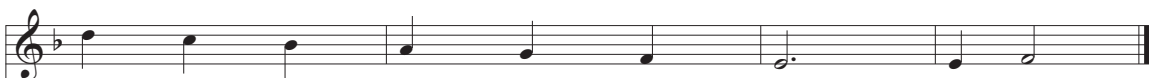


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

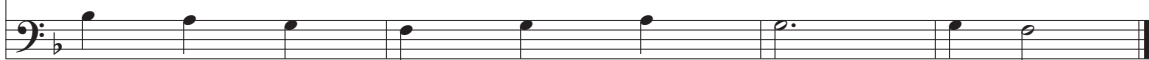
MEN



We praise You, we bless_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, 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—Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted



Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less sor - row down;
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make o - bed - ience sweet;
Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His voice;
Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, Light to new - ly o - pened eyes,



By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, Through the cross be - hold the crown;
Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His wis - dom guides your feet
Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in Him a - lone re - joice;
Or full springs in des - erts drear - y Is the rest the cross sup - plies;



Look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.
Safe to glor - y, where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
His com - mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.
All who taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

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Congregational Hymn—Trust and Obey



When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glo - ry He sheds on our way!
Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay;
But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of His love un - til all on the al - tar we lay;
Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way;



While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
For the fa - vor He shows, for the joy He be - stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go; nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

Text: John H. Sammis, 1887; Music: TRUST AND OBEY, Daniel B. Towner, 1887.

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—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

A - las! and did my Sa - vior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! —
Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned up - on the tree? —
Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glor - ies in, —
Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while His dear cross ap - pears; —
But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe; —

Would He de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pi - ty! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
When Christ, the migh - ty ma - ker, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last five lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1824.

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—Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,



Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: attr. St. Patrick, 5th Century, tr. C. F. Alexander, 1889; Music: CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish melody, arr. Richard Terry, *The Westminster Hymnal*, 1912.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This morning's service gives us several portraits of a "lived-out faith," which we can find in the Scripture passages we read and the hymns and psalms we sing. We hear that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand" (Ephesians 2:9). We pray for God's grace that "the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and deeds of faith" (*Speak, O Lord*), and we are assured that those who fear Jehovah will find success in our toil and blessing on our way (*Blest The Man Who Feared Jehovah—Psalm 128*). We are warned that "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17), and we respond by offering back to God our whole lives—our hands and feet, our silver and gold, and our will and heart (*Take My Life And Let It Be*). We rejoice that "Love will make obedience sweet" (*Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted*), and we trust that "our toil He doth richly repay" (*Trust And Obey*). Amid all this discussion of faith being lived out, the Assurance of Pardon reminds us that "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy" (Titus 3:5). We work because of our gratitude towards our great Savior: we can never repay the debt we owe. Therefore, as the hymn puts it, "Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do" (*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*). —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Tested, Offered, Promises, Received, Blessings, Future, Exodus
Keystone Verse: By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." (Hebrews 11:17-18)



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