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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 113:1-3**

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Text: Johann Olearius (1611-1684)

Music: Louis Bourgeois, *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 Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.

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

7 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 • Proverbs 28:13**

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Fountain of Living Waters, you give to all mankind life and breath and everything. But we have refused to honor you or give you thanks. We stubbornly pretend that we don't need you, that we can help ourselves. We actively resist your presence and will in our lives. We thoughtlessly ignore you, which may be the worst slight of all. Yet you remain a God of light and life and love, and, in your grace, you have invaded this world to save us from ourselves. Your presence and will, as seen in Jesus, is better than our autonomy. We are sorry for our foolish rebellion. Please forgive us, and fix our eyes on Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Proverbs 30:5**

Every word of God proves true;  
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9**

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

## **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.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING • Matthew 7:21-23**

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...

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For nations, leaders and governments; that integrity may mark all their dealings, we pray to you O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For all who labor for righteousness; that your presence and help may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For communities torn by dissension and strife; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved; that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For the Church, your household and family; that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

For our pastor, and for all who bear Christ's name; that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

*Father, your kingdom come.*

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory forever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# How Deep The Father's Love For Us

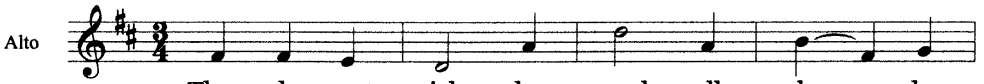
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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Deep The Father's Love For Us'. It consists of ten staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, and 15 indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

# Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

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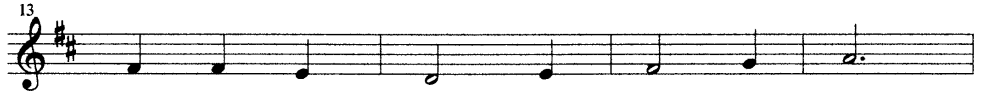
Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor  
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing  
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing



all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;  
all for love's sake be - cam - est man;  
Sav - ior and King we wor - ship thee.



thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.  
heav'n - ward by thine et - ter - nal plan.  
make us what thou wouldst have us be.



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## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 139

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
3 You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
4 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.  
5 You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
9 If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
10 even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.
- 13 For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.  
15 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.
- 19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!  
O men of blood, depart from me!  
20 They speak against you with malicious intent;  
your enemies take your name in vain.  
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
22 I hate them with complete hatred;  
I count them my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • "Into Me See" (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.

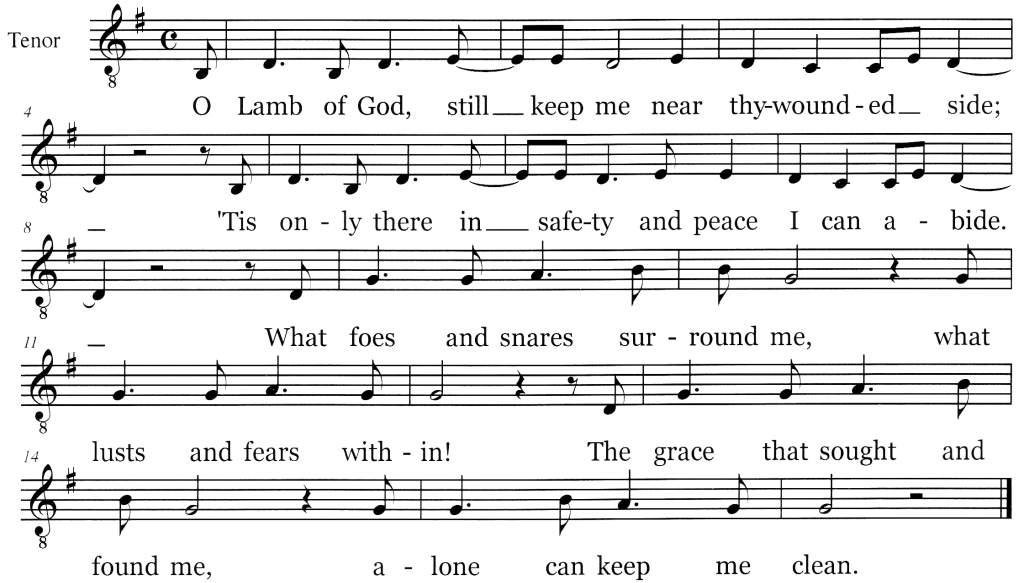
**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(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 for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

# O Lamb Of God, Still Keep Me

Text: James George Deck • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor



O Lamb of God, still keep me near thy-wound-ed side;  
'Tis on-ly there in safe-ty and peace I can a-bide.  
What foes and snares sur-round me, what  
lusts and fears with-in! The grace that sought and  
found me, a-lone can keep me clean.

'Tis only in thee hiding, I feel myself secure;  
'tis only in thee abiding, the conflict can endure;  
thine arm the victory gaineth, o'er every hateful foe;  
thy love my heart sustaineth in all its cares and woes.

Soon shall my eyes behold thee with rapture, face to face;  
one half hath not been told me of all thy pow'r and grace:  
thy beauty, Lord, and glory, the wonders of thy love,  
shall be the endless story of all the saints above.

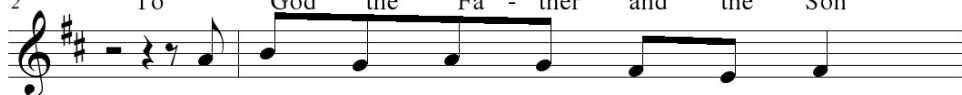
# Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Text: Psalm 139 and the Gloria Patri

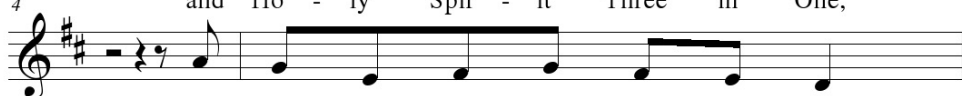
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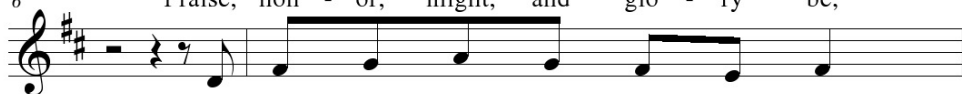
Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know  
Ere in - to be - ing I was brought,  
Thy thoughts, O God, how man - i - fold,  
2 To God the Fa - ther and the Son



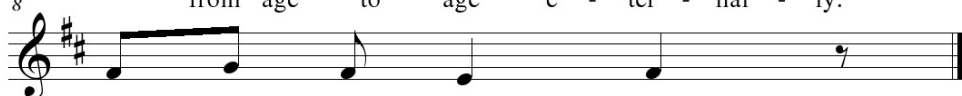
wher - e'er I rest, where - e'er I go;  
thine eye did see and in thy thought  
more pre - cious are to me than gold!  
4 and Ho - ly Spir - it Three in One,



thou know - est all that I have planned,  
my life in all its per - fect plan  
I muse on their in - fin - i - ty,  
6 Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be,



and all my ways are in thy hand. \_\_\_\_\_  
was or - dered ere my days be - gan. \_\_\_\_\_  
a - wak - ing I am still with thee. \_\_\_\_\_  
8 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



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A - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

## BENEDICTION • Jude 1-2

To those who are called,  
beloved in God the Father  
and kept for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

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*Remember:* every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends, to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church! For information about our regular meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit [ascensionpc.org/calendar](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).

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**After Worship** • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation! We take a break from Sunday School and Sermon Discussion for the summer. (If you're interested in being a teacher next year, please contact Joe Pope: [pope.joe@gmail.com](mailto:pope.joe@gmail.com).)

**Summer Potluck** • Sun., July 8 at the home of Tim and Sara Sery (17290 SW Seiffert Road, Sherwood).

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Ideally, each Sunday we have two volunteers: one bringing snacks for the children, the other bringing something for the adults. Contact: Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com))

Today: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Next week: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Nursery Volunteers** • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainy Aznoe ([rainyrr@aol.com](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

Today: Jaques      Next week: Bonifield



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