

“May the abyss of thy mercy swallow up this abyss of sin.”

John Calvin

“Sometimes our own heart condemns us. It certainly tries to. And so do our critics, our detractors, our enemies, yes, and all the demons of hell. But their condemnations will all fail. Why? Because of Christ Jesus.”

John Stott



ASCENSION

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day  
June 4, 2017 • Pentecost Sunday

  
THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 2:5**

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

# May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
*My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 34:18**

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 25**

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 34:22**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 • Isaiah 50:7-9

- 7 But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
- 8 He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.
- 9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

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.*

# It Is Well With My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford • Music: Phillip P. Bliss • Public Domain

Tenor

When peace, like a riv - er, at -  
Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though  
My sin, O the bliss of this  
tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows  
tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con -  
glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part, but the  
roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
11 whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
8 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is  
tate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.  
15 more; Praise the Lord! It is well with my soul!  
8 well... with my soul; it is well, it is well with my  
21 soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus x2)*

# The Love of God

Music and Lyrics by F. M. Lehman (1917) • Public Domain

The love of God is great-er far— than  
When years of time shall pass a - way, and  
4 tongue or pen can ev - er tell; It goes be -  
7 earth - ly thrones and king-doms fall, When men, who  
yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the  
10 here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and  
low - est hell; The guil - ty pair, bowed down with care,  
13 moun-tains call, God's love so sure, shall still en - dure,  
God gave His Son to win; His er - ring child  
16 all mea - sure - less and strong; re - deem - ing grace  
He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his sin.  
19 to A - dam's race; the saints and an - gel's song.  
22 O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -  
less and strong! It shall forev - er - more en - dure  
25 the saints and an - gels song!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,  
were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,  
to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—the saints and angel's song!*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING • Romans 7:24 – 8:1, 31-39**

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>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <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. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 • The Nicene Creed**

What do you believe?

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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].)

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\* Or, “universal.”

## Deep Were His Wounds, And Red

Text: William Johnson • Music: Vito Aiuto • © New Jerusalem Music/ASCAP

Deep were his wounds, and red, on cruel Calvary,  
as on the cross he bled in bitter agony.  
But they whom sin has wounded sore  
find healing in the wounds he bore.  
But they whom sin has wounded sore  
find healing in the wounds he bore.

He suffered shame and scorn and wretched, dire disgrace;  
forsaken and forlorn, he hung there in our place.  
But all who would from sin be free  
look to his cross for victory.  
But all who would from sin be free  
look to his cross for victory.

His life, his all he gave when he was crucified;  
our burdened souls to save, what fearful death he died!  
But each of us, though dead in sin,  
through Christ eternal life may win.  
But each of us, though dead in sin,  
through Christ eternal life may win.

# O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I  
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -  
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not  
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good  
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I  
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley  
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,  
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I  
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the  
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's  
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I  
grace.  
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -  
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?  
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?

O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;  
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

*(Chorus)*

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,  
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;  
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;

O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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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).

**Mercy Sunday** • (Today.) 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.

**Parenting Home Group** • Sun., June 11 at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Join us after Worship for lunch and conversation about Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting*. All are welcome! RSVP (pope.joe@gmail.com).

**Summer Picnic** • After Worship on Sun., June 18, at the Walnut Street Park. Bring a lunch and a lawn chair. Kids, bring your swimsuits for the fountains!

**Summer BBQ** • Sun., June 25 at the home of Brian & Rainy Aznoe (17500 SW Seiffert Road, Sherwood). RSVP (rainyrr@aol.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))

Today: S. Boden      Next Sunday: Hamilton



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