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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Kingdomtide
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Know who your High Priest is, and what He is like. —John Chrysostom

From our confession of faith... there is born the good hope of the faithful, accompanied by a holy love.
—Aurelius Augustine

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—from John 6:29

This is the work of God, that you believe in Jesus whom He has sent.

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy shall ring, "The Lord om-ni - po - tent is King."

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin,
from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, alt. 2010.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 118:19-24

Pastor: Open the gates of righteousness.

All: We will enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

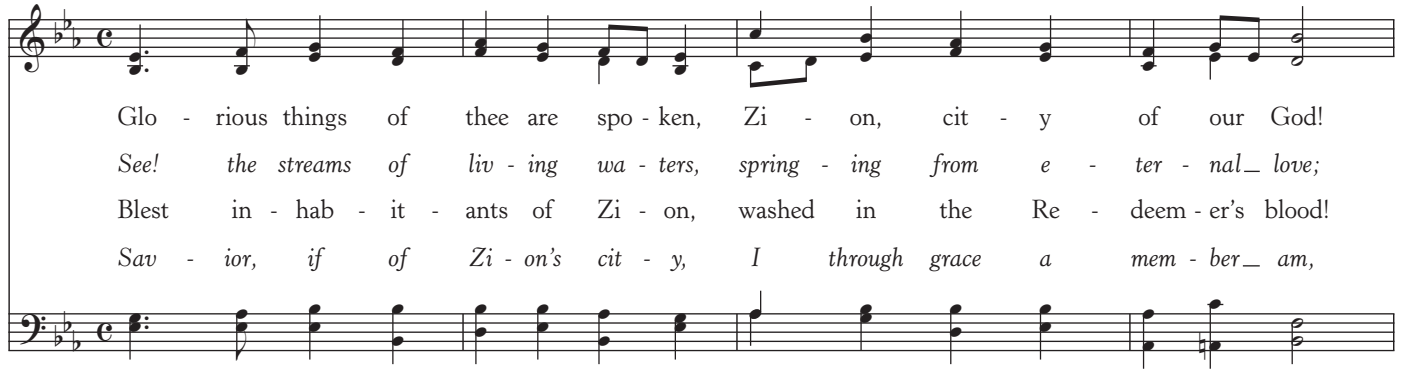
Reader 1: We thank You that You have answered us and have become our salvation.

Reader 2: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

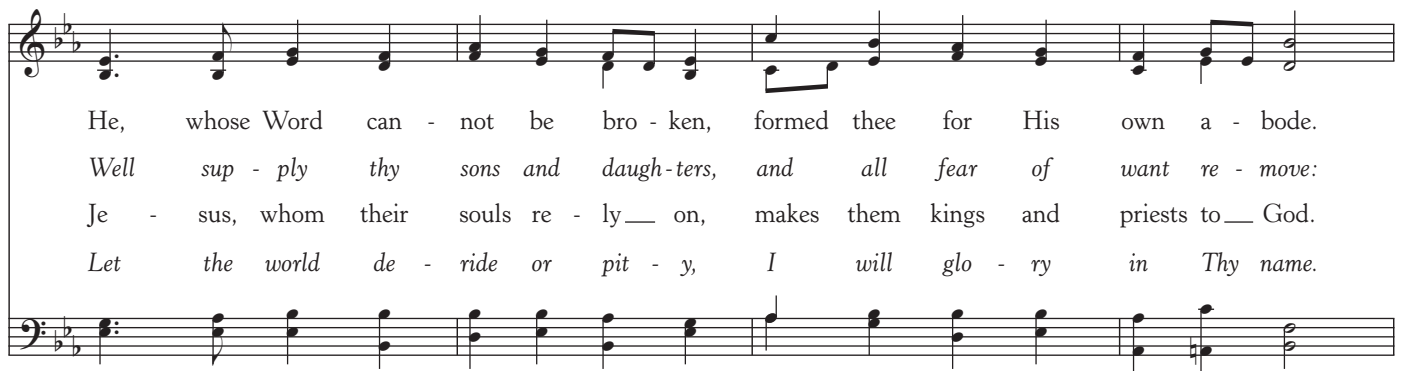
All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

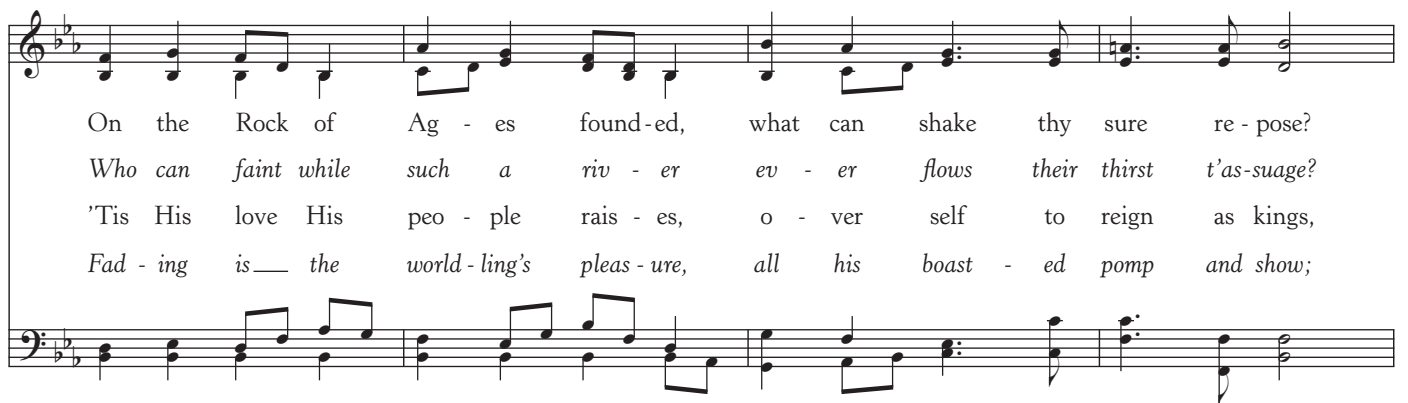
Congregational Hymn—Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken



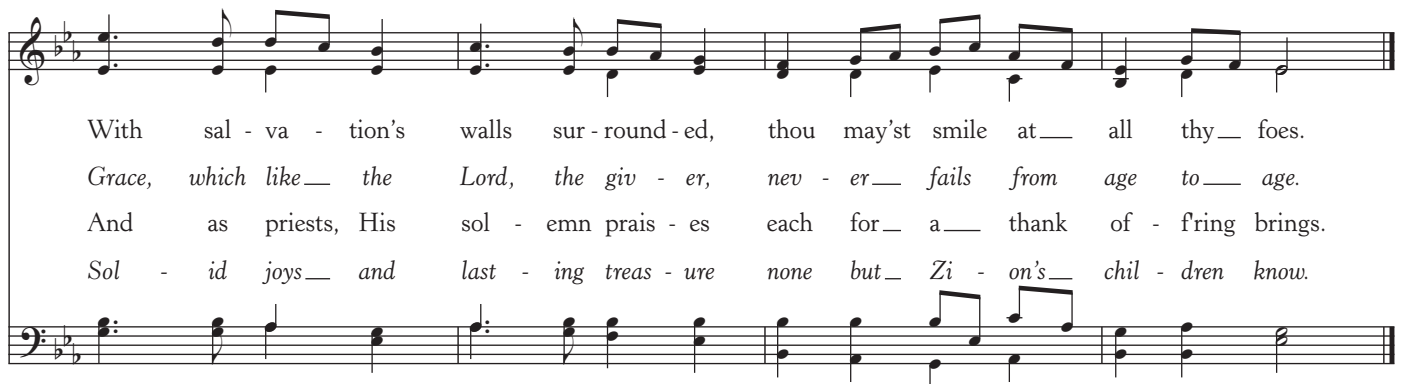
Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God!
See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal_ love;
Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!
Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber_ am,



He, whose Word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for His own a - bode.
Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly_ on, makes them kings and priests to_ God.
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name.



On the Rock of Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
'Tis His love His peo - ple rais - es, o - ver self to reign as kings,
Fad - ing is_ the world - ling's pleas - ure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at_ all thy_ foes.
Grace, which like_ the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er_ fails from age to_ age.
And as priests, His sol - emn prais - es each for_ a_ thank of - fring brings.
Sol - id joys_ and last - ing treas - ure none but_ Zi - on's_ chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1789; Music: AUSTRIA, Joseph Haydn, 1779.

Scripture Reading—from Zechariah 6:12-15

Say to Joshua, the high priest, “Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for He shall branch out from His place, and He shall build the temple of the Lord. It is He who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And there shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”” And the crown shall be in the temple of the Lord as a reminder... And those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the Lord. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—Within Your Temple Lord (Psalm 48)



With - in Your tem - ple Lord, — we on Your mer - cies dwell; —
Let Zi - on's mount re - joice, — let Ju - dah's daugh - ters praise —
The walls of Zi - on tell, — her pal - a - ces sur - vey, —



As is Your name a - dored, — so let Your praise ex - cel: —
The Lord with cheer - ful voice, — for judg - ment He dis - plays; —
Mark all her tow - ers well, — and to your child - ren say: —



Your prais - es sound through ev - ery land, and right Your scep - ter shall com-mand,
Go round the walls on Zi - on's mount, go round her splen - dors to re - count
“Our God for - ev - er shall a - bide, and He ‘till death, will be our guide
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Your scep - ter shall com - mand.
Her splen - dors to re - count.
“Till death, will be our guide.”
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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.

Reading of the Word—Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are His house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—O Christ, Our Hope, Vs. 1



O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, re - demp-tion's on - ly spring;



Cre - a - tor of the world art Thou, its sav - ior and its king,



Its sav - ior and its king.

Text: Latin Hymn, 8th century, tr. John Chandler, 1837;
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1560.

Sermon—*Consider Jesus, the Faithful Builder of His House*

—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—based on Mark 8:34-38

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For Jesus said, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

All: **But we would save our own lives rather than lose them. We have not believed that in losing our lives for Your sake and the gospel's, we will save them.**

Pastor: For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?

All: **We have been ashamed of You and of Your words in this adulterous and sinful generation.**

Assurance of Pardon—1 Peter 2:4-6, 10; Colossians 2:6-7

As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ... Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

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

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: **So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

Sung Response—Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted, Vs. 4



Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the re - fuge of the lost.



Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed! Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804; Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, *Geistliche Volkslieder*, 1850.

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,

Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y_ be un - to_ Thee,

O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)



My_ shep - herd will sup - ply my need: Je - ho - vah is His name;—
When I walk through the shades of_ death Thy pre - sence is my stay;—
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;—



In_ past - ures fresh He makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.—
One word of_ Thy sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way.—
O_ may Thy house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.—



He brings my wand - ring spir - it_ back when I for - sake His ways,—
Thy hand, in_ sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread;—
There would I_ find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;—



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in_ paths of truth and grace.—
My cup with bless - ings ov - er - flows, Thine oil a - noints my head.—
No more a_ strang - er, nor a_ guest, but like a child at home.—

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Congregational Hymn—From Babel To Zion



Now to the ho - ly ci - ty the faith - ful gath - er home;—
Now eye to eye be - hold - ing the way - marks on_ the road, —
Sing glo - ry to the Sav - ior, high o - ver all_ the world;—
No long - er Bab - el's bon - dage the bride of Christ can hold;—



To Zi - on's mount of glor - y with songs of joy they come.—
All bound in love to - geth - er, they're com - ing home to God: —
On Zi - on's heights for - ev - er His ban - ner is un - furled.
God's chil - dren now are ho - ly, and free_ from Bab - el's fold:—



Jer - u - sa - lem_ the gold - en, Jer - u - sa - lem_ the free, —
One mind and mouth poss - ess - ing, they speak with one_ ac - cord, —
God's church can be_ no long - er ob - scured from hu - man sight;—
For it is fall - en, fall - en, and it shall rise_ no more;—



With joy - ful hearts and voi - ces the ran - somed come to thee.
And in the heights of Zi - on they shout_ and praise the Lord.
For see, on yon - der mount - ain, a ci - ty filled with light!
We cling a - lone_ to Je - sus, as did_ the saints of yore.

Text: Thomas Nelson, 1907; Music: D. O. Teasley, 1907, arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

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—Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure found-a - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone;
To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants as they ask of Thee to gain;
Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,

Chos - en of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one,
With Thy want - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear Thy ser - vants as they pray.
What they gain from Thee for - ev - er and Thy bles - sed rest re - tain,
Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One;

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
And Thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
And here - af - ter in Thy glor - y ev - er - more with Thee to reign.
Con - sub - stan - tial, co - e - ter - nal, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: Anonymous, 7th century, tr. J. M. Neale, 1851;
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1867.

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 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Perhaps it is providential that during a week when our property has seen quite a few construction vehicles come and go, and quite a bit of dirt moved, we would come to a service saturated with the language of building, and particularly building the house of the Lord. We are called into worship this morning by Psalm 118, where we read that “the stone that the builders have rejected has become the cornerstone.” The hymn *Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken* uses the image of “Zion, city of our God,” which is founded on the Rock of Ages. We will sing about the Lord’s temple (*Within Your Temple—Psalm 48*), His house (*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need—Psalm 23*), His holy city (*From Babel To Zion*), and His holy hill, “the mountain which [He] has made” (*The Song At The Sea*). In the sermon text, Jesus is compared to the builder of a house (Hebrews 3:3), while in the assurance of pardon we are described as “living stones” that are “built up as a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:5). The service concludes with the hymn *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*, which returns to the imagery of Jesus as our “cornerstone” and sets forth a prayer that His blessing would forever be spread within our walls. —Henry C. Haffner

Key words: Consider, Faithful, Glory, House, Builder, Hope

Keystone verse: Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. (Hebrews 3:1)



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