



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 81:1

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like a mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy One, we confess that we are unholy. We have taken the side of your Enemy and believed his lies rather than your Word. At a deep level we are suspicious of your goodness and authority. We revel in your gifts but do not delight in you. We are ungrateful and deluded in our pretended autonomy. You are Love, but we love ourselves and hate you. We sin. Clearly we do not deserve your forgiveness, but we are bold to ask for it because of your Son, Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Please, Father, assure us of your love through the Gospel of your Son, purge our sins through the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit, and crush the devil's power. We ask in the name of Jesus and according to his will. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;

break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!

For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

OFFERTORY

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 • Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 104:24-26; Job 12:7-10

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 Father in the heavens, you do all that you please. You are sovereign over everything that you have made. Nothing can thwart your holy will. You have declared the end from the beginning, and you will accomplish all your purpose.

We trust that you love us, and that you order our lives for our good and your glory. Help us where our faith is weak. Grant us peace that passes understanding in the midst of the trials of this life. We rejoice and rest in your perfect, fatherly care.

Please, Father, make the earth more like heaven.

Be present with us through your Holy Spirit. Comfort and heal those who are sick in mind, heart, and body. Revive dead souls to life, and lift up those who are poor in spirit. Provide for those who are seeking work. Bring justice, peace, and prosperity to our community, and to the world. Send your Son again soon to make heaven and earth one.

Until that Day, Father, may your will be done in us and through us.

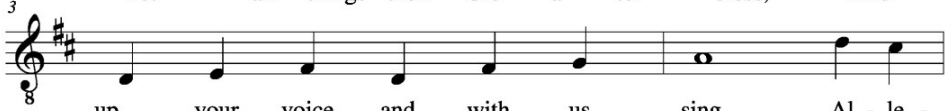
Not our will but yours be done. May the joy of your salvation be our strength as we seek to live for you. We want to be holy as you are holy; teach us the law of love, and help us to obey you. Change our will to align with your own; help us to love what you love, and to hate what you hate. Make our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to you, our Father who is in heaven. In Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

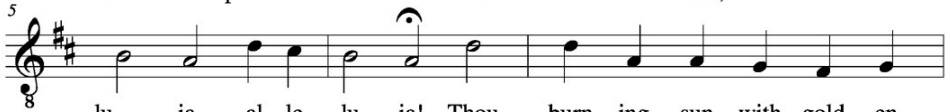
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All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye
Thou flow - ing wat - er pure and clear, make
And all ye men of ten - der heart, For -
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And



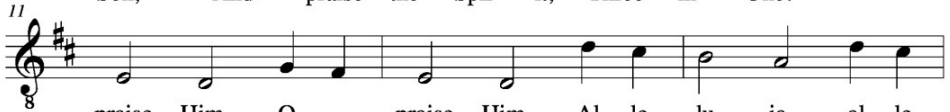
up your voice and with us sing Al - le -
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le -
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O
wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fath - er, praise the



beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O
joice, Ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,
bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light,
bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care!
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One!



praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Victory In The Lamb

Text & Music: Wesley Randolph Eader • © 2014 Door of Hope

He will clothe the poor with crowns
in the kingdom he calls theirs.
He will raise them to the halls of heaven
and release their earthly cares.

And the hard times, they will come.
And the black clouds, they will break.
But his riches come with the morning sun
and they grow green fields of grace.

(Chorus)

*So let all condemnation cease!
Let guilt have no more claim!
Let the devil lose all dominion!
For the Lamb of God he came!
And the Lamb of God was slain!
And the Lamb of God was raised!*

We will fix our wandering eyes
on the wonders of our Lord.
By his sacred stripes we have been healed,
through his wounds our joys supplied.

(Chorus)

Now the strong ones and the weak
are the same under his blood.
For empty-handed all must come
to receive his endless love.

(Chorus)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Colossians 1:15–20

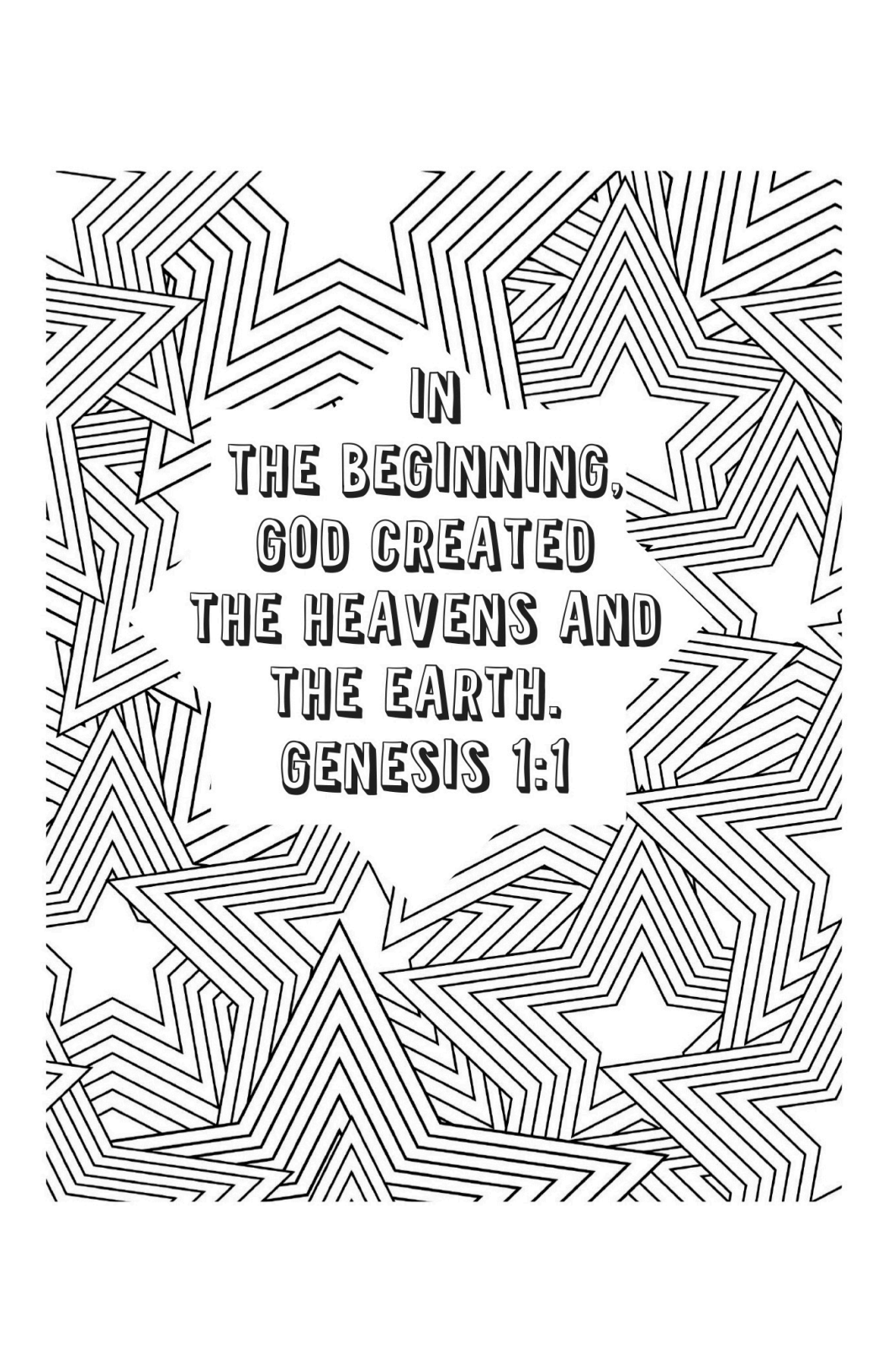
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Apostles’ Creed: ‘Maker of Heaven and Earth’” (Rev. Pat Roach)

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**IN
THE BEGINNING,
GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND
THE EARTH.
GENESIS 1:1**



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

* 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.

† Or, “universal.”

From The Depth Of Woe (Psalm 130)

Text: Martin Luther (Based on Psalm 130) • Music: ©1997 Christopher Miner

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion. If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who shall stand be - fore Thee?"

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voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord
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mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who
shall stand be - fore Thee?
O who shall stand be - fore Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain, in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy.

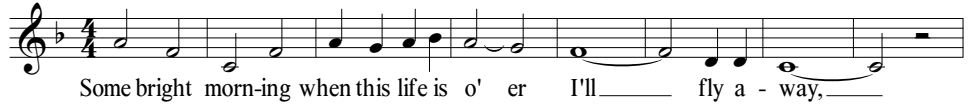
Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience.

And though I wait the whole night through and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might, it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O you of Israel's seed, you of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth.

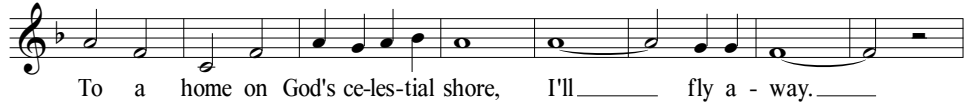
Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

I'll Fly Away

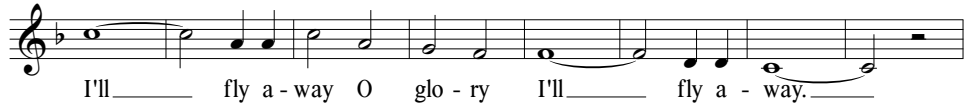
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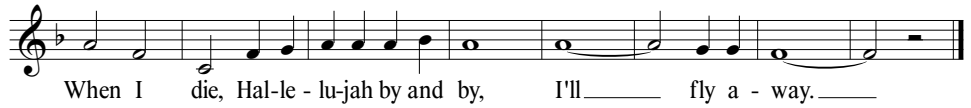
Some bright morn-ing when this life is o' er I'll _____ fly a - way, _____



To a home on God's ce-les-tial shore, I'll _____ fly a - way. _____



I'll _____ fly a - way O glo - ry I'll _____ fly a - way. _____



When I die, Hal-le - lu-jah by and by, I'll _____ fly a - way. _____

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away!
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away!

(Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away!
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away!

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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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.

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

Men's Breakfast • We'll cancel the breakfast for July. See you the first Saturday in August!

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (July 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!

Refreshments Volunteers • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Bonifield

Next week: 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: Jaques

Next week: Bonifield



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