

*The Priest and rulers all false witness seek  
'Gainst him, who seeks not life, but is the meek  
And ready Paschal Lamb of this great week:  
Was ever grief like mine?*

*Then they accuse me of some great blasphemy,  
That I did thrust into the Deity,  
Who never thought that any robbery:  
Was ever grief like mine?*

George Herbert, from "The Sacrifice"

# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day  
September 18, 2016



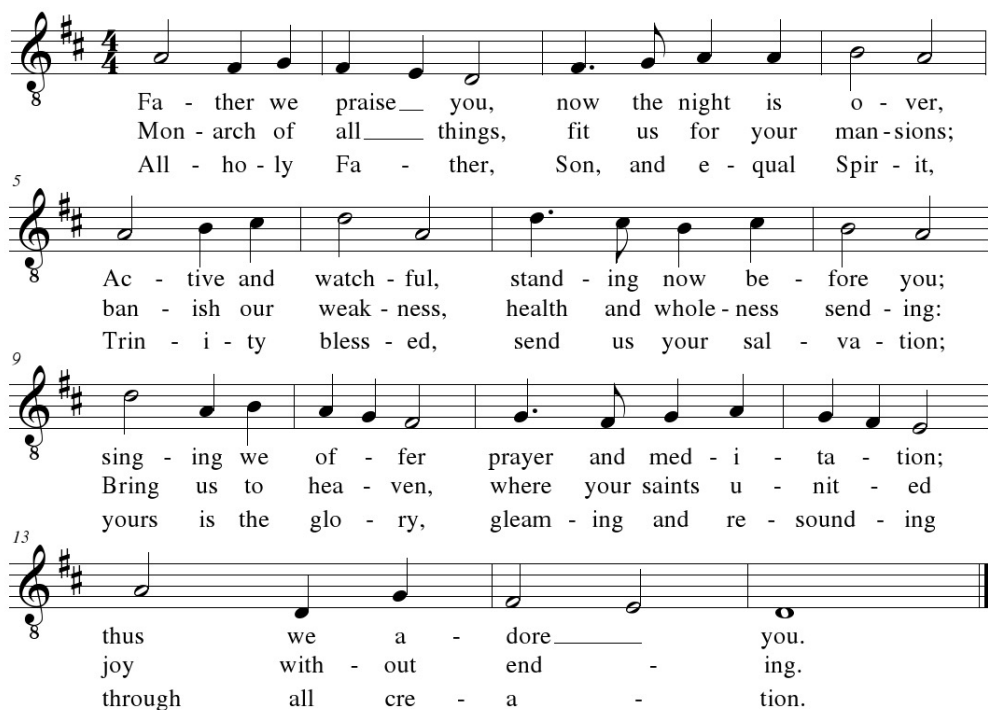
THE WORD

### **CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 30:4-5**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

## Father, We Praise You

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8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,  
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5 8 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;  
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:  
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9 8 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;  
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed  
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13 8 thus we a - dore you.  
joy with - out end - ing.  
through all cre - a - tion.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

## **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 53:4-5**

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Exodus 23:19**

The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your 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 132

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...

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

*That we all may be one.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you,

*That your Name would be honored by all people.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who lead and guide your church,

*That they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,

*That we may know the joy of living for you.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble,

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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.*

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his co-ve-nant, his blood, sup-port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right eous-ness: I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and stor-my gale, my  
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
him be found: dressed in his right eous-ness a-lone, fault-



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



Rock, I stand: all o - ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o - ther ground is sin-king sand.

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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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.\_\_\_\_

## **GOSPEL READING • John 1:19-34**

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • "The Lamb of God" (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.

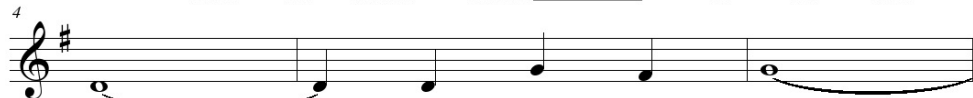
<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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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.

# Love Me To The End

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Jeff Koonce • ©2006 Red Mountain Music

Tenor

8 A beg - ar poor, at mer - cy's door, lies  
A wick - ed heart is no small part, of  
3 My stub - born will op - pos - es still, Thy  
such a wretch as I; Thou know'st my need is  
my dist - ress and shame; Let sover - eign grace its  
6 wise and ho - ly hand; Thy spi - rit send to  
great in - deed, Lord hear me when I cry.  
crimes ef - face, through Jes - sus' bles - sed name.  
9 make it bend, to Thy su - preme com - mand.  
8 With guilt be - set and deep in debt, for  
My dark - ened mind I dail - y find, is  
11 Af - fect - ions wild by sin def - iled, oft  
pard - on Lord, I pray; O let Thy love suf -  
prone to go as - tray; Lord on it shine with  
14 hur - ry me a - way; Lord, bring them home nor  
fi - cient prove, to take my sins a - way.  
light di - vine, and guide it in Thy way.  
let them roam, from Christ the Li - ving Way.

Before thy face I've told my case; Lord help and mercy send;  
pity my soul and make me whole, and love me to the end.

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

**Photo Directory** • It's been a while since we updated our photo directory! Bill Duncan will be taking pictures the next few Sundays. If you would like your picture taken, see Bill. If you need your information added to or updated in the directory, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

**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).

**Women's Retreat** • Oct. 14-16 in Lincoln City. Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@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: Sery                      Next Sunday: Hamilton

### Refreshments Volunteers

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Today: K. Boden              Next Sunday: Hamilton



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