

"The purpose and fruit of our whole life is the knowledge of the Trinity in unity."

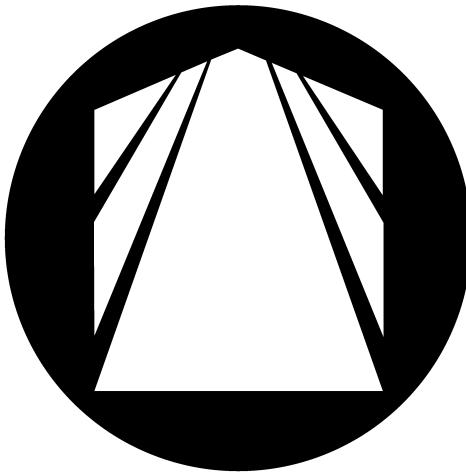
Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274 A.D.)

"The church is full of the holy Trinity."

Origen (185-254 A.D.)

"We are bound together by faith, not by experience."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945 A.D.)



# ASCENSION

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP • Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Carl Glaser • Public Domain

Tenor

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 6:5**

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 15:6**

Abraham believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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 56:3-8**

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, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in His name.

*Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

*Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

*Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Mighty God, whose word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose on earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote • Music: William Bradbury • Public Domain



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his co-ve-nant, his blood, sup-port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

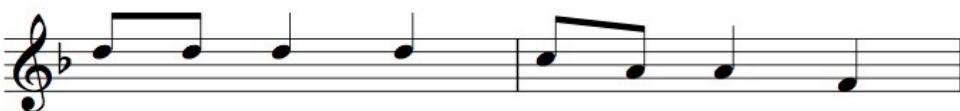


right eous-ness: I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and stor-my gale, my  
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
him be found: dressed in his right eous-ness a-lone, fault -



wholly lean on Je-sus' name.  
an-chor holds with - in the veil.  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be-fore the throne.

On Christ, the so-lid



Rock, I stand: all o-ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o-ther ground is sin-king sand.

# Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Cowl • Used by Permission

8 Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -  
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy  
Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy

4 self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
law's de - mand; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;

8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the  
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the

8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.  
13 Foun-tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.

16 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me

16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for

19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!



While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

(Chorus x2)

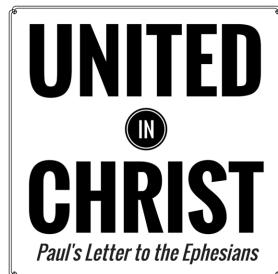
## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## **SERMON • “A Holy Temple” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







# THE UPPER ROOM



## CONFESION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed

What do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.<sup>1</sup> The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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].)

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<sup>1</sup> When the Creed states that Jesus "descended into hell," we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

<sup>2</sup> Or, "universal."

# Let Us Break Bread Together

Text: African-American Spiritual • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

The musical score consists of four staves of music for the Tenor voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with "Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;" and repeats this phrase three times. It then transitions to a new section starting with "When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord - of life," which also repeats. The final section begins with "of life, O Lord, have mer - cy on me." Measure numbers 8, 13, 17, and 22 are indicated above the staff.

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord - of  
life, When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord -  
of life, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: Lowell Mason, "Hamburg" • Public Domain

When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
For I bid it sur - vey  
See, from His head,  
Were the whole realm

the won - drous  
that I should  
His hands, His  
na - ture

cross  
boast,  
feet,  
mine,

on which the Prince  
save in the death  
sor - row and love  
that were a pre -

of glo - ry died, my rich - est  
of Christ my God; All the vain  
flow ming led down. Did such  
sent far too small; Love so a -

gain things I count but loss,  
love maz that and charm me most,  
maz - - - ing, sor - row meet,  
- - - - - so di vine,

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - rice them to His blood.  
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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 (Aug. 2): chapter 13.

**Mercy Sunday** • Next Sunday (Aug. 2)... *Almsgiving* during Communion.

**Wedding Shower** • Sun., Aug. 2 after Worship at the Popes' house. Join us as we belatedly celebrate Robert and Vanessa's union. (They're registered at Target.) RSVP to Cindy ([cynthiapope@comcast.net](mailto:cynthiapope@comcast.net)).

**Learning Garden Work Project** • Wed., Aug. 5 at W. L. Henry Elementary. We'll help improve and expand the Learning Garden at the school. More details soon... Contact: [jerilee.costa@gmail.com](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com)).

Today: Costa      Next Sunday: Childers

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Contact: Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com)).

Today: K. Boden      Next Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_

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