

*What an unspeakable privilege—to talk about the Holy One  
His wondrous acts and might and the sacrifice of His Only Son  
Disclaimer: turn this off now if you want a worldly substitute  
But turn the volume up—Hear me if you sincerely love the truth  
So focus, we have much to do and little time to do it in  
My job is done if this encourages you to commune with Him  
To get a bigger view of Him we gotta dive in deeply though  
Six million forms of communication like C-3PO  
By nature all of us are blinded to divine reality  
And we would stay in that state if God didn't give us eyes to see  
But now that He has opened them our view is panoramic now  
Although it's through a dark glass, it's new and not Adamic now  
It's true and kinda tragic how at one time we had spite for Him  
And whether religious or irreligious we were fighting Him  
The elect, Jesus died for them, Holy Spirit enlightened them  
And now the works of God are studied by all who delight in them*  
Shai Linne, "Table of Contents," *Lyrical Theology Part 1*

All that exists is God's gift to man, and it  
all exists to make God known to man, to  
make man's life communion with God.

Alexander Schmemmann,  
*For the Life of the World*

Whoever aspires to know God without  
beginning at Christ must wander in a  
labyrinth.

John Calvin,  
*The Institutes of the Christian Religion*



# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

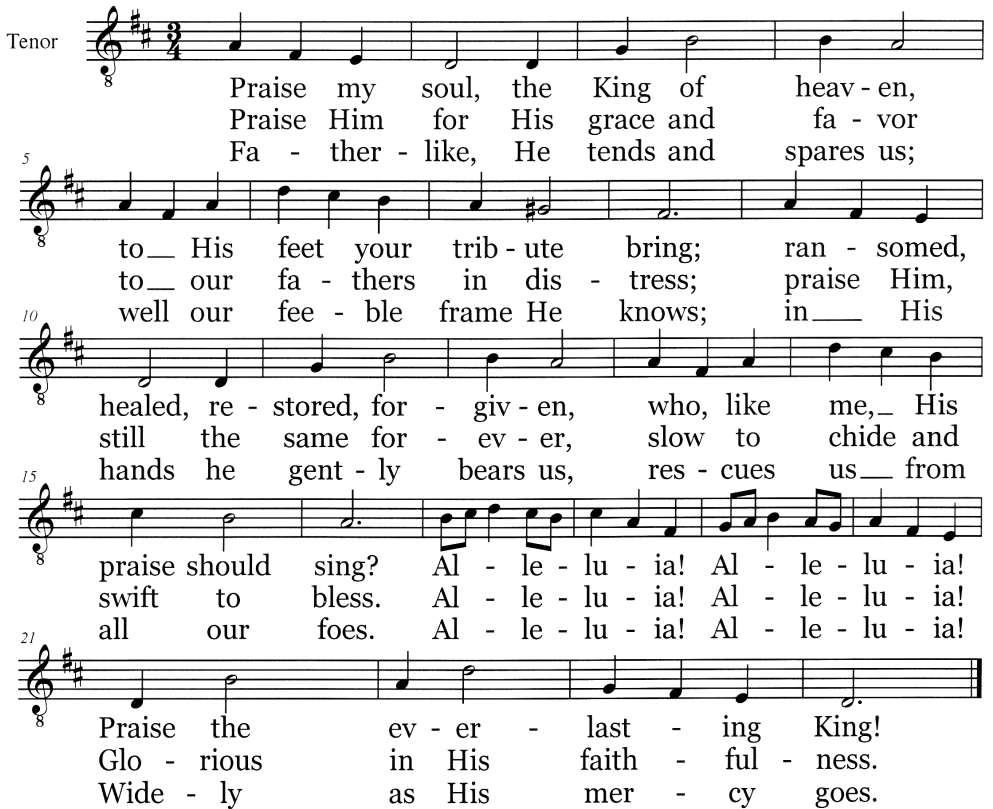
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

# Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

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Tenor



8 Praise my soul, the King of heav-en,  
Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor  
5 Fa-ther-like, He tends and spares us;  
8 to His feet your trib-ute bring; ran-somed,  
to our fa-thers in dis-tress; praise Him,  
10 well our fee-ble frame He knows; in His  
8 healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, who, like me, His  
still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and  
15 hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from  
8 praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
21 all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
8 Praise the ev-er-last-ing King!  
Glo-rious in His faith-ful-ness.  
Wide-ly as His mer-cy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## **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**

*Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.*

(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 • Acts 20:32, 35**

"Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified... By working hard we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

## **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 1:9–14

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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...

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem, may your church be a sign of hope and glory.

*Lord, have mercy.*

O Christ, truly risen from the dead, our Alpha and Omega, may the whole world live in peace and justice, according to Your will.

*Lord, have mercy.*

O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of promise, fulfill the needs and desires of those who are sick or sorrowful.

*Lord, have mercy.*

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.

*Teach us to proclaim the good news of your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*

God, teach us to pray as your Son taught His disciples, saying

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

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)*

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Text: George Matheson • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner



O Love that will not let me go, I  
O Light that follow'st all my way, I  
O Joy that seek'st me through pain, I  
O Cross that lift'st up my head, I



rest my weary soul in thee; I  
yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My  
can not close my heart to thee; I  
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That  
heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, That  
trace the rain-bow through the rain, And  
lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, And



in thine ocean depths its flow May  
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day May  
feel the promise is not vain, That  
from the ground there blos-soms red Life



ri-cher, full-er be.  
bright-er, fair-er be.  
morn shall tear-less be.  
that shall end-less be.

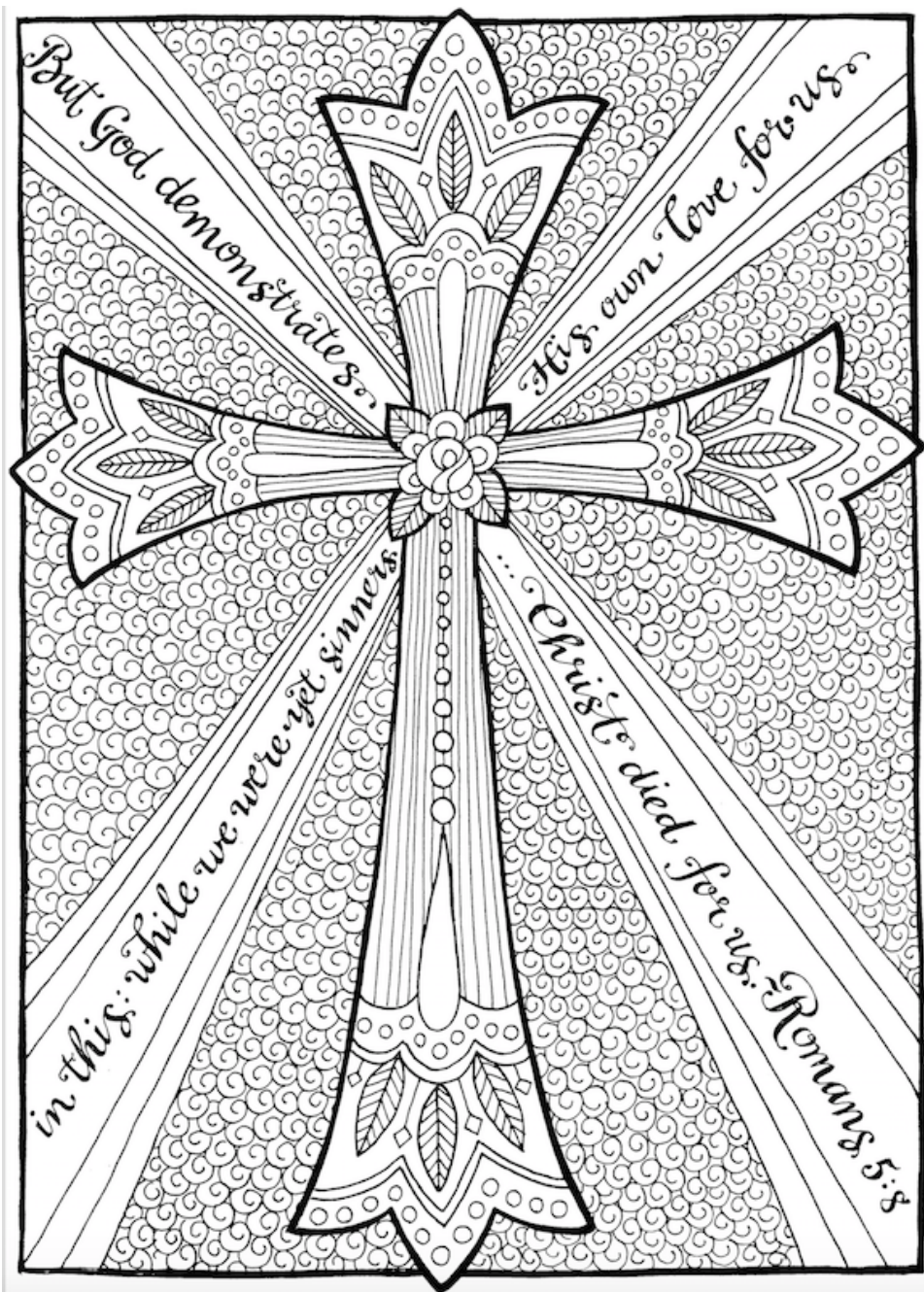
## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 111

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- 8 they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “The Works Of The Lord” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



*But God demonstrates*

*His own love for us*

*in this: while we were yet sinners*

*... Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*





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<sup>†</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 for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

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\* 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.”

# Psalm 46

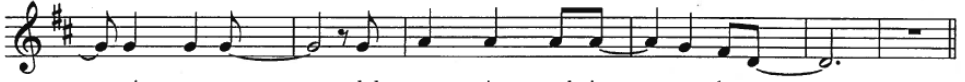
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God is our re - fuge our strength and our shield, an  
Nat - tions in up - roar, men's king - doms, they fall, He  
Come, let us see what the Lord has done, the



ev - er pre - sent help. We will not fear though the earth  
speaks and the earth melts a - way. the worst we im - a - gine the strong-  
ru - ins He brings to the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends



— gives way. and the moun - tains crash in to the sea.  
- est of storms, our for - tress, it will still re - main.  
— of the earth, He shat - ters the bow and the spear.



*There is a ri - ver who's streams will make glad the ci - ty of our most High King.*



*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.*  
*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.*  
*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, List - ten and hear the Lord say: "Be*



still, and know that I am God." "Be

# The Lamb Has Overcome

Music and Lyrics: Luke Morton • ©2011 Cardiphonia Music

The Lamb has ov - er - come, the  
Lamb has ov - er - 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 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 • Colossians 1:11-12

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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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 for coffee and conversation!

**Photo Directory Update** • Bill Duncan will be taking pictures the next few Sundays. 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).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (today) 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](mailto: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 beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total!

**Men's Breakfast** • We'll skip our September meeting, and plan to get together again on Sat., Oct. 5.

**Newcomers' Lunch** • After Worship Sun., Sept. 8 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We're hosting a lunch for new folks and those interested in becoming members of Ascension. It's a good chance to get together, meet the Elders, and ask questions about the church. RSVP if you'd like to join us ([rev.eric.costa@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

**10 Year Celebration** • After Worship Sun., Sept. 15 at the Aznoe home (17500 SW Seiffert Road, Sherwood, 97140). Ascension first met for Public Worship on the Lord's Day ten years ago (Sunday, September 20, 2009). Sounds like a good excuse for a party!

**Calling All Sunday School Teachers** • Classes for the children will begin on September 22. If you're interested in being part of a rotation of teachers, please contact Joe Pope ([pope.joe@gmail.com](mailto:pope.joe@gmail.com)).

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. 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: \_\_\_\_

Next week: \_\_\_\_



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