



ASCENSION  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day  
July 10, 2016



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Colossians 3:16-17**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## How Great Thou Art

Text: Carl G. Boberg (Transl. Stuart K. Hine) • Music: Swedish Folk Song • Public Domain

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*(Chorus)*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee,  
"How great thou art, how great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee,  
"How great thou art, how great thou art!"*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

*(Chorus)*

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*(Chorus)*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
and then proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*(Chorus)*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 103:8-10**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 103:11-13**

As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Acts 20:32, 35**

"Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified... By working hard we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

## **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 123

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...

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem, may your church be a sign of hope and glory.

*Lord, have mercy.*

O Christ, truly risen from the dead, our Alpha and Omega, may the whole world live in peace and justice, according to Your will.

*Lord, have mercy.*

O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of promise, fulfill the needs and desires of those who are sick or sorrowful.

*Lord, have mercy.*

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.

*Teach us to proclaim the good news of your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*

God, teach us to pray as your Son taught His disciples, 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.*

# How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Text & Music: Stuart Townend • ©1995 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Deep The Father's Love For Us'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, and 15. The lyrics are: 'How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how Be-hold the man up-on the cross, my I will not boast in an-y thing, no vast be-yond all mea-sure, that sin up-on His should-ers; a-gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom; but He should give His on-ly Son to shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call I will boast in Je-sus Christ, His make a wretch His trea-sure. How out a-mong the scof-fers. It death and res-ur-rect-ion. Why great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa-ther turns His was my sin that held Him there un-til it was ac-should I gain from His re-ward? I can-not give an face a-way as wounds which mar the com-plished. His dy-ing breath has an-swer, but this I know with cho-sen one bring man-y sons to glo-ry. brought me life, I know that it is fin-ished. all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran-som.'

# For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 For all the saints who from this  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for- tress  
4 la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the  
8 and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the  
6 world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -  
well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their  
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.  
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alelu...  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## **SERMON (Joe Pope)**





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20**

Who is Jesus Christ?

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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].)

# Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

Text & Music: Robert Lowry • Public Domain (Hymnary.org)



1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of
2. For my par-don this I see: noth-ing but the blood of
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth-ing but the blood of
4. This is all my hope and peace: noth-ing but the blood of



Je - sus. What can make me whole a - gain?  
Je - sus. For my clean - sing this my plea:  
Je - sus. Naught of good that I have done:  
Je - sus. This is all my right - eous - ness:



Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
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noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



O pre cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no o - ther fount I know; noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

5. Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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

Tenor

8 On Jor-dan's stor - my banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful  
4 eye; To Can-aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos-se - sions  
8 lie. O'er all those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines  
11 chil - ling winds or poi - son breath, can  
8 one et - er - nal day; There God the Son\_ for -  
14 reach that health - ful shore; Where sick - ness, sor - row,  
8 ev - er reigns, and scat-ters night a - way. I am bound, I am  
18 pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
8 bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land!\_ I am bound, I am  
22 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 • Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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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!

**School Garden Donations** • Today we'll collect donations for the teaching garden at W. L. Henry Elementary. We're collecting money for a garden shed, as well as new and used tools/supplies. Contact Jerilee Costa at [wlhenry.garden@gmail.com](mailto:wlhenry.garden@gmail.com) for more information.

**Church Campout** • Fri. - Sun., Aug. 19-21, at the Deschutes River State Rec. Area. We'll join our sister congregation, Hope (Portland), for the weekend. *We will Worship at the campout and not in Hillsboro that Sunday (Aug. 21).* Reserve a spot with Tim Sery ([fiby2020@gmail.com](mailto:fiby2020@gmail.com)).

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

### Nursery Volunteers

Today: Jaques      Next Sunday: Hamilton

### Refreshments Volunteers

(Contact: Nicole Hamilton, [neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: Jaques      Next Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_



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