

"God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of his name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with his, and, for the sake of his name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join his global purpose."

John Piper

"If I had a thousand pounds, China should have it.
If I had a thousand lives, China should have them.
No! not China, but Christ. Can we do too much for him?"

Hudson Taylor

ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day
October 2, 2016



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4th c.



Ho - ly God, we praise your name;
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep - ter claim,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign.
ho - ly Lord."
song goes on.
mys - ter - y.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Jeremiah 2:12-13

“Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 5

Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy. You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; you abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful. But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty. By your mercy alone, by the abundance of your steadfast love may we enter your house. Because of your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in you. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 3:22a

“Return, O faithless sons;
I will heal your faithlessness.”

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

OFFERING • Malachi 3:10

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 5:9-10

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

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.

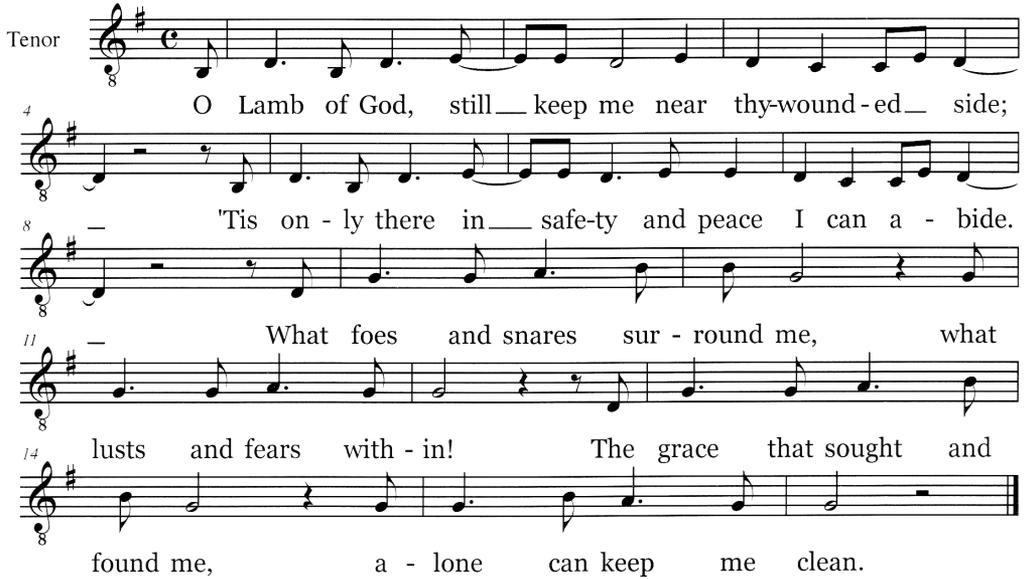
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

O Lamb Of God, Still Keep Me

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Tenor



O Lamb of God, still — keep me near thy-wound-ed — side;
'Tis on - ly there in — safe-ty and peace I can a - bide.
What foes and snares sur - round me, what
lusts and fears with - in! The grace that sought and
found me, a - lone can keep me clean.

'Tis only in thee hiding, I feel myself secure;
'tis only in thee abiding, the conflict can endure;
thine arm the victory gaineth, o'er every hateful foe;
thy love my heart sustaineth in all its cares and woes.

Soon shall my eyes behold thee with rapture, face to face;
one half hath not been told me of all thy pow'r and grace:
thy beauty, Lord, and glory, the wonders of thy love,
shall be the endless story of all the saints above.

Come, Holy Ghost

Text: Rhabanus Maurus (A.D. 776-856); chorus by Ray Mills (2005)

Music: Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills • ©2006 Cardiphonia Music, ©2006 Raymond G. Mills

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Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,
O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
9 Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;
Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our
14 Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -
hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our
18 noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -
hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -
23 noint - ting from a - bove.
fraid, where you go there I am with you.

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son;
be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed,
that thou dost from them both proceed.

(Chorus x2)

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;
and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,
all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

(Chorus x2)

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 67

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM. A SONG.

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- 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. Selah
- 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!

SERMON • “Let All the Peoples Praise You!” (Brian Janssen)





THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH (Jn. 20:28; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:5; Phil. 2:6-11)

What does God the Father want you to know and trust?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

What does God the Spirit enable you to confess and proclaim?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

What is the grace and truth of the revelation of God?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Who is the Lord of your life?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Who is the Lord of the church?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth?

Jesus Christ is Lord, and there is no other! 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].)

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Text: Robert Campbell • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our vic - to - rious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
flow - ing from His pierc - ed side;
Praise we Him whose love di - vine
gives His sa - cred blood for wine,
gives His bod - y for the feast,
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheaths his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed: paschal victim, paschal bread.
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

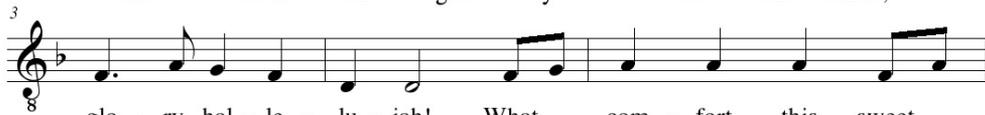
Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit ever be.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

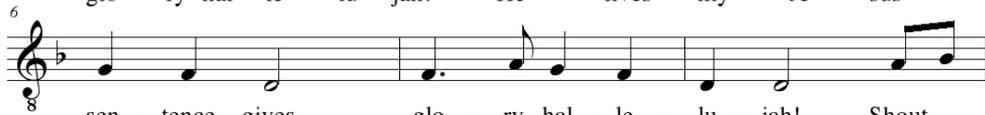
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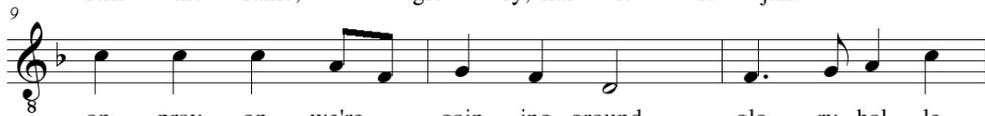
I - know that my Re - deem - er lives,
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,
He lives to bless me with his love,
He lives all glo - ry to his name,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! What com - fort this sweet
glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He lives, my ev - er -
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives to plead for
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives my Je - sus



sen - tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout
last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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

The Janssens • Brian and Faith and their children, Abby & Nathan, are on home assignment from Taiwan with OMF. Brian will preach this morning, and he and Faith will present on their mission in the sanctuary after Worship (instead of Sunday School). Then, join us for a lunch at the Costa home to connect more with them (1890 SE Maple Street).

Photo Directory • It's been a while since we updated our photo directory! Bill Duncan will be taking pictures the next few Sundays. If you would like your picture taken, see Bill. If you need your information added to or updated in the directory, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today!) 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.

Women's Retreat • Oct. 14-16 in Lincoln City. Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).

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

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Childers Next Sunday: Aznoe

Refreshments Volunteers

(Contact: Nicole Hamilton, neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Whipple Next Sunday: Costa



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