

"What is most mysterious is God's superabundant life pouring itself forth, the love of God who gives and gives again but is never emptied in the giving. This self-giving is at the very heart of who God is. The incomprehensibility of God lies in the utter gratuity of life and love, in God's constant coming as gift. God is inexhaustible Gift, Given... this is who God is and how God is."

Michael Downey, *Altogether Gift: A Trinitarian Spirituality*



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre -
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -
Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - ve - lous wis - dom hath
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul praise Him for
reign - eth, thee; shel - ters thee un - der His
fend - ed; thee; sure - ly His good - ness and
made dore; thee; Him! Decked thee with health - ness and
dore Him! All that hath life and breath,



He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -



near, _____ join me in glad a - dor -
been _____ grant - ed in what He or -
do, _____ if with His love He be -
lief, _____ Spread - ing His wings to o'er
gain, _____ Glad - ly for - ev - er a -



a - - - - tion.
dain - - - - eth?
friend thee.
shade thee!
dore Him.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD,

that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Creator God, you have given us everything we have, including our very selves. Yet we have refused to receive what we have as gifts, because we have rejected you as the Giver. We have been ungrateful. We have boasted as if we were self-made and self-sufficient. We have hoarded our wealth, not believing in your future generosity. We have gratified ourselves and consumed as much as we can without sharing. We have withheld ourselves from you and others, because we do not delight in giving like you do. But you live forever as Giver, Gift, and Given, and you have even given yourself to us. In your mercy, forgive us. In your grace, fill us with your Gift-life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 54:4-5

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;

be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;

for you will forget the shame of your youth,

and the reproach of your widowhood

you will remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband,

the LORD of hosts is his name;

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,

the God of the whole earth he is called.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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 • Colossians 3:12-17

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...

Our Father in Heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. You did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all; how will you not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

We thank you for your daily provision for our physical needs. We thank you for your care for our souls. We thank you for your mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord Jesus, You rule over all things for the sake of your Church. You are at the right hand of God interceding for us constantly. Nothing can separate us from your love.

Increase the peace and purity and unity of this congregation. Strengthen the church of Christ in our city. Protect and stand with our brothers and sisters everywhere who are being persecuted for their faith.

Our Savior, you invite the weary and burdened to come to you and find rest. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. You are gentle and humble in heart.

Heal those who are sick. Give your grace and peace to those facing imminent death and to those who care for them. Comfort those who are grieving. Sit closely with those who are lonely. Provide for those who are seeking work. Free those who are struggling with enslaving sins.

Our great God, we hear your promise that the knowledge of your glory will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

Increase the spread of the Gospel in and through our city, to the world. We ask you to extend your mercy to our friends and loved ones.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Text: Psalm 73 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
God - is good to His peo - ple, His mer - cy to me,
5
8
is al - ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.
9
8
And when my faith fal - tered, I en - vied the proud.
13
8
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
17
8
Trust - in the Lord God, He is un - fail - ing,
21
8
He is the strength of my heart ev - er more!
the good and the pure.

In doubt and temptation, I rest Lord in you;
my hand is in your hand, whatever I do.
You always are with me; you guide with your word,
and soon into glory will take me, O Lord.

(Chorus)

Whom have I, O Savior, in heaven but you?
On earth for none other I long but for you.
My flesh and my heart may be weakened and sore,
but God is the strength of my heart evermore.

(Chorus)

Who Is Like The Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

Text: Wendell Kimbrough • Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough • © 2013 Cardiphonia Music

Our Fa - ther_ He lifts from the
3 ash - es, _ He rais - es_ the poor and_ the lost. _ He
6 seats them to dine at_ His ta - ble, _ to
8 feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost. _ The
10 lone - ly_ He set - tles_ in fam - 'lies, _ the
12 bar - ren, _ a mo - ther_ He makes. _ O
14 hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger_ who's
16 wel - comed by this King_ of Grace. Who is like the
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But
22 hum - bles_ Him - self with the bro - ken_ to dwell,
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 100

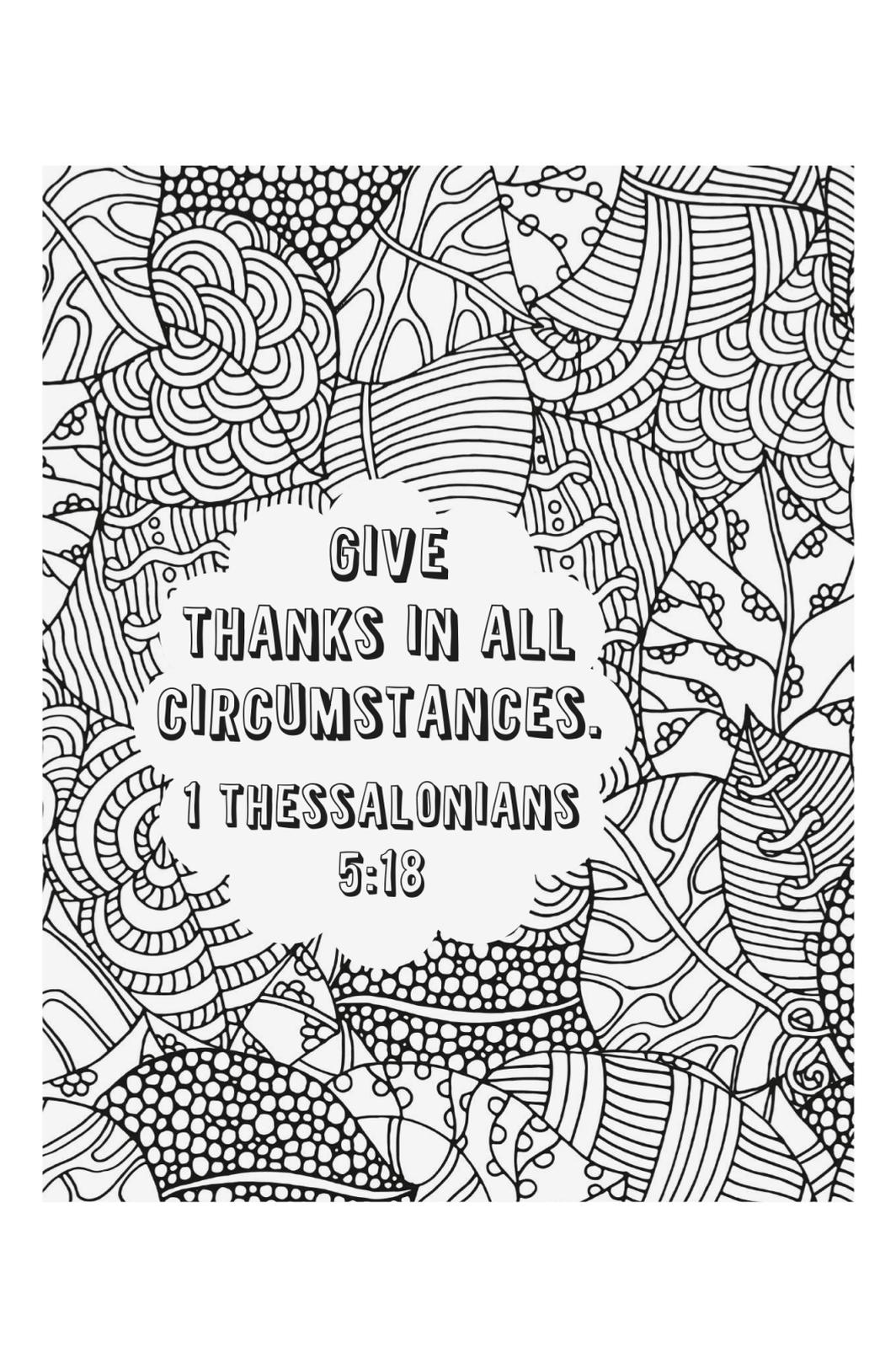
A PSALM FOR GIVING THANKS.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Thanksgiving” (Rev. Eric Costa)



**GIVE
THANKS IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 THESSALONIANS

5:18



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. 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].)

Rejoice In Christ Your King

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Tenor

Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks
Bright youth and snow crowned age, both men and wo -
Still lift your stan - dard high, still chant - ing as
and sing; your fes - tal ban - er wave on high,
men raise on high your free ex - ult - ing song,
you go, from youth to age, by night and day,
the cross of Christ your King. Re-joyce! Re - joice! Re-
de - clare God's won - drous praise.
in glad - ness and in woe.
joyce give thanks and sing! Re - joice! Re - joice! Re-joyce
in Christ your King!

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims reach their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!

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 • Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends, to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church! For information about our regular meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

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After Worship • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation!

Monthly Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Aug. 3 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We'll discuss the Fifth Commandment. (Check applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) RSVP and let Eric know what part of the meal you'll bring, and if you'll have a friend with you (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Aug. 4) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- ALMS — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.)
- FOOD PANTRY — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. Please bring dry beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total!

Refreshments Volunteers • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Hamilton

Next week: Sery

Nursery Volunteers • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Aznoe

Next week: Jaques



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