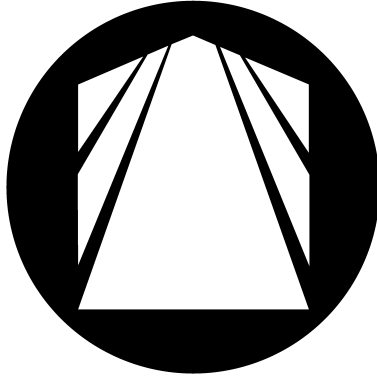


"Jesus' life isn't just the pattern or template for the New Creation; his life is the very life of the New Creation. The Christian's new humanity is Christ's own humanity, received and exercised by faith. 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (Galatians 2:20). And Christ's humanity—which now is ours through his Spirit—is chiefly characterized by true, selfless love of the other."



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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Nehemiah 9:5-6**

Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

# The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone • Music: Samuel S. Wesley

Tenor



The church - 's one foun - da - tion is  
E - - - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet  
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men  
Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she is His new cre - a - tion by  
one o'er all the earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion one  
see her sore op - pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by  
wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n He came and  
Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she  
her - e - sies dis - tressed, yet saints their watch are  
sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with  
bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and  
keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and  
His own blood He bought her, and for her life he  
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en -  
soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of  
died.  
dued.  
song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 147:2-3**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
    he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted  
    and binds up their wounds.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 147:11**

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
    in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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.*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Jeremiah 17:5-10**

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.*

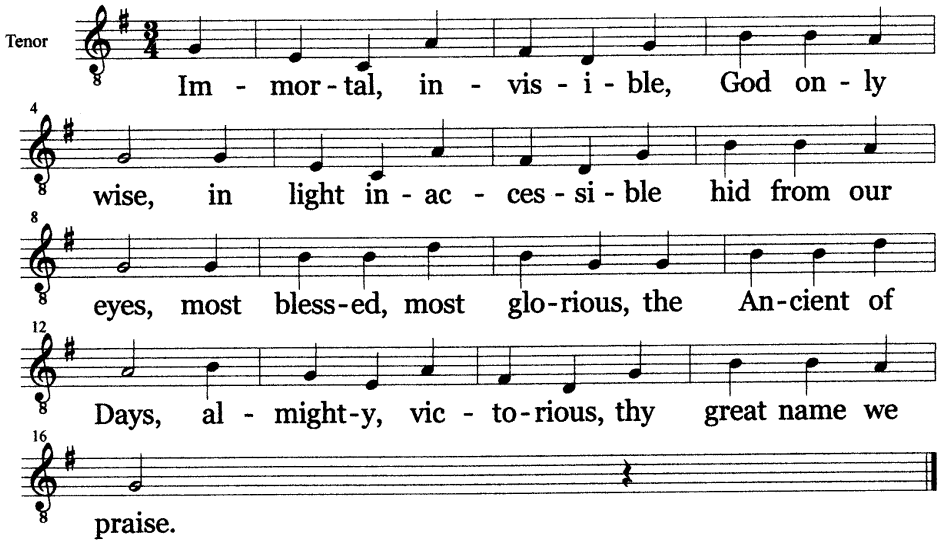
O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory forever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Immortal, Invisible

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith • Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh Melody • Public Domain

Tenor



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly  
wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our  
eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of  
Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we  
praise.

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

# Thine Be The Glory

Text: Edmond Budry • Music: George Frederick Handel

Tenor



8  
Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring  
Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the  
4  
No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of  
8  
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast  
tomb; lov - ing ly He greets us, scat - ters fear and  
8  
life; life is naught with - out thee: aid us in our  
8  
won; an - gels in bright rai - ment  
gloom; let the church with glad - ness,  
11  
strife; make us more than con - qu'ors,  
8  
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,  
15  
thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan  
8  
where thy bod - y lay. Thine be the glo - ry  
death hath lost its sting.  
19  
to thy home a - bove.  
8  
ris - en con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
22  
8  
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

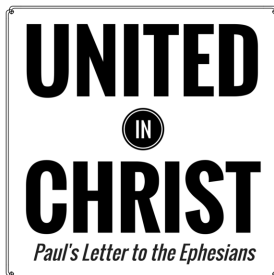
## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 4:17-24**

<sup>17</sup> Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—<sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## **SERMON • “Put On The New Self” (Rev. Eric Costa)**









THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed**

What do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.<sup>1</sup> The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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].)

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<sup>1</sup> When the Creed states that Jesus "descended into hell," we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

<sup>2</sup> Or, "universal."

# What Wondrous Love Is This

Text: American Folk Hymn • Music: Southern Harmony • Public Domain



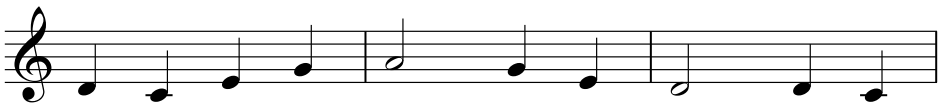
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2 When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won-drous love is this, O my soul! What  
down, when I was sin-king down, sin-king down; \_\_\_\_\_ when  
sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! \_\_\_\_\_ To  
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! \_\_\_\_\_ And



won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
I was sin-king down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ  
God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and



bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

# Now Thank We All Our God

Text: Martin Rinkart • Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Now thank we all our God with  
O may this boun - teous God through  
All praise and thanks to God the

heart and hands and voic - es, Who  
all our life be near - us, With  
Fa - ther now be giv - en, The

won - drous things hath done, in whom His world re -  
e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to  
Son, and Him who reigns with them in high - est

joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers'  
cheer us; And keep us in His  
heav - en, The one e - ter - nal

arms, hath blessed us on our way With  
grace, and guide us when per - plexed. And  
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; For

count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
free us from all ills, in this world and the next  
thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

**BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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**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).

**Home Group** • Today at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope. Join us for lunch, conversation, and prayer.

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

Today: Pope                      Next Sunday: Sery

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

Today: K. Boden                Next Sunday: Sery

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