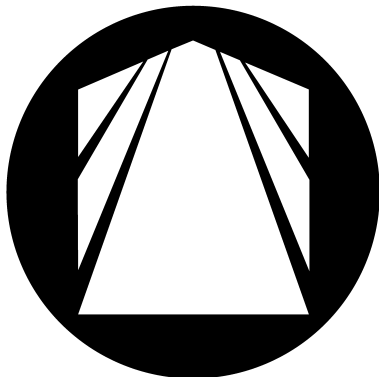


"My denial of my sin protects, preserves, perpetuates that sin!
Ugliness in me, while I live in illusions, can only grow the uglier."

Walter Wangerin Jr., *Reliving The Passion*

"When God created Adam and Eve, he designed their sexuality and resulting lovemaking to be an expression of perfect intimacy—the antithesis of self-gratification... Sex addicts develop a contempt for genuinely intimate relationships... When people learn to act independently of others and God, they become self-indulgent. They develop strategies that they perceive will help them achieve personal satisfaction... Sexually addictive behaviors are not as dark as the internal commitment to serve self."

Harry Schaumburg, *False Intimacy*



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet • Music: Oliver Holden • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all.' The score ends with a double bar line.

All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of
all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and
crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
Join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like a mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to give sacrificially, but we are begrudging. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the unshakeable kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • Acts 2:44-45

All who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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 • Proverbs 2

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.

Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy
4 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
8 self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
7 cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;
8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.
13 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me
16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for
19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

(Chorus x2)

My Jesus, As Thou Wilt

Text: Benjamin Schmolck • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



My Je-sus as Thou wilt: O may Thy will be—
My Je-sus as Thou wilt: Though seen through man - y a
mine! In - to Thy hand of— love I would my all re -
tear, Let not my star of— hope grow dim or dis - a -
sign. Through sor - row or through joy, con -
pear. Since Thou on earth hast— wept and
duct me as Thine own, and help me still to— say, "My
sor - rowed oft a - lone, if I must weep with Thee, "My
Lord, Thy will be— done." A - men!— A -
Lord, Thy will be— done."
men!— A - - - men!—

My Jesus, as thou wilt: all shall be well for me;
each changing future scene I gladly trust with thee.
Straight to my home above, I travel calmly on,
and sing in life or death, "My Lord, thy will be done."
Amen! Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen! Amen!
Amen.

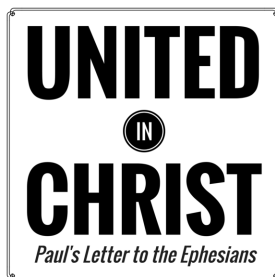
NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 5:3-14

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Dark Union” (Rev. Eric Costa)







THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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].)

Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor

8 A - bide with me; — fast fall the e - ven -
3 Thou on my head, in — ear - ly youth didst
6 tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -
9 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Tenor' and has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff has a measure rest at the beginning, followed by eighth and quarter notes. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff concludes the phrase with a whole note and a final bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. Measure numbers 8, 3, 6, and 9 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

Be Still, My Soul

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 • Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your
 4 Be still, my soul: your when God will un - der
 8 Be still, my soul: your when God - est friends de -
 12 side; _____ bear to pa - tient the - ly the
 16 take _____ and guide all is dark - ture
 20 part, _____ and all is dark - ened
 24 cross of grief or pain; _____ leave to your
 28 as he has the of past, _____ Your hope, your
 32 in the vale of tears, _____ then shall you
 36 God to or - der and pro - vide; _____
 40 con - fi - dence let his noth - ing shake; _____
 44 bet - ter know his love, his heart, _____
 48 _____ in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -
 52 _____ all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at -
 56 _____ who come to soothe your sor - row and your
 60 main. _____ Be still, my soul: your
 64 last. _____ Be still, my soul: the
 68 fears. _____ Be still, my soul: your
 72 best, your heav'n - ly Friend _____ through thorn - y
 76 waves and winds still know _____ his voice who
 80 Je - sus can re - pay _____ from his own
 84 ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 88 ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 92 full - ness all he takes a - way.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
 when we shall be forever with the Lord,
 when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
 sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION • 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father’s Son, in truth and love.

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Sunday School • After Worship, and some time for fellowship and coffee, join us 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).

Gospel-Centered Life Home Group • Today after Worship and Sunday School, at the Pope home (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard).

Musicians • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and practice. Families are welcome. Also, if you’re interested in Advent choir, contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

Women’s Retreat • This week, Fri. - Sun., Oct. 16-18 at Rockaway Beach.

Moms’ Group • Enjoy relaxing with other moms with young children, and invite your friends!

- 10am Wed., Oct. 28 at the home of Sara Sery. The Serys have a bit of a volunteer pumpkin patch, so toss costumes on your kids (or leave them in their pajamas!) and they can pick one to take home. Lunch provided. RSVP (the.serys@gmail.com).

Monthly Men’s Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Oct. 31 at the Costa home. Each time we meet we’ll look briefly at a phrase from the Apostles’ Creed. Eric will provide a brief teaching to kickstart our table conversations. This should be a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors! RSVP (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com), and let Eric know if you can help by bringing part of the breakfast.

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

Today: Pope Next Sunday: The Incredible Tim Sery

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

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