

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it."

Amos 9:13

"The Seeking Father, the Truthful Son, and the Flowing Spirit are working much harder than we are for our churches and cities and world. These glorious 'Others' love the world more than we do. All Christian work is pre-worked by Others."

Frederick Dale Bruner

"It is the nature of faith that we want to bring others to share eternal life with us
when we have become partakers of it."

John Calvin

ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day
January 22, 2017



THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 97:12

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

And Can It Be?

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Thomas Campbell • Public Domain

And can it be that I should gain an
'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies: who
Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay, fast
No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the
bound in sin and na - ture's night, Thine eye dif -
sus and all in Him, is mine; A - live in

me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dung - eon
Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -

death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
love di - vine, 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was
ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

be that thou my God, shouldst die for
dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed
throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my

me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that
more, Thee, own,

thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing 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 • Isaiah 55

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 Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to reign in justice as our King:

Cause our President and Congress to love justice and mercy. Help our Mayor and City Council to increase the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy the works of the devil:

Restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law. Destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit. Protect us from the temptations, deceit and accusations of the devil.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to bring us peace with God:

Bring peace between nations in Your world; help Ascension to live in your peace together; come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to seek and save that which was lost:

Show mercy to our friends who do not yet know you; deepen our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy death and to bring life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Comfort those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to sympathize with our weaknesses:

Please hear us as we bring you our specific requests. (Silent prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught us:

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.

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy

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1. God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
2. Friend of the friend - less and the _____ faint,
3. That were a grief I could not _____ bear,



Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
Where should I lodge my _____ deep com - - paint?
Didst Thou not hear and _____ an - swer _____ prayer;



When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - - pen _____ door,
But a prayer - hear - ing, an - swer - ing _____ God,



Leave not my tremb - ling heart to _____ fail.
In - vites the help - less and the _____ poor?
Sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.



Poor though I am, des - pised, for - got, _____ Yet God, my God, for -



gets me not; _____ And he is safe, and must suc -



ceed, For whom, the Lord is sure to _____ plead. _____

The Lord, My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

1 The Lord my shep - herd rules my life
The Lord re - vives my fail - ing strength,
Though in a val - ley dark as death,

3 and gives me all I need; He
He makes my joy com - plete; and
no e - vil makes me fear; Your

5 leads me by re - fresh - ing streams;
in right paths, for His names sake,
shep - herd's staff pro - tects my way,

7 in pas - tures green I feed. Your
He guides my fal - te - ring feet.
for you are with me there.

9 good - ness and your gra - cious love pur - sue me all my
12 days; Your house, O Lord, shall be my home, your
15 name my end - less praise.

While all my enemies look on, you spread a royal feast;
you fill my cup, anoint my head, and treat me as your guest.

(Chorus)

GOSPEL READING • John 4:25-42

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,

²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them,

"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you,

lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

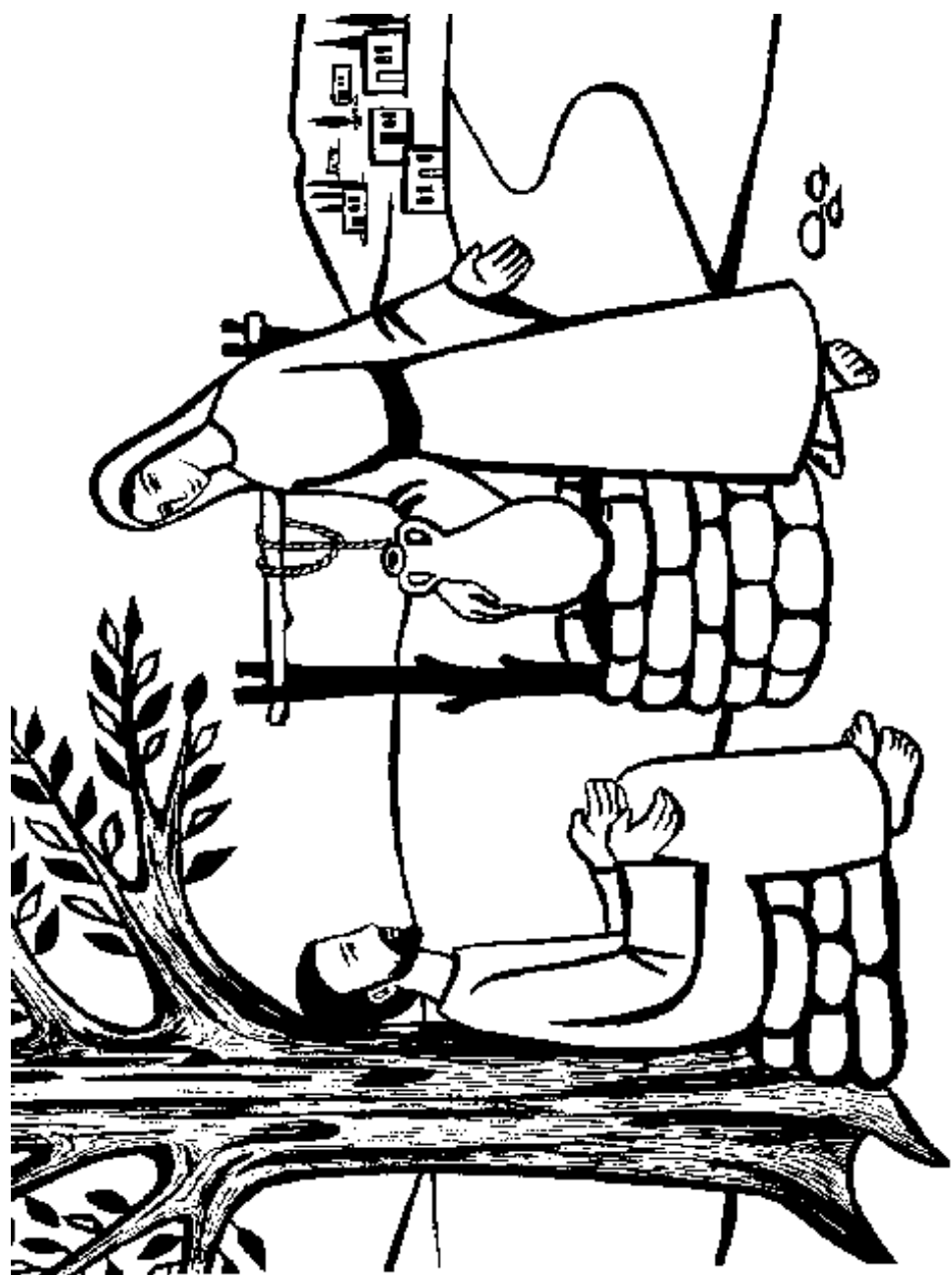
³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "A Sinner's Testimony" (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.¹ 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 catholic² 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].)

¹ 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.

² Or, “universal.”

In Mercy Broken

Lyric: Reginald Heber • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro -
5 Look on the heart by sor - row bro -
8 ken
9 ken Wine of the
8 Look on the
13 soul, in mer - cy shed
tears by sin - ners shed
8 By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
18 And be thy feast to us the to - ken
8 And in whose death our sins are
22 That by thy grace our souls are
8 dead.
26 fed.
8 ia! Al - le - lu -
31 ia!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It is written on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The score consists of 31 measures. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: 'Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Wine of the Look on the soul, in mercy shed tears by sinners shed By whom the words of life were spoken, And be thy feast to us the token And in whose death our sins are That by thy grace our souls are dead. fed. ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'.

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 • John 20:21

Jesus said, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

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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).

Setup Help Needed • If you can help Robert with setup once a month, please contact Joe Hamilton (joehamilton10@georgefox.edu).

Home Group • Today at the Pope home (15953 SW Tuscany Street, Tigard). All are welcome!

Congregational Meeting • Feb. 5 after Worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect Joe Hamilton to the office of Deacon.

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Jaques Next Sunday: Childers

Refreshments Volunteers

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

Today: Kramlich Next Sunday: K. Boden



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- ☐ I want to know more about being a Christian.
- ☐ I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- ☐ Please send me the email newsletter.
- ☐ Please use this info for the photo directory.