



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Ordinary Time

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What, in short, is religion, in the largest sense of the term, but the combination of “knowledge of the truth,” “love of the truth,” and “walking in the truth?”

—Samuel Miller

Take away the doctrines of the gospel, and you take away its essential character. You take away everything that is adapted to enlighten, to restrain, to purify, to console, and to elevate. Take away the doctrines of our holy religion... and you take away the essence of the whole message: the seed of all spiritual life, the ailment on which every believer lives, the vital principles of all experimental piety and of all holy practice.

—Samuel Miller

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the universal faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will doubtlessly perish eternally. Now this is the universal faith: We worship One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the substance.

—Athanasian Creed

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## 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—Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

### Sung Response—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 1



Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.

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

## Call to Worship—Psalm 105:1-4

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name.

All: Make known His deeds among the peoples!


Reader 1: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Reader 2: Glory in His holy name.

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Pastor: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

## Congregational Psalm—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 - joice.  
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, 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.*

### Congregational Psalm—O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You (Psalm 27)

O Lord, teach me to fol - low You, in - struct me in Your way,  
Give me not to my foes' de - sire; false wit - ness - es a - rise  
Oh! What if I had not be - lieved! I am by faith as - sured  
With pa - tience wait up - on the Lord, O let your strength be great;

And lead me on a le - vel path be - cause of foes, I pray!  
A - gainst me breath - ing vi - o - lence and seek - ing my de - mise.  
That in the land of life I'll see the good - ness of the Lord.  
And so let cour - age fill your heart as on the Lord you wait.

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Text: Psalm 27:11-14; Music: LOUISE, Robert M. Copland, 1972.

### Scripture Reading—1 Kings 18:21-26, 36-39

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made.

And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their hearts back.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## 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.

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## Reading of the Word—Jude 1:1-4

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. <sup>3</sup>Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Response—The Church's One Foundation, Vs. 4



The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,



To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



Tho' there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,



A - gainst the foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel J. Wesley, 1864.

## Sermon—*The Once-For-All Faith*

—Assistant Pastor, James Crampton

# 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 Jude 1:4; Romans 3:7-8; 6:1-2

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We have perverted the grace of our God into sensuality. We have asked, 'If through my lie God's truth abounds to His glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?'

All: **We have said, "Why not do evil that good may come?"**

Pastor: How can we who died to sin still live in it?

All: **But we have said, "Let us continue in sin that grace may abound."**

## Assurance of Pardon—Romans 6:3-4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

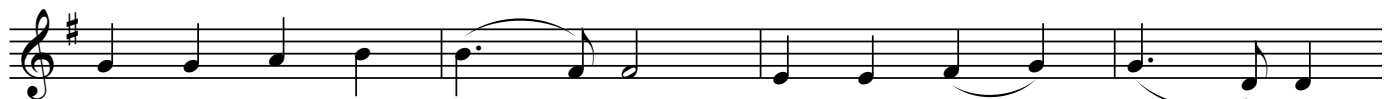
## Sung Response—The Creed Of Timothy



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, God of pow'r and might

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

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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—O God You Have Rejected Us (Psalm 60)



O God, You have re - ject - ed us, and bro - ken our de - fense;  
That Your be - lov - ed may be saved and from their foes set free  
Now there-fore, who will lead us on Sin's strong-holds to poss - ess?  
You have been an - gry, but in grace re - store us once a - gain.  
Help with the might of Your right hand, in— mer - cy an - swer me.  
No long - er cast us off, O God, but give our hosts suc - cess.  
O, You have torn and rent our land, Your judg - ments dread a - pall;  
The Lord in ho - li - ness has said: "I— will tri - um - phant be,  
O— give Your help a - gainst the foe for— help of man is vain,  
O heal her shatt-erd strength be - fore she stum - ble to her fall.  
All heath-en lands I claim as Mine and they shall bow to Me."  
With God we shall do val - iant - ly, the vic - t'ry He will gain.  
A ho - ly bann - er You have giv'n to those who fear Your name,  
The right-eous run to— see it wave, and thus the truth pro - claim.

Text: *The Psalter, 1912*, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2017; Music: HALFACRE, Henry C. Haffner, 2017.

## Congregational Hymn—For All The Saints



For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest,  
Thou wast their rock, their for - tress and their might;  
O may Thy sold - iers, faith - ful, true and bold,  
But lo! there breaks a yet more glor - ious day;  
From Earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's fath - est coast,  
Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who nob - ly fought of old,  
The saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;  
Through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,  
Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blessed.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
And win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
The King of glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
And sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost:  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

# 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—God Of Our Fathers

God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
Thy love div - ine hath led us in the past;  
Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land with Thee our lot is cast;  
Lead us from night to ne - ver end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
Fill all our lives with love and grace div - ine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chos - en way.  
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876; Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1876.

# 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—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing, Vs. 3

O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

The opening of Jude's epistle gives a clear command to "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). This isn't always the easiest command to follow, particularly in a time when many in the church seem to prefer "winsomeness" over all else, and calls for doctrinal purity are dismissed as mere "contentiousness." But we must follow it all the same. Notice how many of the hymns we sing this morning encourage us to boldness in the faith. We declare that the Lord's truth has "at all times firmly stood" (*All People That On Earth Do Dwell—Psalm 100*), and we ask Him to fill our hearts with courage in the face of foes and false witnesses (*O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You—Psalm 27*). We look forward to seeing "truth prevail over unbelief" (*Speak O Lord*). We realize that contending for the faith may even require us to confront "false sons" within the church itself (*The Church's One Foundation*). We see the truth set up for us like a banner, and under this flag the Lord will have His victory (*O God You Have Rejected Us—Psalm 60*). We acknowledge that many have fought this fight before us (*For All The Saints*), and we pledge to follow the path of our fathers in the faith (*God Of Our Fathers*). But though we must fight against falsehood and error within the church, perhaps the greatest area to contend for the faith is within our own hearts. We are all "prone to wander" (*Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*) from the truths "once for all delivered." —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Beloved, Contend, Faith, Once, Grace  
**Keystone Verse:** I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3b)



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