

"My Kingdom is not of this world."

Jesus, to Pilate

"When the Church tries to embody the rule of God in the forms of earthly power  
it may achieve that power, but it is no longer a sign of the kingdom."

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 147:1**

Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

# Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre -  
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - ve - lous wis - dom hath  
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul praise Him for  
reign - eth, thee shel - ters thee un - der His  
fend - the; the; sure - ly His good - ness and  
made dore thee; thee; Decked thee with health - and with  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath,



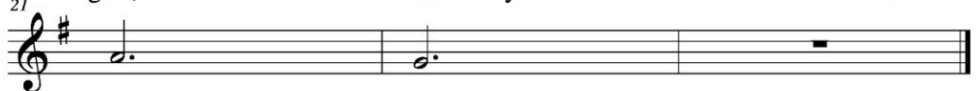
He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw  
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -  
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -



near, \_\_\_\_\_ join me in glad a - dor -  
been \_\_\_\_\_ grant - ed in in what He or -  
do, \_\_\_\_\_ if with His love He be -  
lief, \_\_\_\_\_ Spread - ing His wings to o'er  
gain, \_\_\_\_\_ Glad - ly for - ev - er a -



a - - - - tion.  
dain - - - - eth?  
friend thee.  
shade thee!  
dore Him.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 7:18-19**

I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Exodus 23:19**

The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.

## **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.*

## **GOSPEL READING • Luke 4:16-21**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the King of kings and the Lord of lords:

*We pray for our leaders, near and far, that they might love justice and mercy; we pray for our local leaders, that they might promote the peace of the city.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death in triumph over evil and oppression:

*We ask you to restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law; we ask you to destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the Prince of peace:

*We pray for peace between nations in your world; we pray that this congregation might live in your peace together; we ask you to come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reconcile us to God:

*We pray for our friends who do not yet know you; we pray for the deepening of our faith in the Gospel of grace.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reveal life and immortality through the gospel:

*We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, and in injustice.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as our sympathetic High Priest:

*Please hear us as we bring you our requests. (Silent prayer)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught us:

*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 Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)

Text: Richard Redhead • Music: Christopher Miner • © 1998 Christopher Miner

Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "God be mer - ci - ful to me — on thy grace I rest my plea; plen - te - ous in com - pas - sion Thou — blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me make me pure with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin."

God be mer - ci - ful to me —  
on thy grace I rest my plea; plen - te - ous in com -  
pas - sion Thou — blot out my trans -  
gres - sions now; wash me make me pure  
with - in — cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

# Put Not Your Hope In The Nation (Psalm 146)

Text & Music: Wendell Kimbrough & Paul Zach • © 2017 Wendell Kimbrough

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Put not your hope in the na-tion; Put not your hope in a king. He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast. Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free. Our Fa-ther's house al-ways o-pens wide to wel-come ref-u-gees. He is the mak-er of heav-en;— He formed the earth and the sea. The fa-ther-less find a fa-ther; The wid-ow rests in His strength. Our help will come from the Lord our God, our gra-cious king of peace. Praise the The heart of God is for-ev-er home to all the poor and weak. Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

Put not your hope in the na-tion; Put not your hope in a king.  
He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast.

Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free.  
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Our help will come from the Lord our God, our gra-cious king of peace. Praise the  
The heart of God is for-ev-er home to all the poor and weak.

Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the  
Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 146

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- 4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.
- 5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.
- The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- 9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “The Lord Will Reign Forever” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



The Lord  
raises up  
those who  
are bowed  
down.

Psalm 146





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH (Jn. 20:28; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:5; Phil. 2:6-11)**

What does God the Father want you to know and trust?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What does God the Spirit enable you to confess and proclaim?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

What is the grace and truth of the revelation of God?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of your life?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of the church?

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth whose reign endures forever?

*Jesus Christ is Lord, and there is no other! 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].)

# To You, O Lord, I Lift My Eyes

Text: Psalm 123 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



8  
To You, O Lord, I lift my eyes,  
4  
O Lord our God, Your mer-cy show,  
7  
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.  
For hu - man pride and scorn we know.  
8  
As ser - vants  
10  
Re - proach and  
8  
watch their mas - ter's hand, Or  
13  
shame your saints en - dure, From  
8  
maid - ens by their mis - tress stand,  
16  
sin - ners who ap - pear se - cure.  
8  
So to the Lord our eyes we raise,  
20  
To You O Lord, I lift my eyes,  
8  
Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays.  
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.

# We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore • © 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not consumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our  
4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther  
7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be  
11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
sumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up

*(Chorus)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
"He has done great things!" we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more!*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
my soul, be not afraid;  
for the promised morning— oh, how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

*(Chorus)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.  
You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom.

*(Chorus)*

**BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16**

Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord 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](http://ascensionpc.org/calendar).

**After Worship** • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! Around 11:45am we will begin Sunday School classes for the children in the sanctuary, and Sermon Discussion for the adults in the fellowship hall. (Infants and toddlers are welcome to join the adults in Sermon Discussion.)

**Nursery Volunteers Needed** • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? We need a couple more volunteers for the rotation. Contact: Rainy Aznoe ([rainyrr@aol.com](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

**Advent Choir Practice** • 7pm Tuesdays at the church.

**The Feast of Christ the King** • Sunday, November 24. Let's have a potluck lunch together after Worship!

**Financial Report through August**

Income (giving): \$98,500      Expenses: \$97,700      Bank Accounts Balance: \$35,600

**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: Sauerwein      Next week: Sery

**Nursery Volunteers** • Contact: Rainy Aznoe ([rainyrr@aol.com](mailto:rainyrr@aol.com)).

Today: Stevenson      Next week: Aznoe



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Name(s)       I am a visitor.  
                  I want to know more about being a Christian.  
                  I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.  
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