

"Likeness to God is a definition of true blessedness."

Gregory of Nyssa

"They are blessed who apply their hearts to the pursuit of heavenly wisdom."

John Calvin



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PUBLIC WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 55:1-3a

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live."

All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultz • Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All — praise to God who reigns a - bove the —
What — God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his —
I — cried to him in time of need: Lord —
The — Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his —
Ye — who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to —
3 Then — come be - fore His pre - sence now and —

8 God of all cre - a - tion the — God of won - ders
grac - ious mer - cy — keep - eth. By — morn - ing glow or
God, O hear my — call - ing! For — death he gave me
chos - en gen - er - er — a - tion; He — is their re - fuge
God give praise and glo - ry! Ye — who the Fath - er's
6 ba - nish fear and sad - ness; To — your Re - deem - er

8 powr and love, the — God of our sal - va - tion! With
eve - ning shade his — watch - ful eye ne'er — sleep - eth; With -
life in - deed and — kept my feet from — fall - ing. For
and their rock, their — peace and their sal - va - tion. As
pow'r pro - claim, to — God give praise and glo - ry! All
9 pay your vow and — sing with joy and — glad - ness: Though

8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery
in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his
i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The
12 great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!
God with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • John 3:16-17

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you sent Jesus to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. We confess that we have turned aside to our own way, have ignored your precious word, and have sought to find happiness outside of your will and apart from you. In your mercy forgive us. We would flee to no other refuge, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief; but alone entrust ourselves to Jesus' saving power, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 19:30

Jesus said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 10:8

"Freely you have received. Freely give."

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 • Colossians 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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.

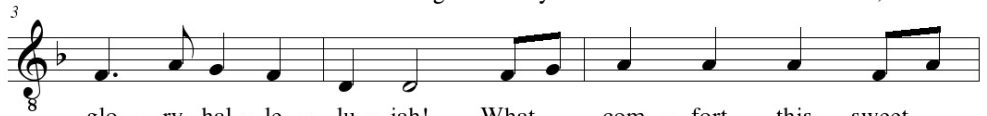
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

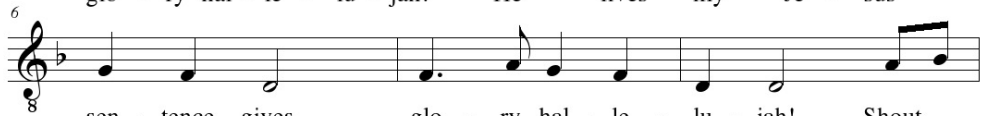
Text: Samuel Medley • Music: American Folk Hymn • Public Domain



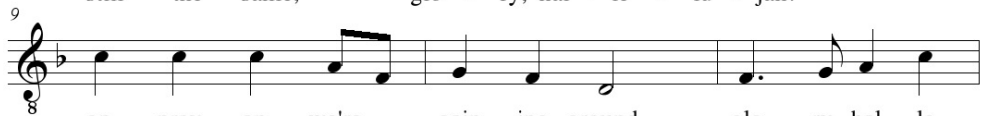
I - know that my Re - deem - er lives,
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,
He lives to bless me with his love,
He lives all glo - ry to his name,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! What com - fort this sweet
glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He lives, my ev - er -
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives to plead for
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives my Je - sus



sen - tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout
last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Text: Psalm 73 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
God-is good to His peo - ple, His mer-cy to me,
5
8
is al-ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.
9
8
And when my faith fal - tered, I en-vied the proud.
13
8
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
17
8
Trust-in the Lord God, He is un-fail - ing,
21
8
He is the strength of my heart ev - er more!
the good and the pure.

The wicked all prosper, and firm is their health;
they suffer no pangs as they gather their wealth.
They never are troubled with sickness or pain,
but boast to all others of ill-gotten gain.

(Chorus)

In doubt and temptation, I rest Lord in you;
my hand is in your hand, whatever I do.
You always are with me; you guide with your word,
and soon into glory will take me, O Lord.

(Chorus)

Whom have I, O Savior, in heaven but you?
On earth for none other I long but for you.
My flesh and my heart may be weakened and sore,
but God is the strength of my heart evermore.

(Chorus)

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Blessed Man” (Rev. Eric Costa)



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].)

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. _____
21 It is e - nough: earth's strug - gles soon shall cease, when
8 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.*

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy
©2007 Red Mountain Music

God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
Friend of the friend-less and the _____ faint,
5 That were a grief I could not _____ bear,
Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
where should I lodge my _____ deep com - plaint?
9 didst Thou not hear and _____ an - swer _____ prayer;
When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - pen _____ door,
13 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?
17 sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.
Poor though I am, des - pised, for -
21 got, _____ Yet God, my God, for - gets me not; _____
26 And he is safe, and must suc - ceed, for whom, the
31 Lord is sure to _____ plead.

BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

~

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.

—

After Worship • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation!

Sunday School • We're planning to restart Sunday School and Sermon Discussion on October 7. If you're wondering whether you could help with a class, please talk to Joe Pope: pope.joe@gmail.com.

Monthly Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Oct. 6 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We're discussing the Lord's Prayer. This week: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread." (Check applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) RSVP and let Eric know what part of the meal you'll bring, and if you'll have a friend with you (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Cider Press • Sat., Oct. 6, at the Aznoe-Sery Demesne.

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Oct. 7) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- ALMS — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.)
- FOOD PANTRY — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. Please bring dry or canned beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total! (To volunteer at the pantry, contact Jerilee Costa: jerilee.costa@gmail.com.)

Membership Lunch • All newcomers and folks interested in exploring membership at Ascension are welcome to join the elders for lunch on Sunday, October 21, after Worship and Sunday School, at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We'll talk about the basic ideas and process of becoming a member, and we're happy to address any questions you might have. RSVP (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Women's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Nov. 2-4, in Lincoln City. There is room for 16 people, and the cost will be \$85 per person. RSVP to Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com), and please get your payment to her by Sun., Oct. 28 (checks payable to her). Sara Sery (the.serys@gmail.com) will coordinate meals.

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)

Today: ____ / ____

Next week: Douglas / Douglas

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).

Today: Elliott

Next week: Aznoe



Worship at 10am Sundays • SE 12th & Walnut, Hillsboro
ascensionpc.org • facebook.com/ascensionpc • twitter.com/ascensionpc

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Printed songs are used by permission under CCLI license #11109756.

(Please fill out this contact card, tear it off, and drop it in the offering.)

Name(s)

Email / Phone

I am a visitor.

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.