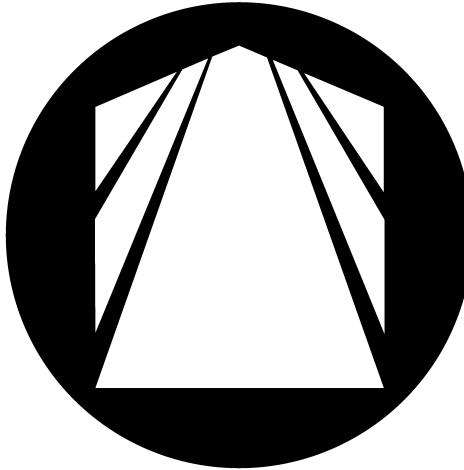


"Creation was made *in Christ*. In turn, the cosmos has a purpose. It is held together by the Son. He sustains it at every moment and directs it toward the end he intends for it. That end is himself. All things were created and are sustained *for Christ*. The reason the universe exists is for the glory of Christ, the Son of God. The goal toward which it is heading is conformity to him."

Robert Letham, *Union With Christ*

"He who looks upon his brother should know that he will be eternally united with him in Jesus Christ... Not what a man is in himself as a Christian, his spirituality and piety, constitutes the basis of our community. What determines our brotherhood is what that man is by reason of Christ. Our community with one another consists solely in what Christ has done to both of us... *Christian brotherhood is not an ideal, but a divine reality.*"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 14, 2015

THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 149:1-4

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Immortal, Invisible

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith • Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh Melody • Public Domain

Tenor

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly
wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our
eyes, most bless-ed, most glo-rious, the An-cient of
Days, al - might-y, vic - to-rious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Peter 1:18-19

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 • Psalm 67

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- 6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Text: Frank Houghton • Music: French Carol Melody • Public Domain

Alto

3/4 time signature, key of G major (two sharps). The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing

5

all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;
all for love's sake be - cam - est man;
Sav - ior and King we wor - ship thee.

9

thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

13

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.
heav'n - ward by thine et - ter - nal plan.
make us what thou wouldst have us be.

17

Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing

21

all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy

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Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1. God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
2. Friend of the friend - less and the _____ faint,
3. That were a grief I could not _____ bear,

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, continuing the melody with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Af - flict - ed at Thy feet I _____ fall;
Where should I lodge my deep com - pain?
Didst Thou not hear and an - swer _____ prayer;

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, continuing the melody with eighth and sixteenth notes.

When the great wa - ter floods pre - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - pen door,
But a prayer - hear - ing, an - swer-ing God,

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, continuing the melody with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Leave not my tremb - ling heart to _____ fail.
In - vites the help - less and the _____ poor?
Sup - ports me un - der - ev - 'ry _____ load.

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn, continuing the melody with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Poor though I am, des - pised, for - got, _____ Yet God, my God, for -

Musical notation for the sixth line of the hymn, continuing the melody with eighth and sixteenth notes.

gets me not; _____ And he is safe, and must suc -

Musical notation for the seventh line of the hymn, continuing the melody with eighth and sixteenth notes.

ceed, For whom, the Lord is sure to _____ plead. _____

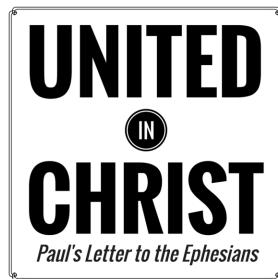
NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 1:7-10

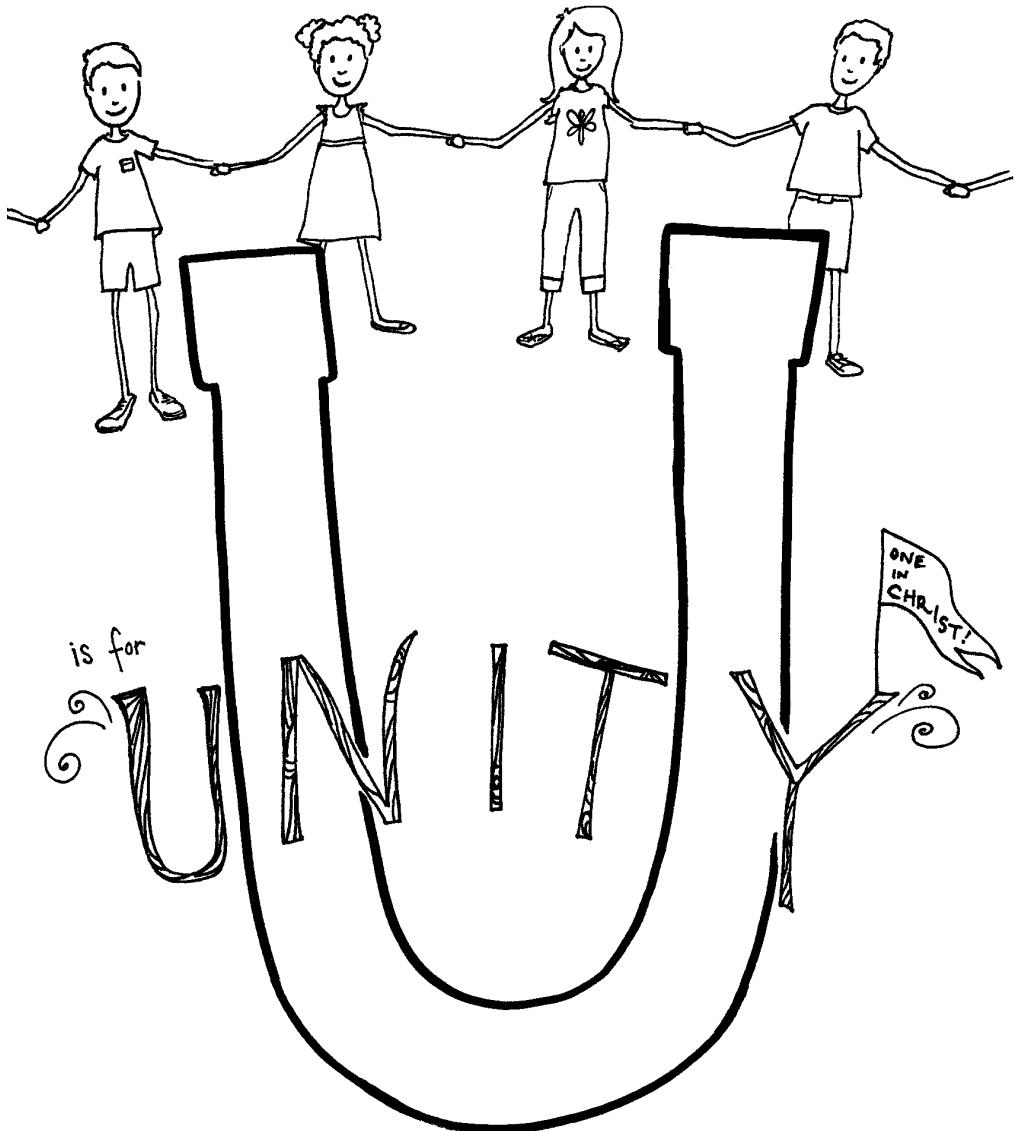
⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Grace Of Christ” (Rev. Eric Costa)







THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

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.

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 • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(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 glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

Man Of Sorrows

Text and Music: Phillip Bliss • Public Domain

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by '4') and a key signature of one flat (indicated by a 'B'). The first staff begins with a melodic line and lyrics: "Man of sor - rows what a name ____". The second staff continues with "Bear - ing shame ____ and scoff - ing rude, ____". The third staff begins with "Guil - ty, vile, ____ and help - less we; ____". The fourth staff continues with "Lift - ed up ____ was He to die; ____". The fifth staff begins with "When He comes, our glor - ious King, ____". The sixth staff begins with "for the Son of God who came ____". The seventh staff continues with "in my place con - demned He stood; ____". The eighth staff begins with "spot - less Lamb of God was He; ____". The ninth staff continues with "'It is fin - ished!' His cry; ____". The tenth staff begins with "all His ran - somed home to bring, ____". The eleventh staff begins with "ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim Hal - le -". The twelfth staff continues with "Sealed my par - don with His blood. Hal - le -". The thirteenth staff begins with "'Full a - tone - ment!' can it be? Hal - le -". The fourteenth staff continues with "Now in heav'n ex - al - ted high. Hal - le -". The fifteenth staff begins with "Then a - new His song we'll sing: Hal - le -". The sixteenth staff begins with "lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! ____". The seventeenth staff continues with "lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! ____". The eighteenth staff begins with "lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! ____". The nineteenth staff continues with "lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! ____". The twentieth staff begins with "lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! ____". Measure numbers 3, 5, and 7 are placed above the staves.

Man of sor - rows what a name ____
Bear - ing shame ____ and scoff - ing rude, ____
Guil - ty, vile, ____ and help - less we; ____
Lift - ed up ____ was He to die; ____
When He comes, our glor - ious King, ____
for the Son of God who came ____
in my place con - demned He stood; ____
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Jesus Lives And So Shall I

Text: Christian F. Gellert • Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

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)

BENEDICTION • Philippians 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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Side By Side Conversations • 9am Sundays. Join us this summer for discussions of Ed Welch's book, *Side By Side: Walking With Others In Wisdom And Love*. Next week (June 21): chapters 4 & 5.

Gospel-Centered Life Home Group • Today (June 14) after Worship at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope.

Summer Picnic • Sun., June 21 after Worship at the Walnut Street Park.

It Takes A Church To Raise A Christian Home Group • Sun., June 28 after Worship at the Costa home.

Church Campout • Aug. 28-30 (Friday through Sunday) at Oxbow Regional Park in Gresham on the Sandy River. Contact Tim Sery to reserve a spot.

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

Today: Costa Next Sunday: Sery

Refreshments Volunteers • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Today: Hamilton Next Sunday: _____

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 I want to know more about being a Christian.
 I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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