

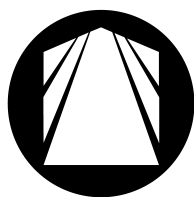
# Treasure

"Because I have been raised with Christ I no longer have to fear the loss of dying to self."

E. C. Bell

"You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving."

Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day

April 10, 2016



THE WORD



## **CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 118:1-4**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

## May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

8

When morn-ing gilds the skies, my  
When sleep her peace de - nies, my  
heart a - wake-ing cries; A - like at work and prayer,  
si - lent spi - rit sighs; When ev - il thoughts mo - lest,  
— on Christ I cast my cares; May  
— with this I shield my breast; May  
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
— To God, the Word, on high, the  
— In Heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss, the  
host of an - gels cry. May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
love-liest strain is this!  
— May Je - sus Christ be praised! My  
God, the Sav-ior reigns! May Je-sus Christ be praised!

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18

21

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!*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 7:23-25**

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he lives always to make intercession for them.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father, Son, and Spirit—our Triune God—you are the only true and living God. We know that you alone are good, yet we still turn to false gods for strength, for pleasure, for comfort, for life. But this is death. We confess that we have sinned, both in the evil we have done, and in the good we have done in order to avoid you. We do not know all the ways our hearts are far from you; we have deceived ourselves. We cannot even confess every sin, or know all our false gods, to turn away from them to you. We are utterly at your mercy. O Lord Jesus, be gracious to us. O Father, assure us of your love that makes all things new. O Holy Spirit, dwell in us and have your way with us. We pray in Christ our Savior. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 7:26-27**

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2**

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice 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.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 112

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...

Our Father in the heavens, you do all that you please. You are sovereign over everything that you have made. Nothing can thwart your holy will. You have declared the end from the beginning, and you will accomplish all your purpose.

*We trust that you love us, and that you order our lives for our good and your glory. Help us where our faith is weak. Grant us peace that passes understanding in the midst of the trials of this life. We rejoice and rest in your perfect, fatherly care.*

Please, Father, make the earth more like heaven.

*Be present with us through your Holy Spirit. Comfort and heal those who are sick in mind, heart, and body. Revive dead souls to life, and lift up those who are poor in spirit. Provide for those who are seeking work. Bring justice, peace, and prosperity to our community, and to the world. Send your Son again soon to make heaven and earth one.*

Until that Day, Father, may your will be done in us and through us.

*Not our will but yours be done. May the joy of your salvation be our strength as we seek to live for you. We want to be holy as you are holy; teach us the law of love, and help us to obey you. Change our will to align with your own; help us to love what you love, and to hate what you hate. Make our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to you, our Father who is in heaven. In Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Text: George Matheson • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner



O Love that will not let me go, I  
O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I  
O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I  
O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I  
yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My  
can - not close my heart to thee; I  
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That  
heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
trace the rain - bow through the rain, And  
lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May  
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May  
feel the prom - ise is not vain, That  
from the ground there blos - soms red Life



ri - cher, full - er be.\_\_\_\_  
bright - er, fair - er be.\_\_\_\_  
morn shall tear - less be.\_\_\_\_  
that shall end - less be.\_\_\_\_

## Rejoice In Christ Your King

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

Tenor

8 Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks  
Bright youth and snow crowned age, both men and wo -  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still chant - ing as  
8 and sing; your fes - tal ban - er wave on high,  
men raise on high your free ex - ult - ing song,  
7 you go, from youth to age, by night and day,  
8 the cross of Christ your King. Re-joyce! Re - joice! Re-  
de - clare God's won - drous praise.  
11 in glad - ness and in woe.  
8 joice give thanks and sing! Re - joice! Re - joice! Re-joyce  
15 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 • 1 Corinthians 15:57 – 16:2**

<sup>15:57</sup> Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

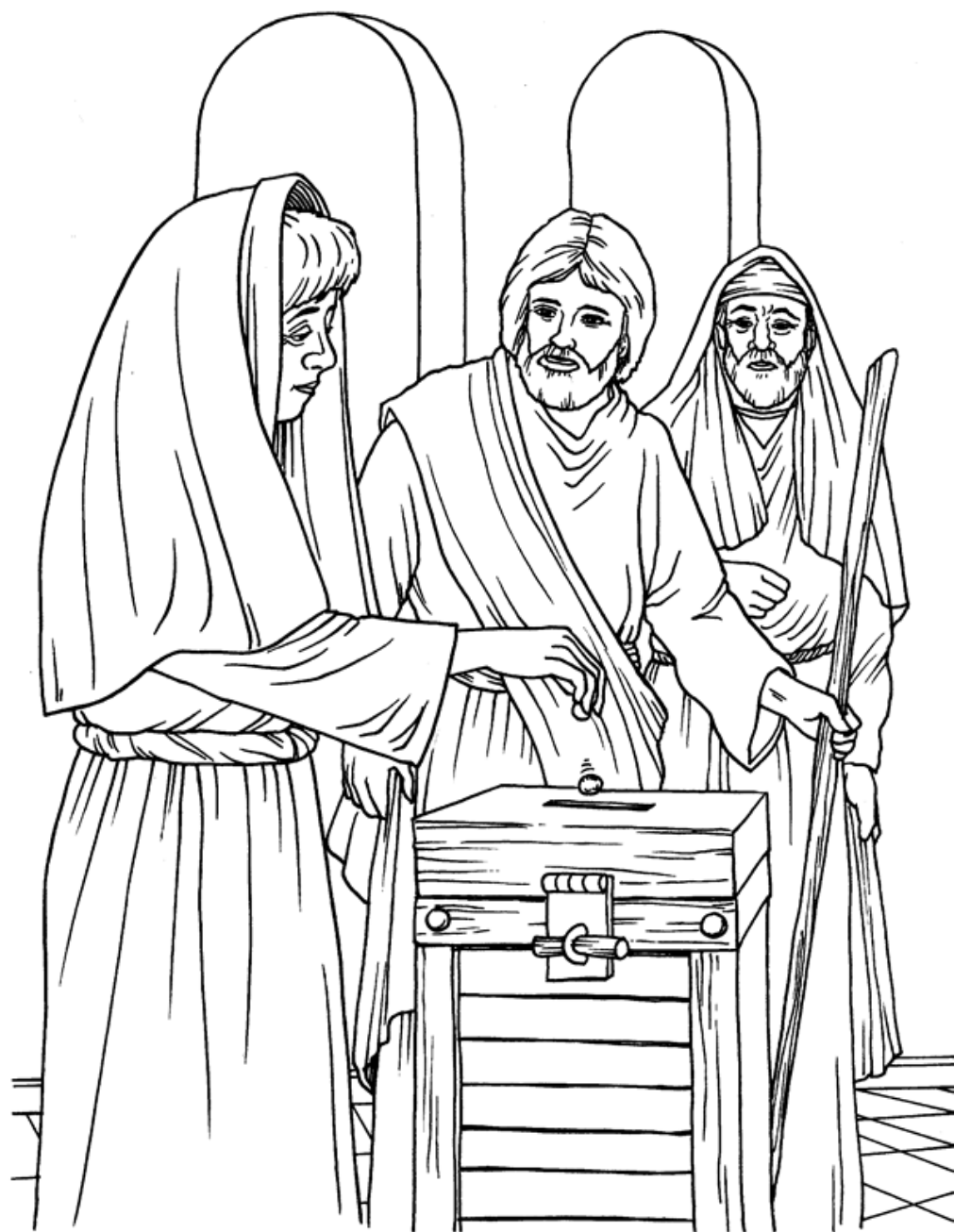
<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

<sup>16:1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Resurrection Generosity” (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 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].)

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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.

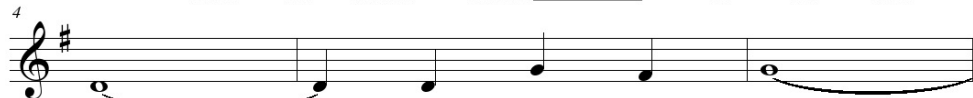
<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: Lowell Mason, *Hamburg* • Public Domain



When I sur - vey \_\_\_\_\_ the won - drous  
For - bid it Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ that I should  
See, from His head, \_\_\_\_\_ His hands, His  
Were the whole realm \_\_\_\_\_ of na - ture



cross \_\_\_\_\_ on which the Prince \_\_\_\_\_  
boast, \_\_\_\_\_ save in the death \_\_\_\_\_  
feet, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row and love \_\_\_\_\_  
mine, \_\_\_\_\_ that were a pre -



— of glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ died, \_\_\_\_\_ my rich - est  
— of Christ my God; \_\_\_\_\_ All the vain  
— flow ming - led down. \_\_\_\_\_ Did e'er such  
- sent far too small; \_\_\_\_\_ Love so a -



gain \_\_\_\_\_ I count but \_\_\_\_\_ loss, \_\_\_\_\_  
things \_\_\_\_\_ that charm me \_\_\_\_\_ most, \_\_\_\_\_  
love \_\_\_\_\_ and sor - row \_\_\_\_\_ meet, \_\_\_\_\_  
maz - - - ing, so di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_



— and pour con - tempt \_\_\_\_\_ on all my \_\_\_\_\_ pride.  
— I sac - ri - rice \_\_\_\_\_ them to His \_\_\_\_\_ blood.  
— or thorns com - pose \_\_\_\_\_ so rich a \_\_\_\_\_ crown?  
— de - mands my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ my life, my \_\_\_\_\_ all.

## Glorify Your Name

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Fa - ther we love you we wor-ship and a - dore you,  
5 glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -  
9 ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy  
14 your name, glo - ri - fy your name  
19 in all the earth.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 8/8. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Fa - ther we love you we wor-ship and a - dore you,'. The second staff continues with 'glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -'. The third staff has 'ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy'. The fourth staff has 'your name, glo - ri - fy your name'. The fifth staff concludes with 'in all the earth.' and a double bar line. Measure numbers 8, 5, 9, 14, and 19 are indicated at the beginning of their respective staves.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

## BENEDICTION • John 14:27

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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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 conversation 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 Street, Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about chapter 2 of Michael Reeves' book. All are welcome!

**Women's "Hebrews" Study** • 9am Thursdays at the home of Cindy Pope. Contact Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 29 - May 1. Contact: Sam Boden (samuelcboden@gmail.com).

**"I'm Hooked"** • Sat. - Sun., June 4-5. Free fishing weekend at Hagg Lake. Registration opens Apr. 1 (imhookedinc.org). See Robert Spracklen for details.

**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: Sery

Next Sunday: Jaques

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

Today: K. Boden

Next Sunday: C. Boden

**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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