

# ASCENSION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 2015



#### CALL TO WORSHIP • Hebrews 12:28-29

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

#### **Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing**

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## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

# CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Exodus 20:2-3

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

# **CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

# ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty."

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.

## GOSPEL READING • John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Praise be to you, O Christ!* 

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray...

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal his glory among all nations,

Hear us as we pray for your church. Bless all the ministers of your word and sacraments and unite all Christians in the bonds of holy faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God of our fathers, who has promised to take care of our every need,

Give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons. Grant all in authority over us wisdom and strength to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful Father, comfort all who believe the good news of your grace.

We pray for all who are distressed: the poor, the homeless, the sick, the bereaved, and those afflicted in body and mind. Comfort and relieve them according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, as our Savior taught us, let us humbly 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.

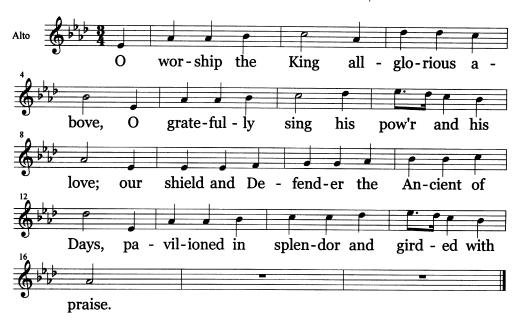
#### To You, O Lord, I Lift My Eyes

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#### **O Worship The King**

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O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, almighty, thy power hath founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Isaiah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

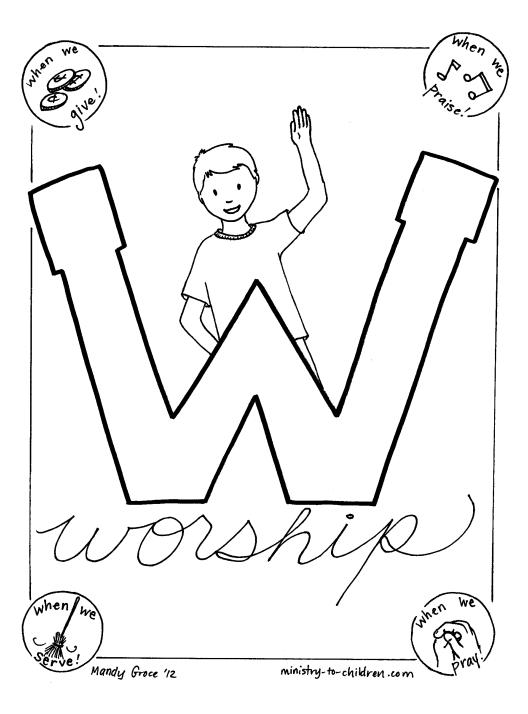
<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!* 

SERMON • "The Outline Of Worship" (Rev. E. C. Bell)







## **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 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.

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## 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].)

#### There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

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#### **BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Mercy Sunday • Today... Almsgiving during Communion.

**Wedding Shower** • Today after Worship at the Popes' house. Join us as we belatedly celebrate Robert and Vanessa's union. (They're registered at Target.)

**Learning Garden Work Project** • Wed., Aug. 5 at W. L. Henry Elementary. We'll help improve and expand the Learning Garden at the school. More details soon... Contact: jerilee.costa@gmail.com.

*Side By Side* Conversations • 9am Sundays. Join us this summer for discussions of Ed Welch's book, Side By Side: Walking With Others In Wisdom And Love. Next week (Aug. 9): chapter 14.

**Church Campout** • Aug. 28-30 (Friday through Sunday) at Oxbow Regional Park in Gresham on the Sandy River. Contact Tim Sery to reserve a spot.

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

Today: Childers Next Sunday: Sery

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

Today: \_\_\_\_\_ Next Sunday: Sery

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



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