

# Treasure

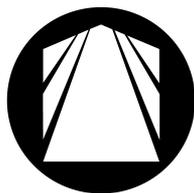
Wealth brings many new friends,  
but a poor man is deserted by his friend.

Many seek the favor of a generous man,  
and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

All a poor man's brothers hate him;  
how much more do his friends go far from him!  
He pursues them with words, but does not have them.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will repay him for his deed.

*Proverbs 19:4, 6-7, 17*



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Public Worship on the Lord's Day

April 24, 2016



THE WORD



## **CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:8-9**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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When I sur - vey \_\_\_\_\_ the won - drous  
For - bid it Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ that I should  
See, from His head, \_\_\_\_\_ His hands, His  
Were the whole realm \_\_\_\_\_ of na - ture



cross \_\_\_\_\_ on which the Prince \_\_\_\_\_  
boast, \_\_\_\_\_ save in the death \_\_\_\_\_  
feet, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row and love \_\_\_\_\_  
mine, \_\_\_\_\_ that were a pre -



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



gain \_\_\_\_\_ I count but \_\_\_\_\_ loss, \_\_\_\_\_  
things \_\_\_\_\_ that charm me \_\_\_\_\_ most, \_\_\_\_\_  
love \_\_\_\_\_ and sor - row \_\_\_\_\_ meet, \_\_\_\_\_  
maz - - - ing, 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.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 12:15a, 25a**

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God... See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Holy One, we confess that we are unholy. We have taken the side of your Enemy and believed his lies rather than your Word. At a deep level we are suspicious of your goodness and authority. We revel in your gifts but do not delight in you. We are ungrateful and deluded in our pretended autonomy. You are Love, but we love ourselves and hate you. We sin. Clearly we do not deserve your forgiveness, but we are bold to ask for it because of your Son, Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Please, Father, assure us of your love through the Gospel of your Son, and purge our sins through the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit. We ask in the name of Jesus and according to his will. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 12:22-24**

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Hebrews 13:16**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing 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 • Exodus 35:4-29**

<sup>4</sup> Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. <sup>5</sup> Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; <sup>6</sup> blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair,

<sup>7</sup> tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, <sup>8</sup> oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>9</sup> and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

<sup>10</sup> "Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded: <sup>11</sup> the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; <sup>12</sup> the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; <sup>13</sup> the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; <sup>14</sup> the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; <sup>15</sup> and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; <sup>16</sup> the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand; <sup>17</sup> the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; <sup>18</sup> the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; <sup>19</sup> the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests."

<sup>20</sup> Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup> And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. <sup>22</sup> So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. <sup>24</sup> Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. <sup>25</sup> And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. <sup>26</sup> All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. <sup>27</sup> And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, <sup>28</sup> and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.

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...

(Elder prays)

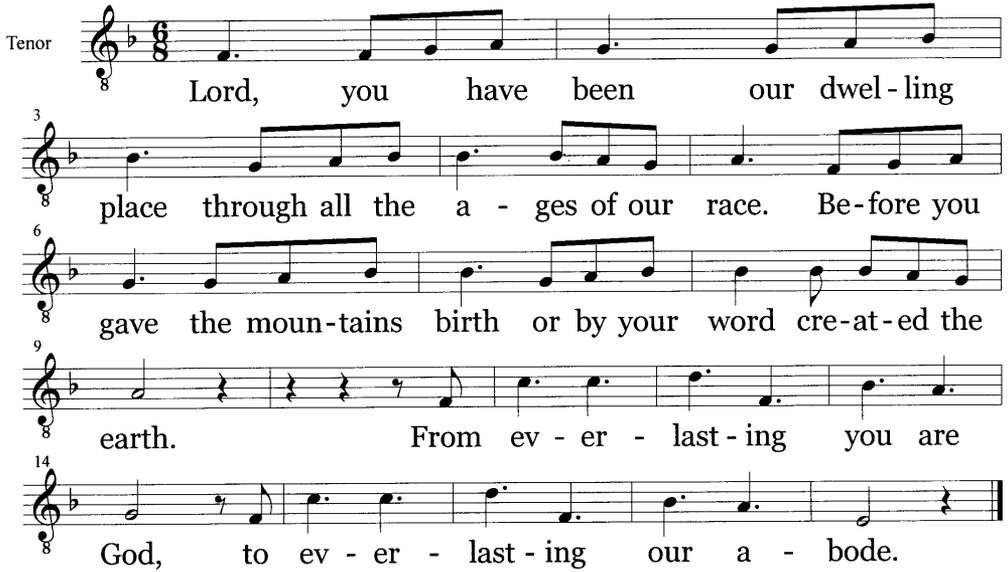
And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*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.*

# Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Text: Psalm 90 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



8 Lord, you have been our dwell - ling  
3  
8 place through all the a - ges of our race. Be - fore you  
6  
8 gave the moun - tains birth or by your word cre - at - ed the  
9  
8 earth. From ev - er - last - ing you are  
14  
8 God, to ev - er - last - ing our a - bode.

A thousand years are in your sight  
brief as a portion of the night.  
Short as a dream our seasons pass;  
our lives are like the tender grass,  
Luxuriant at the break of day,  
that in the evening fades away.

Your anger brings us sorrow, grief;  
your wrath brings fear without relief.  
Before your clear and searching sight  
our secret sins are brought to light.  
Beneath your wrath we pine and die,  
our life expiring with a sigh.

O teach us, Lord, to count our days  
and set our hearts on wisdom's ways.  
Turn, Lord, to us in our distress,  
in pity now your servants bless.  
Let mercy's dawn dispel our night  
and all our day with joy be bright.

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# I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843) • Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain



I lay my sins \_\_\_\_\_ on Je - sus, the  
I lay my needs \_\_\_\_\_ on Je - sus; all  
I rest my soul \_\_\_\_\_ on Je - sus, this  
I long to be \_\_\_\_\_ like Je - sus, meek,



spot - less Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of God; he bears them all, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ful - ness dwells \_\_\_\_\_ in him; he heals all my \_\_\_\_\_ dis -  
wea - ry soul \_\_\_\_\_ of mine; his right hand me \_\_\_\_\_ em -  
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be \_\_\_\_\_ like



frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I  
eas - es, he doth my soul \_\_\_\_\_ re - deem: I  
brac - es, I on his breast \_\_\_\_\_ re - cline. I  
Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I



bring my guilt \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus to wash \_\_\_\_\_ my crim - son  
lay my griefs \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, my bur - dens and \_\_\_\_\_ my  
love the name \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ the  
long to be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus a - mid \_\_\_\_\_ the heav'n - ly



stains white in his blood \_\_\_\_\_ most pre - cious, till  
cares; he from them all \_\_\_\_\_ re - leas - es, he  
Lord; like fra - grance on \_\_\_\_\_ the breez - es his  
throng, to sing with saints \_\_\_\_\_ his prais - es, to



not a spot \_\_\_\_\_ re - mains.  
all my sor - rows shares.  
name a - broad \_\_\_\_\_ is poured.  
learn the an - gels' song.

## GOSPEL READING • Mark 14:1-11

<sup>1</sup> It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup> for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

<sup>3</sup> And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup> There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup> And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

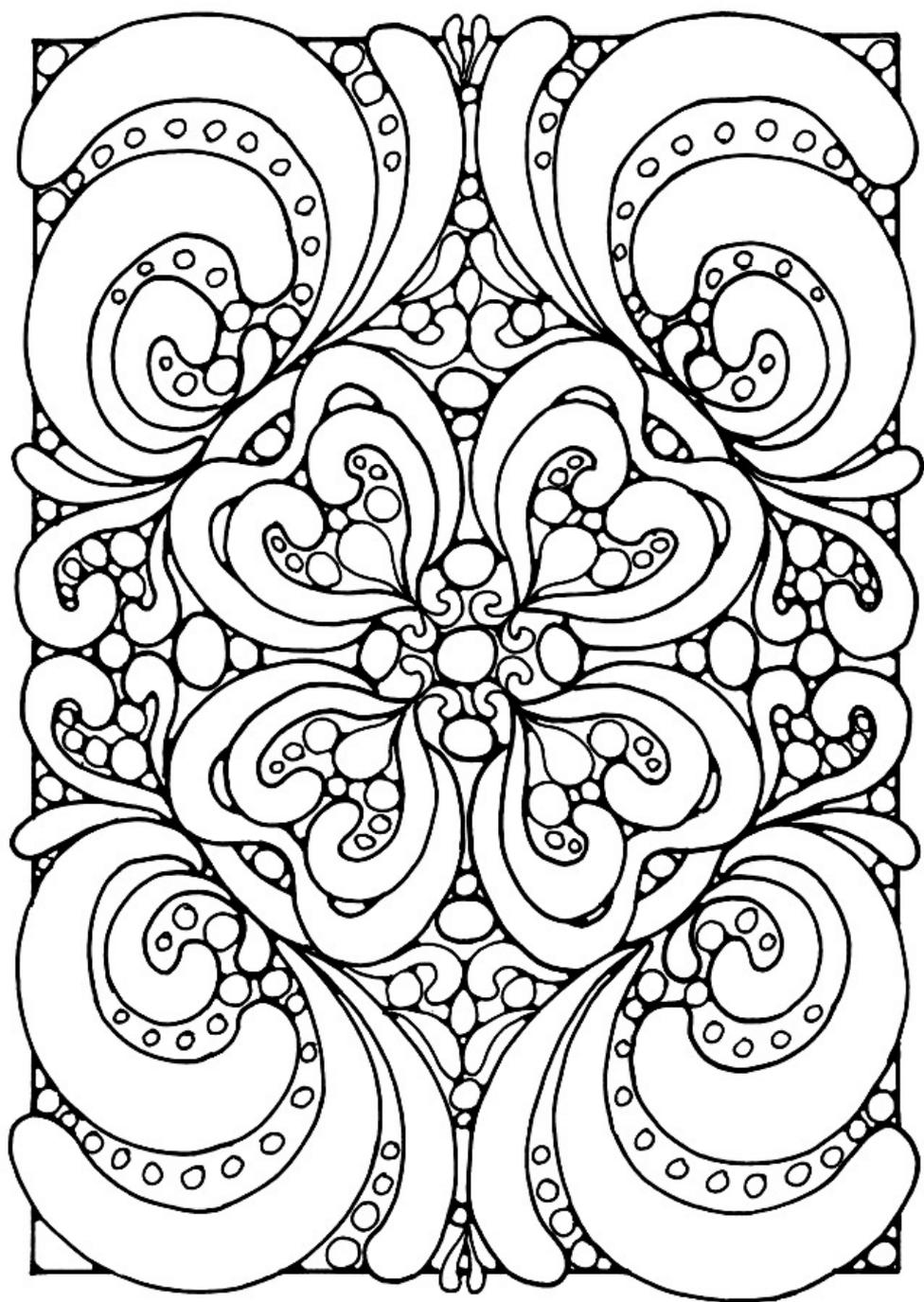
<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*



## SERMON • “A Beautiful Offering” (Rev. Eric Costa)





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION 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 one another 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.”

# A Hymn To God The Father

A Poem by John Donne • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Wilt Thou for - give that sin where I be - gun, which  
5 was my sin, though it were done be - fore? Wilt Thou for -  
10 give that sin through which I run, and do run still, though  
15 still I do de - plore? When Thou hast  
19 done, — Thou hast not done, — for I have more, — I have  
25 more. When Thou hast done, — Thou hast not done,  
30 — for I have more, — I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun  
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And, having done that, thou hast done.  
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

# The Lamb Has Overcome

Music and Lyrics: Luke Morton • ©2011 Cardiphonia Music

The Lamb has ov - er - come, the  
Lamb has ov - er - come; the bat - tle's done and the  
vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov-er - come! No  
grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him  
down; up from the ground, "He is  
ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down.  
At God's right hand is He, at  
God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He  
lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy  
is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His  
name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry  
be un - to His name!

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;  
the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;  
he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

(Repeat Chorus)

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound  
in love for one another and for all.

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*Remember:* every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

**Sunday School** • After Worship, and some time for conversation and coffee, join us for Sunday School. Kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for sermon discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

**Prayer Home Group** • Today, at the home of Eric & Jerilee Costa (1890 SE Maple St., Hillsboro). Join us for lunch and conversation (“The Last Three Petitions of the Lord’s Prayer,” from Barth’s book).

**Men’s Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 29 - May 1. Get your \$85 to Tim Sery—hope to see you there!

**Mercy Sunday** • May 1... On the first Sunday of each month we collect a special offering—*Alms*—during the Lord’s Supper, to help meet needs in our congregation and community. After Worship we engage together in a ministry of compassion—the *Backpack Project*—providing food to children in need at W. L. Henry Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to talk with our kids about generosity and service as a regular part of our lives as Christians. To sign up to bring food supplies, contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

**“I’m Hooked”** • Sat. - Sun., June 4-5. Free fishing weekend at Hagg Lake. Registration opens Apr. 1 (imhookedinc.org). See Robert Spracklen for details.

**Church Campout** • Fri. - Sun., Aug. 19-21, at the Deschutes River State Rec. Area. Mark your calendars! We’ll join our sister congregation, Hope (Portland), for the weekend. Stay tuned for more details...

**Musicians** • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and preparation for the coming Sunday. Families are welcome. Contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

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

Today: Friesen      Next Sunday: Jaques

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

Today: Hamilton      Next Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_

**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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