

“Unlike the unbelievers who tremble at even the slightest rumor
(the rustling of the falling leaf troubles and alarms them),
the righteous calmly and peacefully confide in God’s paternal care
amid all the evil tidings which may reach them.”

John Calvin

“God calls his people to live out together the gospel pattern of gift. Even as God has given himself to us
in our lowliness, caring for us in our great need, so now God calls the church to care for the poor... In
this way God includes us in his ongoing movement of grace and love, promising that such giving leads
to the ‘life that is truly life’ (1 Tim. 6:19).”

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

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 • Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

My Lord and my God, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. I have been a fool to fear anything or anyone else. You have told me not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. I have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disregarded your majestic splendor. Essentially, I have demanded your crucifixion with my own mouth, and nailed you to the cross with my own hands—just to be able to fear anything but you. “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Teach me your great works and grant to me your Spirit of wisdom, so that I may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 • 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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...

Father Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, who taught us to pray 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.

The Lord, My Shepherd

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

Tenor



The Lord my shep-herd rules my life
The Lord re-vives my fail-ing strength,
Though in a val-ley dark as death,
and gives me all I need; He and
He makes my joy com-plete; and
no e-vil makes me fear; Your
leads me by re-fresh-ing streams;
in right paths, for His names sake,
shep-herd's staff pro-tects my way,
in pas-tures green I feed. Your
He guides my fal-ting feet. there.
for you are with me there.
good-ness and your gra-cious love pur-sue me all my
days; Your house, O Lord, shall be my home, your
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)

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843) • Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain



I lay my sins _____ on Je - sus, the
I lay my needs _____ on Je - sus; all
I rest my soul _____ on Je - sus, this
I long to be _____ like Je - sus, meek,



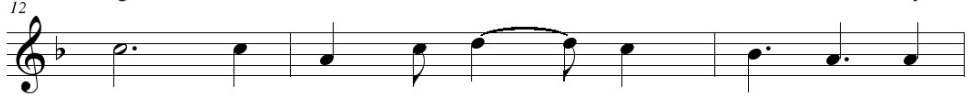
spot - less Lamb _____ of God; he bears them all, _____ and
ful - ness dwells _____ in him; he heals all my _____ dis -
wea - ry soul _____ of mine; his right hand me _____ em -
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be _____ like



frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I
eas - es, he doth my soul _____ re - deem: I
brac - es, I on his breast _____ re - cline. I
Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I



bring my guilt _____ to _____ Je - sus to wash _____ my crim - son
lay my griefs _____ on _____ Je - sus, my bur - dens and _____ my
love the name _____ of _____ Je - sus, Im - man _____ uel, Christ, _____ the
long to be _____ with _____ Je - sus a - mid _____ the heav'n - ly



stains cares; white in his blood _____ most pre - cious, till
Lord; he from them all _____ re - leas - es, he
throng, to sing with saints _____ his prais - es, to



not a spot _____ re - mains.
all my sor - rows shares.
name a - broad _____ is poured.
learn the an - gels' song.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 112

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!
- 2 His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.
- 7 He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
- 8 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
- 9 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Fear and Generosity” (Rev. Eric Costa)



**GOD GAVE US
A SPIRIT NOT
OF FEAR BUT
OF POWER &
LOVE & SELF
CONTROL.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



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].)

It Is Well With My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford • Music: Phillip P. Bliss • Public Domain

Tenor

When peace, like a riv - er, at -
Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though
My sin, O the bliss of this
tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows
tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con -
glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part, but the
roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
11 whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
8 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is
tate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.
15 more; Praise the Lord! It is well with my soul!
well... with my soul; it is well, it is well with my
21 soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus x2)

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

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!

BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

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

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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!

Food Pantry Donations • Today we'll collect dry beans for the Oregon Food Bank site at W. L. Henry.

Newcomers' Lunch • After Worship today (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.

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! Burgers and hot dogs will be provided—please bring a side, dessert, or drinks to share.

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).

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).

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

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).



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- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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