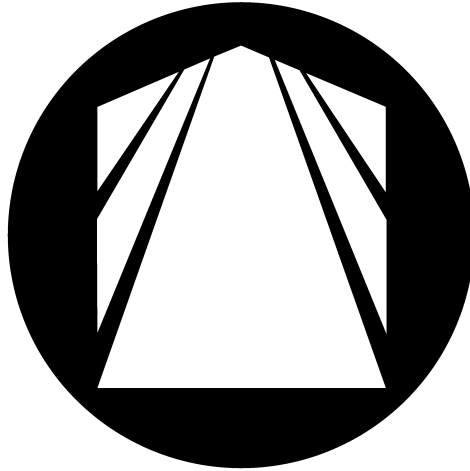


"If you ever read any part of the Bible and you're not moved to pray, go back. You didn't understand it."

Timothy Keller

"Only love can leave such a mark,
But only love can heal such a scar...
Only love unites our hearts."

U2, "Magnificent"



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THE WORD

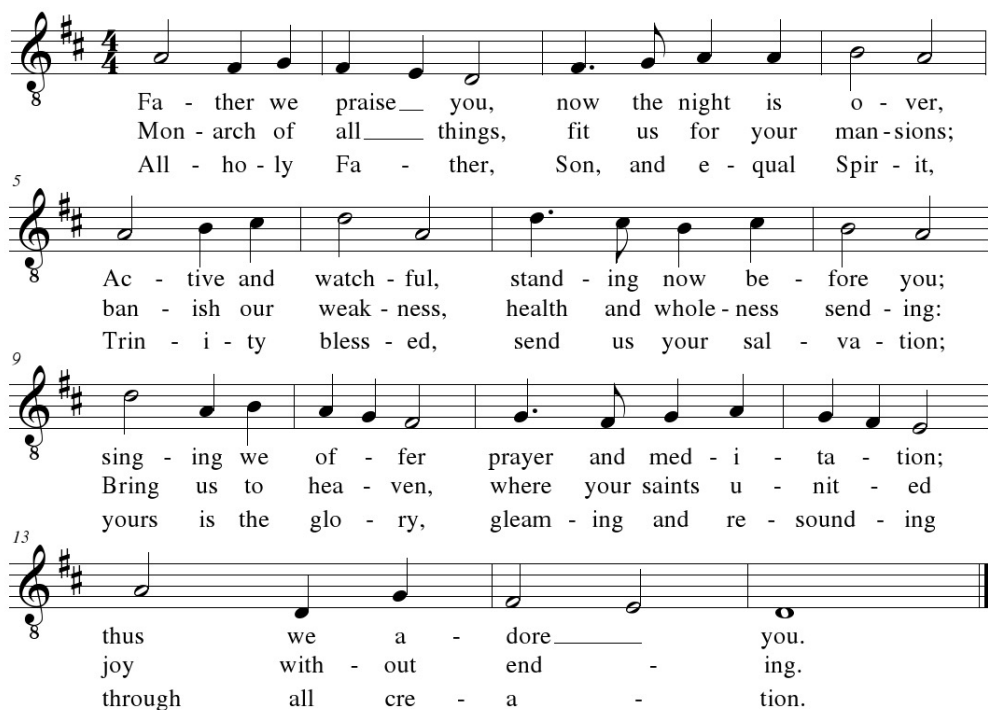


CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 19:5

From the throne came a voice saying,
"Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great."

Father, We Praise You

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8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5 8 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9 8 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13 8 thus we a - dore you.
joy with - out end - ing.
through all cre - a - tion.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 34:18

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Father, relieve our consciences, now and in the hour of our death, from the terror of our guilt and the fear of your judgment. Let your peace come into our hearts that we may await your judgment with joy. Be not severe in your judgment of us, or no one will be found righteous. Teach us, dear Father, not to trust or find comfort in our own merits or good works. But teach us to venture and resign ourselves faithfully and firmly to your infinite mercy. In the same manner, let us not lose courage because of our guilty and sinful lives. Let us regard your mercy as higher and broader and stronger than all our being. 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 • Exodus 23:19

The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your 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 • 2 Chronicles 6:12-14, 18-19, 41

¹² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. ¹³ Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven, ¹⁴ and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart...

¹⁸ "But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!

¹⁹ Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you...

⁴¹ “And now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
Let your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation,
and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.”

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...

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:
Particularly for our sister churches in the Pacific Northwest Presbytery.

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:
We pray for those who do not know you; we pray that your gospel would run in our city; we pray that your fame and glory would spread here and throughout the world.

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:
Please give our President humility, wisdom, strength and trust in you. Please bless our Governor and our Mayor; please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:
We pray for those who are living on the streets. We pray for those who are discouraged and suffering in depression. We pray for those who are struggling financially. We pray for those who are sick or facing imminent death and for those who care for them.

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs...
(Silent prayer)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

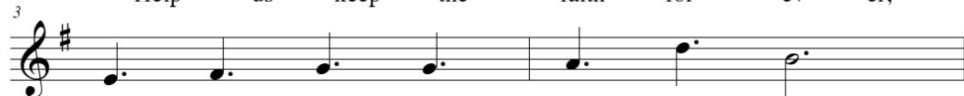
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit

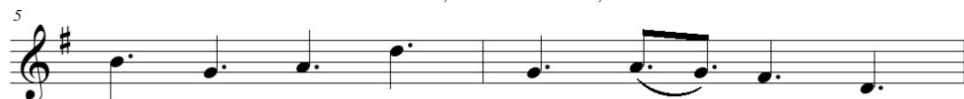
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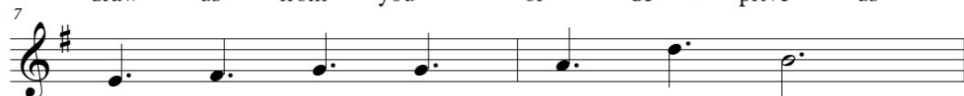
Come, oh come, O quick - 'ning Spi - rit,
On - ly that which you de - sire
Bless - ed Spi - rit, still re - new - ing
Help us keep the faith for - ev - er;



God be - fore the dawn of time!
be our ob - ject; with your hand
all who dwell up - on the earth,
let not Sa - tan, death, or shame



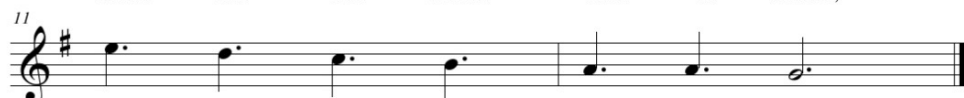
Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
when the e - vil one as - sails us
draw us from you or de - prive



bless - ed Com - for - ter sub - lime!
let us be at your com - mand.
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth;
of the hon - or of your name.



Let your ra - diance fill our night,
All our sin - ful - ness e - raise
Arm us with your might - y sword,
When the foe would lure us hence,



turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
with the in - crease of your grace.
in the le - gions of the Lord.
be, O God, our sure de - fense.

The Sands Of Time Are Sinking

Text: Anne R. Cousin • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

The sands of time are sink-ing, -the dawn of_ heav-en_
The King there in His beau - ty with - out_ a_ veil is_
breaks, the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, the
seen; it were a well spent jour - ney though
fair_ sweet morn a - wakes; so dark hath been the
se-ven deaths lay_ be - tween: the Lamb with His fair
mid - night, but day-spring is at hand, and glo - ry,
ar - my doth on Mount Zi - on stand,
glo - ry dwell-eth in Em-man-uel's land! And glo - ry,
glo - ry, dwell-eth in Em-man - uel's_ land!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with many eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 10, 14, and 18. The final measure ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love!
The streams of earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above;
there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand,

(Chorus)

The bride eyes not her garment, but eyes her bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
not on the crown he gifteth, but on his pierced hands:

(Chorus)

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 3:14-21

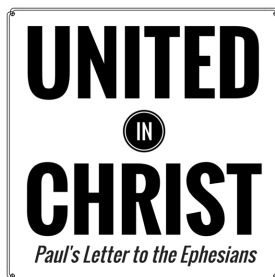
¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

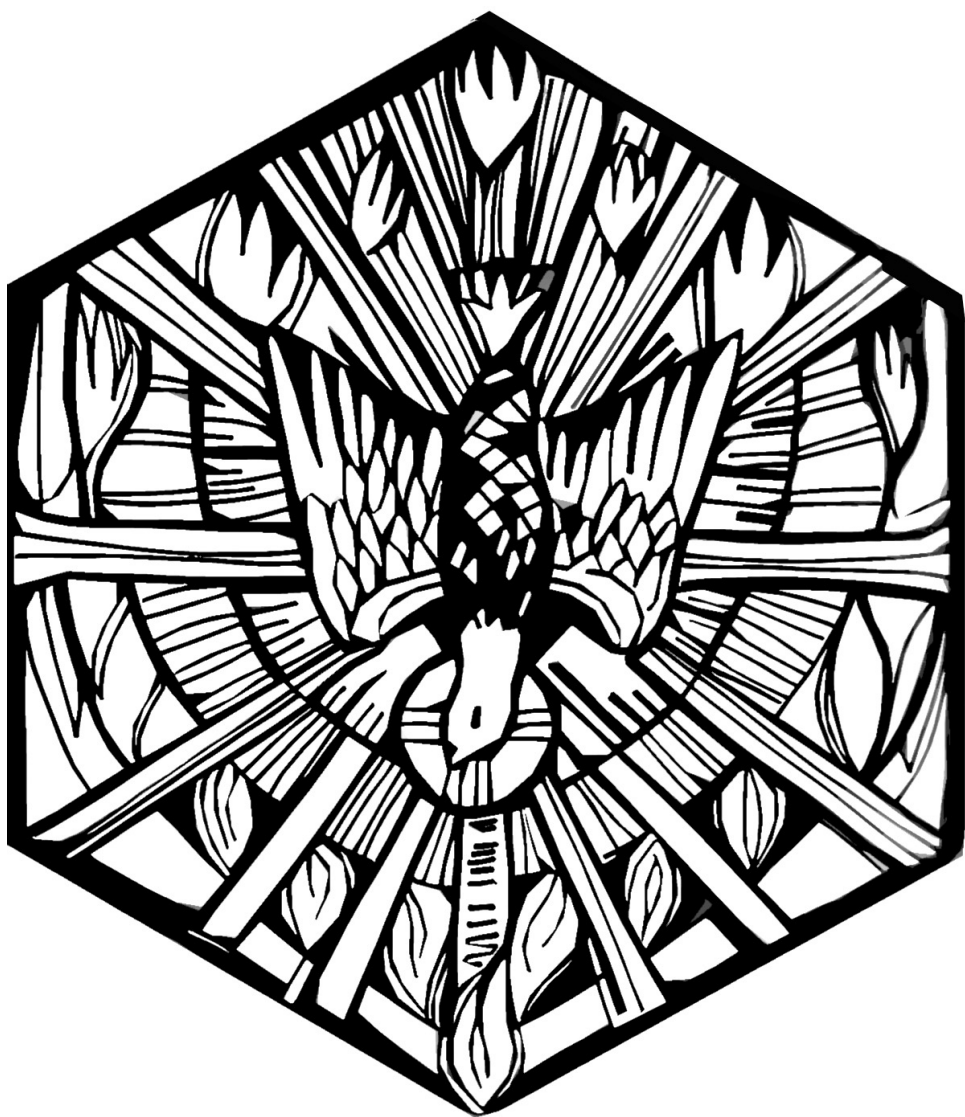
²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Fullness Of God” (Rev. Eric Costa)







THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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.

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].)

A Sinner's Cry

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



8 Hear, grac-ious God, a sin - er's__ cry; for
To Thee I come a sin - er__ poor, and
5 To Thee I come a sin - er__ weak, and
8 I have no - where else__ to__ fly. My
wait for mer - cy at__ Thy__ door. In -
9 scarce know how to pray or__ speak. From
8 hope, my on - ly hope's in Thee,__ O__
deed I've no - where else__ to flee,__ O__
13 fear and weak-ness set__ me free,__ O__
8 God, be mer - ci-ful to me. O God, be__
God, be mer - ci-ful to me.
18 God, be mer - ci-ful to me.
8 mer - ci-ful to me! On You alone I rest my
23 plea; I have no o-ther place to flee,__
28 O__ God, be__ mer - ci-ful to me.

To thee I come, a sinner vile;
upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy, through blood, I make my plea,
O God, be merciful to me.

(Chorus)

To thee I come, a sinner great;
and well thou knowest all my state.
Yet full forgiveness is with thee,
O God, be merciful to me.

(Chorus)

O God, be merciful to me.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Text: Samuel Stennett • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner

Tenor

On Jor-dan's stor-my banks I stand, and cast a wish-ful
eye; To Can-aan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-se-sions
lie. O'er all those wide ex-ten-ded plains, shines
chil-ling winds or poi-son breath, can
one et-er-nal day; There God the Son_ for-
reach that health-ful shore; Where sick-ness, sor-row,
ev-er reigns, and scat-ters night a-way. I am bound, I am
pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land!_ I am bound, I am
bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land!_ No

When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed;
For I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.

(Chorus)

Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay;
Though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • Philippians 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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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. 23): chapter 17 + conclusion.

Sunday School • We’re looking forward to starting classes again in September! If you are able to help teach the children, please contact Joe Pope (pope.joe@gmail.com).

Moms’ Group • 10am Tue., Aug. 18 at Rainy Aznoe’s home. Lunch provided. RSVP (rainyrr@aol.com).

Summer BBQ • Sun., Aug. 23 after Worship at the Costa home. RSVP (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

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. *We will worship at the campout.*

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

Today: Friesen Next Sunday: Hamilton

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

Today: Hamilton Next Sunday: Tayun

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