

ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! Thank you for joining us. We are here to commune together with the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "Worship is the gift of participating through the Spirit in the incarnate Son's communion with the Father" (J. B. Torrance; see Jn. 4:23-24; Eph. 2:18; 1 Jn. 1:3). We hope that you will hear clearly the Gospel, or Good News, about Jesus Christ, through whom we know God. We also hope that love and grace will characterize everything we do here. If you have children age three and under, you may use the nursery next door to the sanctuary, or keep them with you if you prefer. Please stay for refreshments and conversation after the service. We would be happy to field questions you might have about the faith or our church. (Visit ascensionpc.org/worship to learn more about our Worship.)

Please silence your electronic devices.

WORSHIP • JUNE 29, 2014

THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The flame symbolizes
the holy presence of
God and the light of his
Gospel among us.

God has the first word
as **he calls us to
Worship**. He takes the
initiative in our
relationship; he makes
himself known to us
and moves toward us in
love (1 John 4:19). By
God's grace alone we
are invited, called into
his presence. He has
brought you here to
respond to his grace.

The Triune God is a
singing God (Zeph.
3:14-17)! So it is fitting
to respond to him with
singing...

And Can It Be?

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Thomas Campbell • Public Domain

A musical score for the hymn "And Can It Be?". The music is in common time (indicated by '4') and uses a treble clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the vocal line. The score consists of five staves of music, each ending with a vertical bar line. Measure numbers 1 through 29 are indicated on the left side of the page.

And can it be that I should gain an
'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies: who
Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay, fast
No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

5 in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the
bound in sin and na - ture's night, Thine eye dif -
sus and all in Him, is mine; A - live in

10 me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dung - eon
Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -

15 death pur - sued? A - maz-ing love! How can it
love de - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
flamed with light; My chainsfell off, my heart was
ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

20 be that thou my God, shouldst die for
dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed
throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my

24 me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that
more.
Thee.
own.

29 thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Colossians 1:19-20

In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Colossians 1:21-22

You, who were once alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

There is a sense in which all of Worship is **prayer**, a divine-human conversation.

It is actually God's **gracious** initiation in **calling us to confession** that enables us to do so (Lk. 5:1-11; Rom. 2:4). If not for the assurance of his love, we all would try to hide or deny our true guilt, for fear of his righteous anger. We cannot hide from God (Heb. 4:12-13), but the Good News is that we don't have to!

In Christ, we are free to be honest about who we are and to admit what we have done as rebels in God's sight. We **confess our sin** and our utter need for God's mercy and grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our reconciliation to God.

Because of what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, **we are assured that all our sins have been forgiven**. Our relationship with God has been completely restored forever! For many reasons, we need to be reminded of this Good News often.

Our grateful, joyful, loving response to our Savior is the giving of our very selves to him (Rom. 12:1). Our **Offering** is a real token of this (1 Cor. 16:1-2). And the **Doxology** gives expression to our new desire to praise him (Ps. 100).

As **God speaks to us**, we listen attentively with thanksgiving.

Because God is a Trinity—a Being in communion and dialogue—God is a God of **prayer**. While he was on earth, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was constantly praying to his Father, and he taught his disciples how to pray (Mt. 6:5-15; Lk. 11:1-13). And, now that Jesus has ascended into heaven, he continues to pray for his people (Heb. 7:25).

So we often pray together in the way Jesus taught us, using "The Lord's Prayer." We pray to God as our Father! We pray according to Jesus' will, and in his name (Jn 14:13). We pray for all kinds of people (1 Tim. 2:1-8), especially for the work of the Gospel in the world and in the church.

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[ascensionpc.org/
sermons/the-
lords-prayer](http://ascensionpc.org/sermons/the-lords-prayer)
to learn more
about prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

Lord, You built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach Your Word. That as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to You.

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

We pray for peace in every corner of the world: where there is war, where there is persecution, where there is starvation, where there is sickness, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that You will be glorified among the nations.

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Him was life and the life was our light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Cause that light to shine ever brighter in us and through us. Amen.

There Is A Redeemer

Text & Music: Melody Green

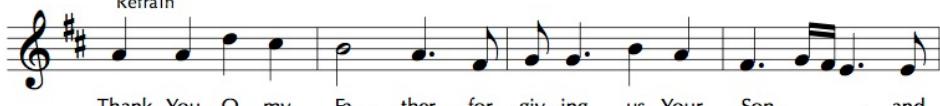


1. There is a Re - deem - er: Je - sus, God's own Son; _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; _____
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face; _____



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Prec - ous Lamb of God, Mes - sia - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther for giv - ing us Your Son, _____ and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: Reginald Heber • Music: John Dykes • Public Domain

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first three staves are in common time (indicated by a '4') and the fourth staff is in half time (indicated by a '2'). The key signature is one sharp (G major). The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some words underlined.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!____ Lord ____ God Al - migh-ty!____
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!____ All the saints a - dore Thee,____
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!____ though the dark-ness hide Thee,____
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!____ Lord ____ God Al - migh-ty!____

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and

Thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!____ Mer - ci - ful and
sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -
see; On - ly Thou art ho - ly;____ there is none be -
sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;____ mer - ci - ful and

12 might - y!____ God in three per - sons,____
fore Thee,____ Who wert, and art, and____
side Thee,____ Per - fect in pow'r, in____
migh - ty!____ God in Three per - sons,____

bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
ev - er - more shalt be.
love, and pur - i - ty.
bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS • Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON • Joe Pope

The Word of God
is one of the chief
Elements of our
Worship. God
reveals himself to
us in the word of
his grace (Acts
20:32) for our
relationship and
life with him. If he
did not do this,
we would have no
hope of knowing
him as he truly is,
and no hope of
our salvation.

But God loves us,
so he sent his Son,
the Word of God
himself, into the
world to make
himself known to
us (Jn. 1:1-18).
God's Spirit
inspired the
written Word that
we have in the
Scriptures of the
Old and New
Testaments (2 Tim.
3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).
And God has
called teachers to
build up his
people in his
Word for love and
service (Eph.
4:11-16).

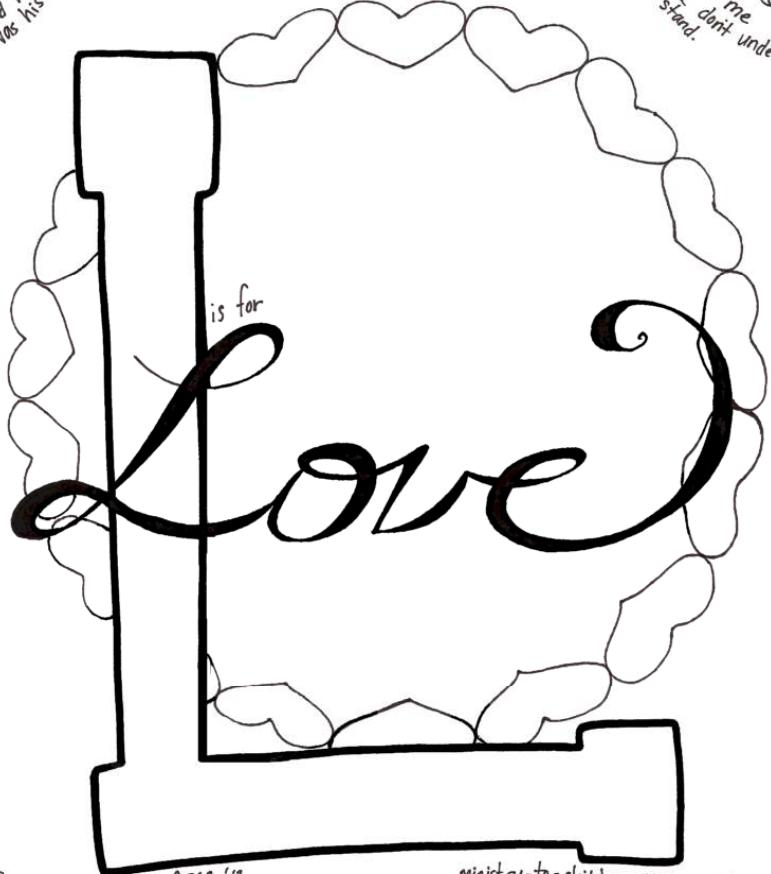
God is a speaking
God, and his
Word to us is
Good News
(Rom. 15:4). It is a
"Means of Grace"
that he uses, by
his Spirit, to grow
us in our faith. We
listen in prayerful
anticipation of his
good work in our
lives.



I was his enemy.



He loves me when
I stand.



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He loves me on my
worriest days.



He loves me in my
weakness.



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We respond to the Gospel with trust in God and in his work for us in Jesus Christ. We join with the Church throughout history and around the world as we publicly **confess faith** in Christ (Mt. 10:32).

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Just as we are united to Jesus by faith, we are also united to one another in his Spirit (Eph. 2:11-22). We maintain and show our unity as we **share his peace** (Eph. 4:3).

(Greet with the words, "*The peace of Christ be with you.*")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. (1 Cor. 5:7-8)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the high point of Worship. Communion with God is the whole purpose of our creation and salvation in Christ.

All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward after the musicians. The cup with the ribbon contains grape juice for those who do not want wine. We partake by intinction; we dip the bread into the cup.

What Wondrous Love Is This

Text: American Folk Hymn • Music: Southern Harmony • Public Domain

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul, what won-drous love is this, O my soul! What
down, when I was sin-king down, sin-king down; when
sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And

won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
I was sin-king down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ
God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Jesus Lives And So Shall I

Text: Christian F. Gellert • Music: Matthew Curl • Public Domain

Tenor

Je-sus lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is
Jes-sus lives, and reigns su-preme; and, His king-dom
gone for-ev-er. He who deigned for me to die,
still re-main-ing. I shall al-so be with Him,
lives, the bands of death to sev-er. He shall raise me
ev-er liv-ing ev-er reign-ing. God has prom-ised
from the dust: Je-sus is my hope and trust!— He lives! He
be it must, Je-sus is my hope and trust!
lives! Je-sus lives!— He lives! He lives! and so shall
!!

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!
(Chorus)

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!
(Chorus)

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!
(Chorus)

God has the final word
as he sends us out into
the world with his
blessing.

BENEDICTION • Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to you, brothers and sisters, and love with faith,
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be
with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love
incorruptible.

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Mercy Sunday • July 6. *Almsgiving* during Communion.

Summer BBQ • July 6 after Worship at the Costa home. Hot dogs and burgers will be provided. (Don't park in the bike lane!) Please RSVP to Jerilee to coordinate sides, desserts, and drinks (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Summer Picnic in the Park • July 20 at the Walnut Street Park. (Bring swimsuits for the kids!)

Women's Summer Study • 7pm Tuesdays at the Ryerson home. Contact: Larissa Friesen (larissaelaborates@gmail.com).

Church Campout • Aug. 22-24 at Nehalem Bay State Park. We will have Worship at the Campout. Contact: Tim Sery (the.serys@gmail.com).

Nursery Volunteers • Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Today: Tayun Next Week: Friesen

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.



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Name(s)

I am a visitor.

I want to know more about being a Christian.

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