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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Lent

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## Quotes for Reflection

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The supreme expression of God's goodness is still, however, the amazing grace and inexpressible love that shows kindness by saving sinners who deserve only condemnation: saving them, moreover, at the tremendous cost of Christ's death on Calvary. —J.I. Packer

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.  
—Isaac Watts

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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—1 John 4:9

In this is love, not that we have loved God but He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### Introit—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

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

## Call to Worship—Psalm 100:1-5

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

All: **Know that the Lord, He is God!**

Reader 1: It is He who made us, and we are His. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Reader 2: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

All: **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Pastor: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

## Hymn of Praise—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:  
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;  
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,  
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame—tune ev - ery heart and tongue.  
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.  
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.  
Till stran - gers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Traditional Irish Melody,  
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939.

# 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—By Babylon's Great Riverside (Psalm 137)



By Ba - by - lon's great ri - ver - side we cap - tive peo - ples sat and wept;  
For there our cap - tors asked for songs; tor - ment - ing us, they asked for praise;  
Re - mem - ber Lord, how they laid bare our home up - on that dread - ful day;



While o - ver all our hearts the tide of Zi - on's me - mor - ies had swept.  
Re - quir - ing songs that hap - py throngs on Zi - on had been known to raise.  
Though wick - ed E - dom now seems fair, her sons are doomed to pass a - way.



On weep - ing wil - lows, droop - ing low, our si - lent, joy - less harps we hung;  
But how can we, in for - eign land, Je - ho - vah's songs be made to sing?  
Re - mem - ber Lord, the dread - ful day of our land's fall and bit - ter woe

Verse 1 & 2, then Chorus



Their strings were bro - ken, tuned with woe, when with such aw - ful grief they sung.  
If I for - get you, let this hand lose all its skill up - on the string.  
How hap - py he who shall re - pay the cru - el hat - red of her foe.

Chorus



If I do not re - mem - ber you, for - get my songs, let lan - guage cease



If I should place a - no - ther joy a - bove my care for Zi - on's peace.

Text: Psalm 137, Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907; *The Psalter*, 1912; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;  
Music: WILLIAMSON, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

## Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise—O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free;  
*O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;*  
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.  
*How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;*  
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of Thy love;  
*How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;*  
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to Thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
*How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.*  
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1890; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1890.

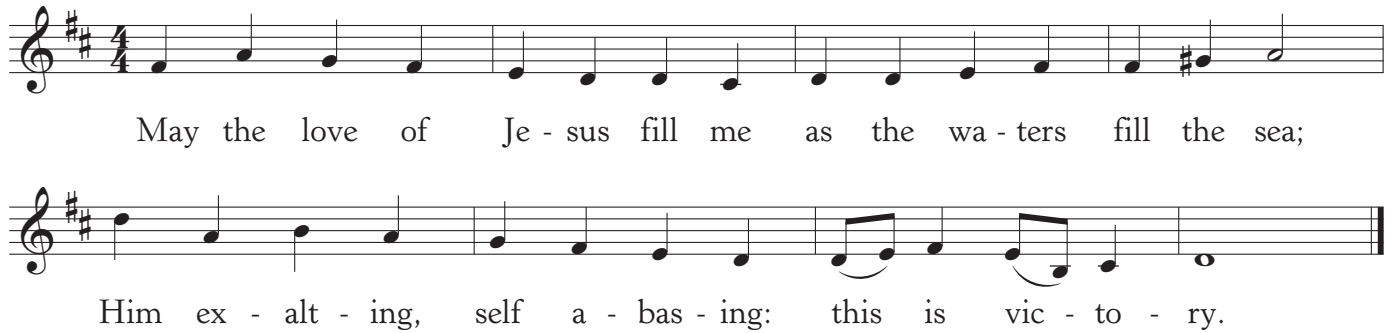
## Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 5:11-15

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—May The Mind of Christ, My Savior, Vs. 4



May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;  
Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

## Sermon—*Controlled by Love*

—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 Romans 7:18-23

Pastor: We come confessing that nothing good dwells in us. We have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. We do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing. Now if we do what we do not want, it is no longer we who do it, but sin that dwells within us.

**All: So, Lord, we come confessing.**

Pastor: When we want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

**All: So, Lord, we come confessing.**

Pastor: We delight in the law of God, in our inner being, but we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our minds and making us captive to the law of sin that dwells in our members.

**All: So, Lord, we come confessing.**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

## Sung Response—Lamb Of God

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O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —

O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way 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—Psalm 103:8-14; Luke 18:27

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

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—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18<sup>th</sup> 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

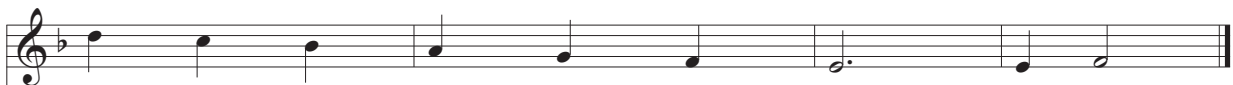


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

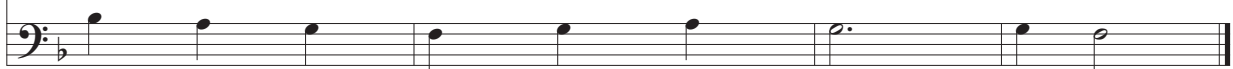
MEN



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.

## Hymn of Reflection—Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;  
I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;

Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Your pow'r alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.  
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
No other work but Yours, no other blood will do;  
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;

Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.  
No strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.  
I love because He first loved me, I live because He lives.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Music: LEOMINSTER, George W. Martin, 1862.

## Hymn of Praise—How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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# 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—Not All The Blood Of Beasts

Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain  
But Christ, the Heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way;  
My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of Thine,  
My soul looks back to see the bur - dens Thou didst bear  
Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;

Could give the guil - ty con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.  
While, like a pen - i - tent, I stand, and there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and hopes her guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709, Alt. 1961; Music: SOUTHWELL, William Damon, 1579.

## 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—2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



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: *Atomriug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 5th Century, Tr. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1889;  
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Psalms of imprecation, a subset of the larger category of lament, are psalms in which the speaker speaks a curse on the enemies of God. Pastor Sean McGowan in his book *Psalms That Curse: A Brief Primer* points out that these psalms often make the modern church uncomfortable—and none more than Psalm 137, which we’ve been singing these last five weeks. Even the great C.S. Lewis referred to verse 9, with its call for the children of Babylon to be “dashed against the rock,” as “devilish” and inappropriate in the mouth of a Christian. Of course, this psalm is not a cry for personal vengeance (that would indeed be wicked), but a prayer that God will deliver the justice He has already ordained. As R. L. Dabney put it, “Righteous retribution is one of the glories of divine character. If it is right that God should desire to exercise it, then it cannot be wrong for His people to desire Him to exercise it.” This discussion tends to focus on this last verse, but overlooks the first curse called for in verses 5-6, which the psalmist pronounces on *himself* if he forgets his homeland and the God who established him there. The psalm uses imagery of music (harps, songs), place (foreign land), and memory (both the psalmist and the Lord are urged to “remember”) to express both sorrow over a devastated earthly home and point us to the reality of an eternal one. In an age that too often emphasizes atomization and rootlessness, we need this encouragement from the Scripture to remember who we are and the God who made us.

—Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Fear, Persuade, Commending, Boast, Love, Controls, Died, Live, Raised, Christ  
**Keystone Verse:** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)



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