

"The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,  
and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Genesis 6:5

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength...  
Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD."

Jeremiah 17:5, 7

"Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ... Within the spiritual community there is never, nor in any way, any 'immediate' relationship of one to another... *Human* love is directed to the other person for his own sake; *spiritual* love loves him for Christ's sake... Jesus Christ stands between the lover and the others he loves."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day  
October 23, 2016



THE WORD

### **CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 47:5-7**

God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Text: Johann Olearius (1611-1684)

Music: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David* (Geneva, 1551) • Public Domain

Tenor

8 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.

3 8 Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.

5 8 To God's peo - ple now pro - claim That God's par - don waits for them!

7 8 Tell them that their war is o - ver, God will reign in peace for - ev - er!

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Micah 7:18**

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • Daniel 9**

*O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness. We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Micah 7:19**

He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 6:24**

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

## **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 146

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- <sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;
- <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.
- The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

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.*

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: John Darwall • Public Domain

Tenor

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Re - joice the Lord is King: your Lord and King a -  
Je - sus the sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and  
His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and  
He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub -  
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall

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dore! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing and tri - umph ev - er -  
love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a -  
heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus  
mit, and bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his  
come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal

8

more. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I  
bove.  
giv'n.  
feet.  
home.

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8

say re - - - - joice!

## Peace, Perfect Peace

Text: Edward H. Bickersteth (1875) • Music: Matthew H. Curl (2008) • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of  
4 Peace, per-fect peace, with sor - rows surg - ing  
8 sin, the blood of Je - sus whis - pers peace with -  
8 round, on Je - sus' bo - som naught but calm is  
8 in. \_\_\_\_\_ Peace, perfect peace, by throng - ing du - ties  
12 found. \_\_\_\_\_ Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far a -  
8 pressed, to do the will of Je - sus, this is rest. \_\_\_\_\_  
17 way, in Je - sus' keep - ing we are safe and they. \_\_\_\_\_  
8 It is e - nough: earth's strug - gles soon shall cease, when  
21 Je - sus calls us to heaven's per - fect peace. \_\_\_\_\_ It is e -  
26 nough: earth's strug - gles soon shall cease, when Je - sus calls us  
30 home to a per - fect peace.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown,  
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.  
Peace, perfect peace, death shadows us and ours,  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.  
*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.  
It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us home to a perfect peace.*

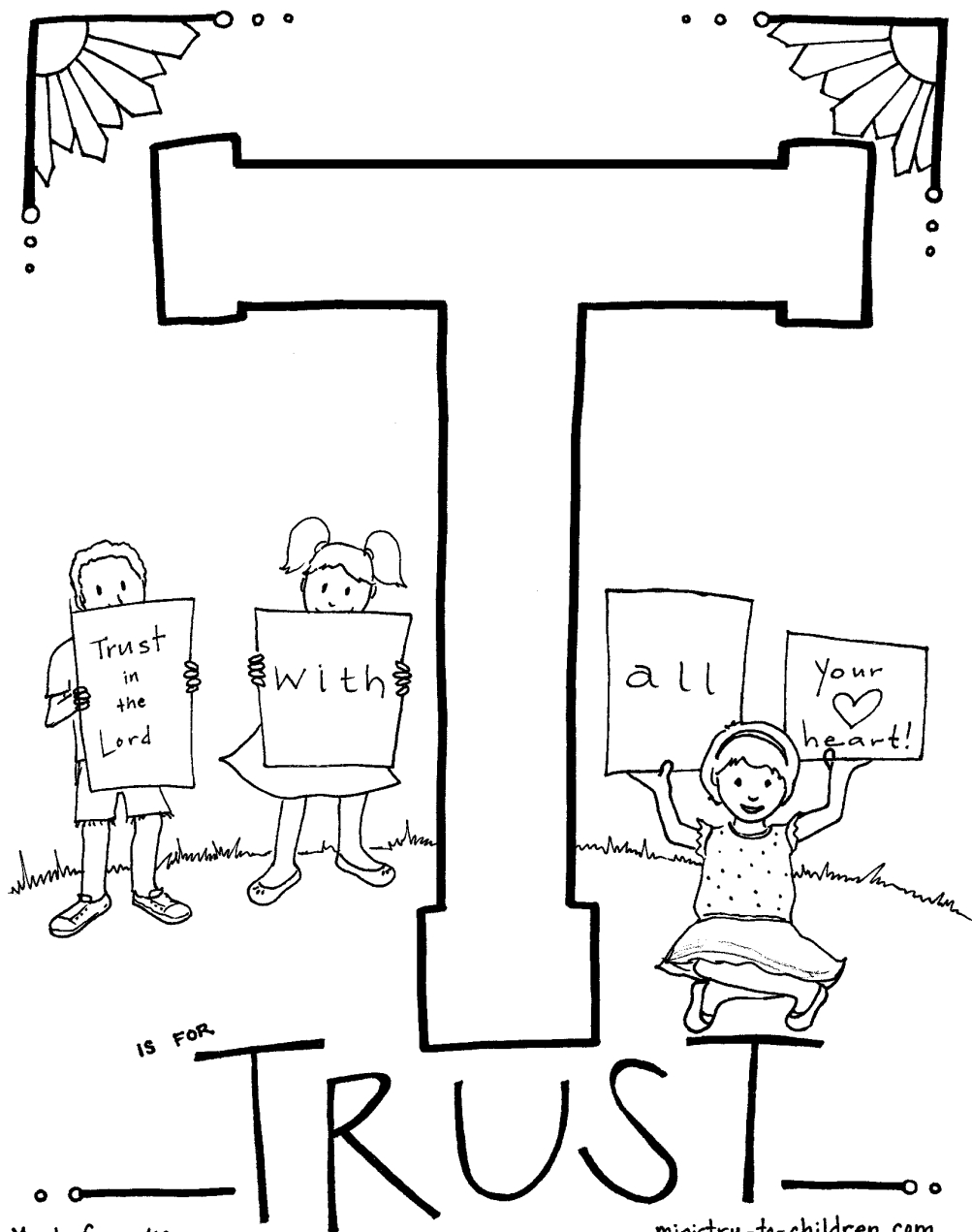
### **GOSPEL READING • John 2:23-25**

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

### **SERMON • “Trust” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



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# 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.”

## 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 is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are: 'A - bide with me; — fast fall the e - ven - Thou on my head, in — ear - ly youth didst tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean - 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.'

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.

# The Lamb Has Overcome

Music and Lyrics: Luke Morton • ©2011 Cardiphonia Music

The musical score is written for a single voice in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 34 measures across eight staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'The Lamb has over - come, the Lamb has over - come; the bat - tle's done and the vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov-er - come! No grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him down; up from the ground, "He is ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down. At God's right hand is He, at God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His name!' The score ends with a double bar line at measure 34.

4 The Lamb has ov - er - come, the  
7 Lamb has ov - er - come; the bat - tle's done and the  
11 vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov-er - come! No  
14 grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him  
16 down; up from the ground, "He is  
19 ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down.  
22 At God's right hand is He, at  
25 God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He  
28 lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy  
31 is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His  
34 name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry  
be un - to His name!

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;  
the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;  
he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

(Repeat Chorus)

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound  
in love for one another and for all.

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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** • Bill Duncan will be taking pictures the next few Sundays (weather permitting!). 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).

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