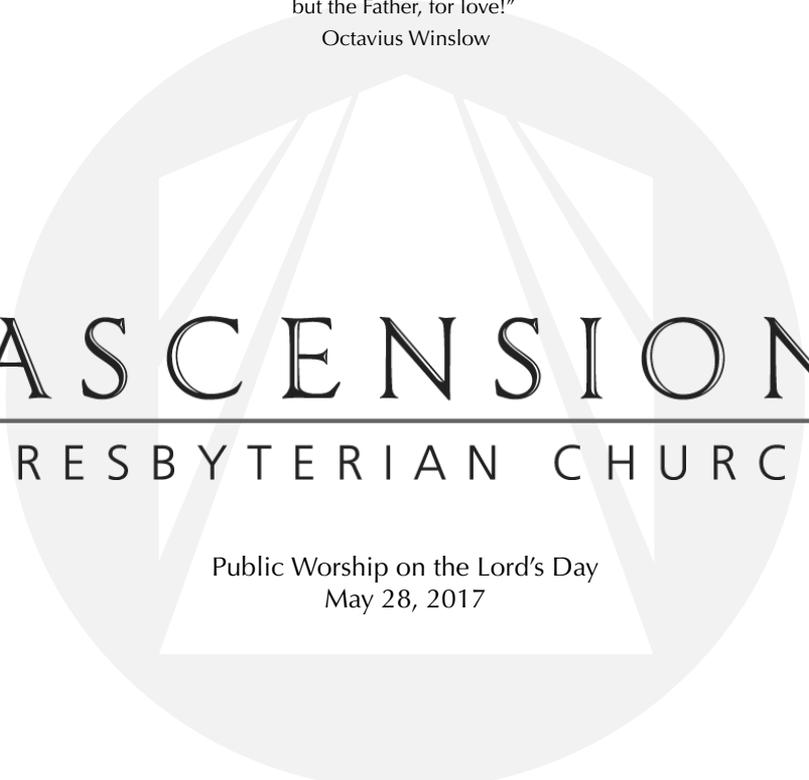


“Has no one condemned you?  
Neither do I condemn you;  
go, and from now on sin no more.”  
Jesus, to the woman caught in adultery

“Who delivered up Jesus to die?  
Not Judas, for money;  
not Pilate, for fear;  
not the Jews, for envy—  
but the Father, for love!”  
Octavius Winslow



# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day  
May 28, 2017

  
THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 2:3**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.

# And Can It Be?

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Thomas Campbell • Public Domain

And can it be that I should gain an  
'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies: who  
Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay, fast  
5 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -  
in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for  
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the  
bound in sin and na - ture's night, Thine eye dif -  
10 sus and all in Him, is mine; A - live in  
me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to  
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of  
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dung - eon  
15 Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -  
death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
love di - vine, 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -  
flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was  
20 ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal  
be that thou my God, shouldst die for  
dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no  
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed  
24 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my  
me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that  
more.  
Thee.  
own.  
29 thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 32:1-4**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • Ezra 9**

*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And now, O our God, what shall we say? We have forsaken your commandments. O God, forgive me; forgive us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who died to take away our guilt. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 32:5**

I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 50:7-9**

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...

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For nations, leaders and governments; that integrity may mark all their dealings, we pray to you O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For all who labor for righteousness; that your presence and help may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For communities torn by dissension and strife; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved; that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For the Church, your household and family; that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For our pastor, and for all who bear Christ's name; that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory forever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# 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

5  
Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,  
O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry,  
9  
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high;  
14  
Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an -  
18  
hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our  
noit - ing from a - bove, and sweet a -  
23  
hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a -  
noit - 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)*

# Gloria In The Highest

Text: Ambrose (4<sup>th</sup> Century), Martin Luther (16<sup>th</sup> Century)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used By Permission

Tenor

8 Sa - vior of the na - tions come,  
Not by hu - man pow'r or seed  
Mar - y then was found with child,  
Christ laid down his maj - es - ty,

3  
8 show your - self the vir - gin's son. Fill with won - der  
did the wom - an's womb con - ceive; on - ly by the  
still a vir - gin chaste and mild. God had fa - vored  
passed through dark Geth - sem - a - ne. Though he left his

6  
8 all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.  
Spir - it's breath was the Word of God made flesh.  
her with grace to re - ceive the Prince of Peace.  
Fa - ther's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne.

9  
8 Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_

15  
8 In the high - - - est!

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 8, 3, 6, 9, and 15. The lyrics are: 'Sa - vior of the na - tions come, Not by hu - man pow'r or seed Mar - y then was found with child, Christ laid down his maj - es - ty, show your - self the vir - gin's son. Fill with won - der did the wom - an's womb con - ceive; on - ly by the still a vir - gin chaste and mild. God had fa - vored passed through dark Geth - sem - a - ne. Though he left his all the earth, that our God chose such a birth. Spir - it's breath was the Word of God made flesh. her with grace to re - ceive the Prince of Peace. Fa - ther's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne. Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - a! \_\_\_\_ In the high - - - est!' The final measure of the piece is a double bar line with repeat dots.

Since the star at Bethlehem brought new light to earth again,  
may our faith shine bright each day; faithful God, keep sin away.  
Christ in glory, intercede for your creature's suff'ring need.  
Let your resurrecting pow'r soon complete the vict'ry hour.

*(Chorus)*

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing, praise to Christ our newborn King!  
With the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come!

*(Chorus x2)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING • Romans 7:24 – 8:1, 33-34**

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

<sup>8:1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...

<sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “There Is No Condemnation in Christ” (Rev. Eric Costa)**





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20**

Who is Jesus Christ?

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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 for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

# 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)

## Victory In The Lamb

Text & Music: Wesley Randolph Eader • © 2014 Door of Hope

He will clothe the poor with crowns  
in the kingdom he calls theirs.  
He will raise them to the halls of heaven  
and release their earthly cares.

And the hard times, they will come.  
And the black clouds, they will break.  
But his riches come with the morning sun  
and they grow green fields of grace.

*(Chorus)*

*So let all condemnation cease!  
Let guilt have no more claim!  
Let the devil lose all dominion!  
For the Lamb of God he came!  
And the Lamb of God was slain!  
And the Lamb of God was raised!*

We will fix our wandering eyes  
on the wonders of our Lord.  
By his sacred stripes we have been healed,  
through his wounds our joys supplied.

*(Chorus)*

Now the strong ones and the weak  
are the same under his blood.  
For empty-handed all must come  
to receive his endless love.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Ephesians 1:2

Grace to you and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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, please join us for some conversation and coffee. Then stay 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).

**Monthly Men's Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., June 3 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). Each time we meet we discuss a phrase of the Apostles' Creed. This time: "The Holy Catholic Church." (Keep an eye on applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) Bring a friend! RSVP and let Eric know if you can help by bringing part of the meal (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

**Mercy Sunday** • June 4... 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).

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

### Nursery Volunteers

Today: Costa                      Next Sunday: Sery

### Refreshments Volunteers

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

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