

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time 21 August 2022 May Thy grace open a way for Thy Word to our hearts and strengthen us to act upon it. —Thomas Chalmers

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do. Such is the essence of wisdom.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

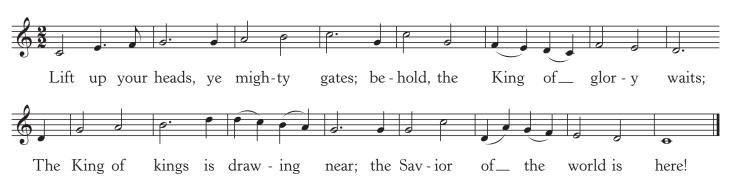
## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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—Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord... He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

## Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1



Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

# Call to Worship—Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For His steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.

Reader 1: He gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Reader 2: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!

Pastor: For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

# 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—The Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: STAR POINTER, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

# Scripture Reading—Psalm 107:31-32, 35-38a

Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. And there He lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. By His blessing they multiply greatly.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# Congregational Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



Text: William Williams, 1745; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

## Reading of the Word—Haggai 1:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord." <sup>14</sup> And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, <sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee, Vs. 3



Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv-ing, per-form thy du - ties faith-ful - ly,



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



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.

# Sermon—Living in the Happily Ever After

-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 107:10-12, 17-19

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction

and in irons.

All: We rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

Pastor: He bowed our hearts down with hard labor; we fell down, with none to help.

All: We have been fools through our sinful ways.

Pastor: Because of our iniquities we have suffered affliction; we have drawn near to the gates of death.

All: So, we cry to You, O Lord, in our trouble.

## Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 107:16,19-22; Romans 3:23-24

The Lord shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. He delivers us from our distress. He sends out His Word to heal us and He delivers us from our destruction. So, let us thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of His deeds in songs of joy!

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by His grace as a gift

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

# Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs. 5



Dear Shep-herd, I hear and will fol-low Thy call; I know the sweet sound of Thy voice.



Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my all, and in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, Freeman Lewis, 1813.

#### 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:

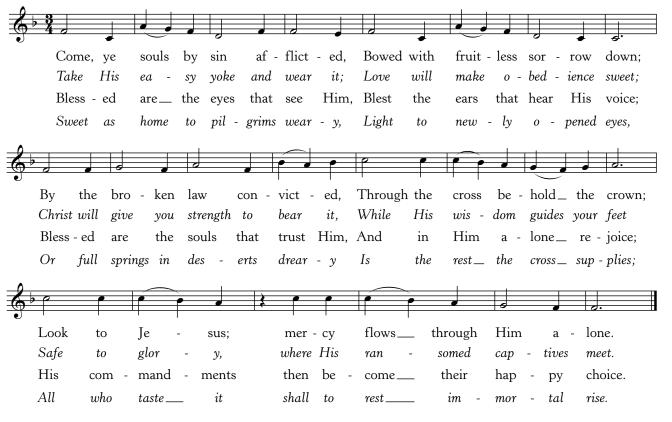


Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

#### 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 Hymn—Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted



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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 frown or Not but is blest if we trust and o - bey. a grief or a loss, a cross, 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, whereHe 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.

#### 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.

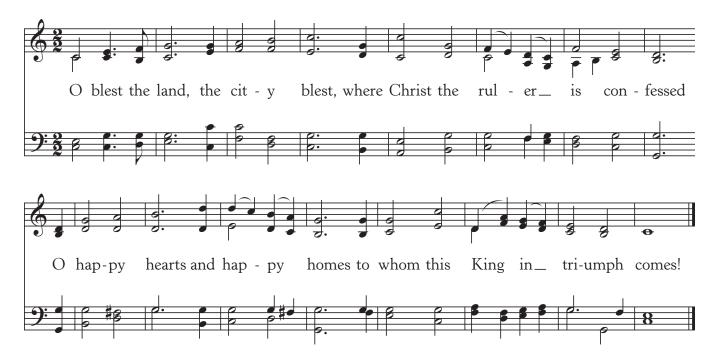
## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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—Psalm 107:41-43

He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord. *Amen*.

## Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3



Text: based on Psalm 24, George Weissel, 1642, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

#### Announcements

#### Worship Notes:

After calling His people to a great work at the opening of Haggai's prophecy, the Lord assures them in verse 13 that He will enable them to accomplish this monumental task. Likewise, many of the hymns and readings in today's service emphasize God's provision for our own callings. The Lord promises to prosper our work (*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*). We pray that He will find our offerings acceptable (*The Lord Ever Hear You—Psalm 20*). We are reminded from the Scriptures that in the past, the Lord has made water spring in the desert (Psalm 107), and we respond, saying "Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow" (*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*). We urge one another to perform our duties faithfully, and God declares that He will never forsake us (*If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee*). Christ promises to give us strength to bear the yoke of obedience (*Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted*), and He will richly repay us for our toil (*Trust And Obey*). The final hymn, *How Firm A Foundation*, includes a line (taken from Haggai, as well as other parts of Scripture) that sums up the whole morning: "Fear not, I am with you."

—Henry C. Haffner

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