

# ASCENSION

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## 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](http://ascensionpc.org/worship) to learn more about our Worship.)

*Please silence your electronic devices.*

WORSHIP • JULY 13, 2014



### THE WORD



#### CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 148:11-13

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

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

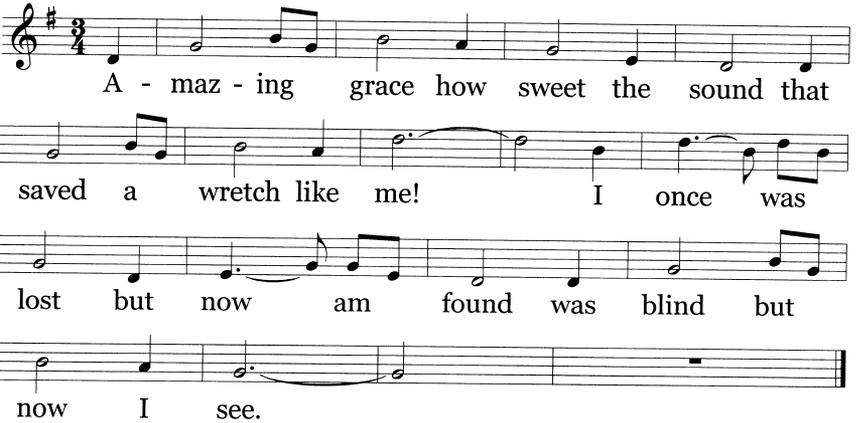
God has the first word as **he calls us to Worship**. He takes the initiative in our relationship; he makes himself known to us and moves toward us in love (1 John 4:19). By God's grace alone we are invited, called into his presence. He has brought you here to respond to his grace.

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

# Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton • Music: American melody • Public Domain

Alto



The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 'A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see.'

A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that  
5 saved a wretch like me! I once was  
10 lost but now am found was blind but  
14 now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
he will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 3:12-13

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 2:17

He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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

### OFFERING • Philippians 4:11-13, 19-20

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me... And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### 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 • Isaiah 5:20-23

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.

Visit [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...

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

*That we all may be one.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you,

*That your Name would be honored by all people.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who lead and guide your church,

*That they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,

*That we may know the joy of living for you.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble,

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

*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.*

# Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft • Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is  
love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His  
hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that  
while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
part No tongue can bid me thence de - part

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of six staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece begins with a rest for one measure, followed by the lyrics. The melody is simple and melodic, with a final cadence at the end.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look to see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

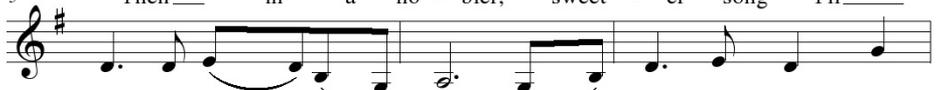
Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The Great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

# There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

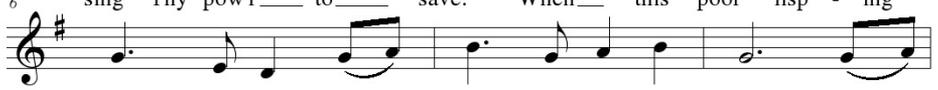
Text: William Cowper • Music: Lowell Mason • Public Domain



There is a fountain filled with blood drawn  
The dying thief rejoiced to see that  
Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall  
For since by faith I saw the stream Thy  
Then in a no-bler, sweet-er song I'll



from I-man-uel's veins; and sin-ners plunged be-  
foun-tain in his day; and there may I though  
nev-er lose its power till all the ran-somed  
flow-ing wounds sup-ply, Re-deem-ing love has  
sing Thy pow'r to save: When this poor lisp-ing



neath that flood lose all their guil-ty stains; lose  
vile as he, wash all my sins a-way: wash  
church of God are saved to sin no more: are  
been my theme and shall be till I die. And  
stamm' ring tongue lies si-lent in the grave. Lies



all their guil-ty stains lose all their guil-ty  
all my sins a-way wash all my sins a-  
saved to sin no more, are saved to sin no  
shall be till I die and shall be till I  
si-lent in the grave, lies si-lent in the



stains and sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose  
way; and there may I though vile as he, wash  
more; till all the ran-somed church of God are  
die; Re-deem-ing love has been my theme and  
grave; when this poor lisp-ing stamm'-ring tongue lies



all their guil-ty stains.  
all my sins a-way.  
saved, to sin no more.  
shall be till I die.  
si-lent in the grave.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 John 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • “Walking In The Light” (Rev. Eric Costa)

**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.



and there was light. and there

Let there be light

and there was light. and there was light. and there was light.



# THE UPPER ROOM



## VOWS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND BAPTISM

**Noah William Edwards; Calvin Alexander Sery**

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## 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.

(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.

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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).

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).

**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.

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.

# I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Public Domain

Tenor

8 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot-less Lamb of\_

4 I lay my wants on Je - sus, all ful - ness dwells in\_

8 God; He bears them all and frees us from this ac - curs - ed

8 Him; He heals all my dis - eas - es, He doth my soul re -

8 load: I bring my guilt to Je - sus, to wash my crim - son

12 deem: I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my

8 stains, washed in His\_ blood most pre - cious, 'till

15 cares; He from them all re - leas - es, He

8 not a spot re - mains. I lay my sins\_\_\_\_\_ on

20 all my sor - rows shares. I rest my soul\_\_\_\_\_ on

8 Je - sus! The spot-less Lamb of\_\_\_\_\_ God.

Je - sus! This wea - ry soul of\_\_\_\_\_ mine.

I give my cares to Jesus, the worries of my mind;  
His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.  
I lay my sins on Jesus! The spotless Lamb of God.  
I rest my soul on Jesus! This weary soul of mine.

I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child:  
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng,  
To sing with saints His praises, to learn the angel's song.  
I lay my sins on Jesus! The spotless Lamb of God.  
I rest my soul on Jesus! This weary soul of mine.  
This weary soul of mine.

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote • Music: Dimitri Bortniansky • Public Domain

Alto

My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
5 Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not  
10 trust the sweet - est frame but whol - ly  
14 lean on Je - sus' name. On Christ the sol - id  
19 rock I stand; all oth - er ground is  
23 sink - ing sand.

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "My hope is built on noth - ing less than". The second staff continues: "Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not". The third staff: "trust the sweet - est frame but whol - ly". The fourth staff: "lean on Je - sus' name. On Christ the sol - id". The fifth staff: "rock I stand; all oth - er ground is". The sixth staff: "sink - ing sand." The score ends with a double bar line.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the 'whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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

## **BENEDICTION • Colossians 1:11-12**

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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**Moms' Group •** Contact: Sara Sery (503-327-4232).

- 10am Tue., July 15 at Rood Bridge Park.
- 10am Thu., July 24 at the Washington County Fair (meet at main east entrance)
- 10am Tue., July 29 at Magnolia Park.
- 10am Tue., Aug. 12 at 53rd Ave. Community Park.
- 10am Tue., Aug. 26 at the Progress Ridge Fountain.

**Stoms Family Send-Off •** 10:30am Sat., July 19 at Evergreen PCA in Beaverton. The Stoms are a missionary family returning to Africa in September. Come learn about their ministry.

**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: Hamilton Next Week: Ryerson

**Regular Gatherings •** For information about our meetings like home groups and bible studies for men and women, visit [ascensionpc.org/calendar](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).



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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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