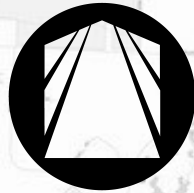


"The Christian is called not to individualism  
but to membership in the mystical body."

C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Vows for Membership



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship • February 21, 2016



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

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.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!


Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

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Tenor



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the  
sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys  
run, His king - dom stretch from  
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and  
wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

The Lord be with you. <sup>Ruth 2:4</sup>

*The Lord bless you.*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 2 Corinthians 5:20b**

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • Ezra 9**

*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And now, O our God, what shall we say? We have forsaken your commandments. O God, forgive me; forgive us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who died to take away our guilt. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 2 Corinthians 5:21**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.*

**GOSPEL READING • John 13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup> "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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...

(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.*

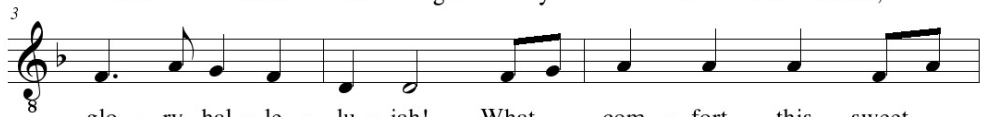
*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

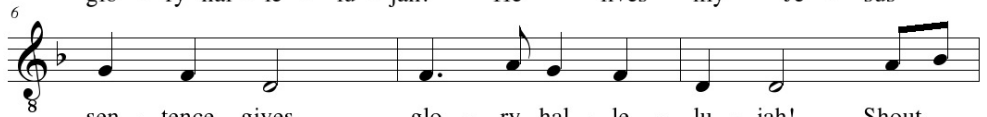
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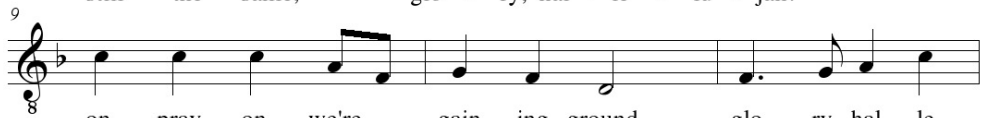
I - know that my Re - deem - er lives,  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,  
He lives to bless me with his love,  
He lives all glo - ry to his name,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! What com - fort this sweet  
glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He lives, my ev - er -  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives to plead for  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives my Je - sus



sen - tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout  
last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

# Rejoice In Christ Your King

Text: Edward H. Plumtree • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

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!

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Galatians 6:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup> Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • "Ascension's Basic Commitment" (Rev. Eric Costa)





Jesus, God's Son, came to earth to help people everywhere.





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 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 in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

# Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted

Text: Thomas Kelly • Music: Phillip Palmertree • Public Domain

8 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed see Him  
Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing was there  
Ye who think of \_\_\_\_\_ sin but light - ly \_\_\_\_\_ nor sup -  
6 Here we have a \_\_\_\_\_ firm foun - da - tion \_\_\_\_\_ Here the  
8 dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by  
ev - er grief like His? Friends thro' fear His  
pose \_\_\_\_\_ the ev - il great Here may view its \_\_\_\_\_  
11 re - fuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of \_\_\_\_\_  
8 man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis  
cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing His dis -  
\_\_\_\_\_ nat - ure right - ly \_\_\_\_\_ here its guilt \_\_\_\_\_ may est - i -  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ our sal - va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ His the name \_\_\_\_\_ of which we  
8 He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et,  
tress; man - y hands were raised to wound Him,  
mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed \_\_\_\_\_  
21 boast. Lamb of God, for \_\_\_\_\_ sin - ners wound - ed \_\_\_\_\_  
8 Dav - id's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;  
none would in - ter - pose \_\_\_\_\_ to save;  
\_\_\_\_\_ see who bears the aw - ful - load;  
25 \_\_\_\_\_ sac - ri - fice to can - cel \_\_\_\_\_ guilt!  
8 by his Son God now has spok - en:  
but the deep - est stroke that pierced Him,  
'Tis the Word the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord's an - noint - ed \_\_\_\_\_  
29 None shall ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ be con - found \_\_\_\_\_ ed \_\_\_\_\_  
8 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Son of Man \_\_\_\_\_ and Son of God.  
\_\_\_\_\_ who on Him \_\_\_\_\_ their hope have built.

# May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
*My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!*

## BENEDICTION • Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Remember:* every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

**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).

**Rejoicing in Christ Home Group** • Today at the home of Joe & Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany, Tigard). Everyone is invited to join us as we share lunch and conversation about Michael Reeves' book.

**Prayer Home Group** • Next Sunday (Feb. 28) at the home of Eric & Jerilee Costa (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We'll discuss "" from Karl Barth's book, *Prayer*. RSVP to Jerilee, and let her know if you can help with lunch (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 29 - May 1. RSVP to Sam Boden (samuelboden@gmail.com).

**Church Campout** • Fri. - Sun., Aug. 19-21, at the Deschutes River State Rec. Area. Mark your calendars! We'll join our sister congregation, Hope (Portland), for the weekend. Stay tuned for more details...

**Musicians** • Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at the Costa home for fellowship and preparation for the coming Sunday. Families are welcome. Contact Kady Boden (kady@ascensionpc.org).

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

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

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

Today: Sery Next Sunday: Whipple

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



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