



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 148:11-13

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

To God Be The Glory

Text: Fanny Crosby • Music: William Doane • Public Domain

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life our redemption to win,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(Chorus)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

(Chorus)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth, show yourself to be our Savior. Our sin is folly and insanity; it is a gloom of deep darkness, and we have lingered there. In our self-centeredness we have spurned your love. We have manipulated and hurt those closest to us. We allow ourselves to believe that our sin is no serious offense, but we have forsaken you and your glorious purpose for our lives. Can it be true that you have not forsaken us? Have you really atoned for our sin by the life and death of your own Son? Grant us confidence in our relationship with you, in spite of all our sin. Make us to know that we belong to you, and that you belong to us, through the sure word of your Gospel and the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 15:6

Abraham believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Exodus 35:4-5, 21

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution..." And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service.

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 • Psalm 118:14-29

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 heaven, you are over all and through all and in all. All things come from you. We exist for you.

We praise you for all your works, especially in our creation and redemption.

Holy Father, no one has ever seen you, except the One who is at your side.

We thank you for making yourself known to us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Eternal Father, you loved the Son before the foundation of the world. By your grace you have loved us even as you have loved him.

We love you because you first loved us. We want to know you and love you even as your Son knows you and loves you.

Merciful Father, you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all.

We believe that you sent Jesus to die on the cross to forgive our sins.

Father of glory, you raised your Son from the dead, and you have given all things into his hands.

We tremble at your power over life and death. We submit to the authority of your Son.

Father, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

We adore you for adopting us as your sons and daughters through Christ. We rejoice that you have qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you.

We thank you for your daily care for our physical needs. Please keep our hearts from loving the gifts more than the Giver.

Father of spirits, what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

We trust that you love us, and that you are forming Christ in us through our temporary sufferings. Please have mercy on us in the weakness of our faith, and make us ready for heaven.

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows, you love justice and mercy.

We want to be more like you. Please help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to put their needs before our own.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

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.

Be Still, My Soul

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 • Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your
4 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der
8 Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de -
8 side; _____ bear pa - tient - ly the
4 take _____ to guide the - fu - ture
7 part, _____ and all is dark - ened
8 cross of grief or pain; _____ leave to your
10 as he has the of past, _____ Your hope, your
8 in the vale of tears, _____ then shall you
8 God to or - der and pro - vide; _____
13 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; _____
8 bet - ter know his love, his heart, _____
8 _____ in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -
16 _____ all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
8 _____ who come to soothe your sor - row and your
8 main. _____ Be still, my soul: your
19 last. _____ Be still, my soul: the
8 fears. _____ Be still, my soul: your
8 best, your heav'n - ly Friend _____ through thorn - y
22 waves and winds still know _____ his voice who
8 Je - sus can re - pay _____ from his own
8 ways _____ leads to a joy - ful end.
8 ruled _____ them while he dwelt be - low.
8 full - ness all he takes a - way.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

GOSPEL READING • John 10:1-10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

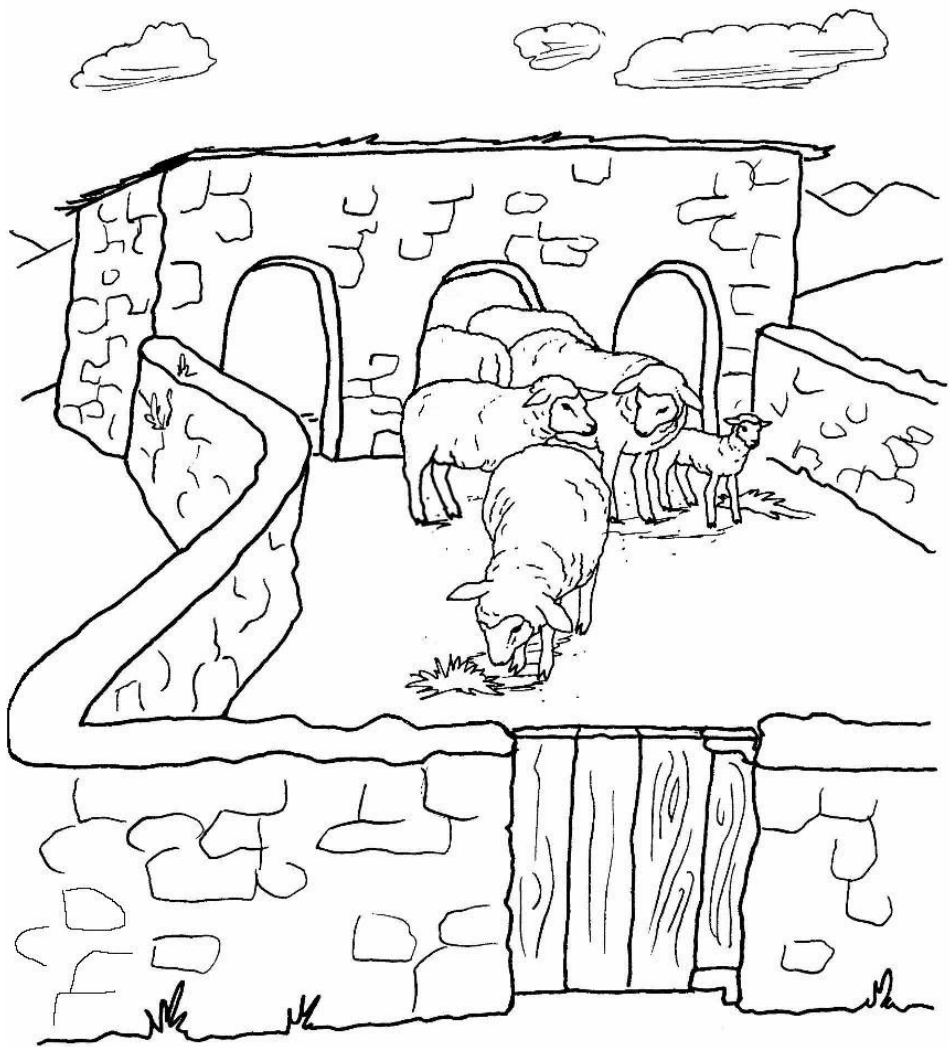
⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “I Am The Door” (Rev. Charlie Shaw)

As a pastor, Charlie is passionate about helping people worship God by looking to Jesus for salvation in all things. He also loves to play the guitar, read books, and spend quality time with friends. Having worked in vocational ministry since 2010, Charlie became a member of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery in 2018, and is now serving as a minister without a call. He has an MABTS from Western Seminary, is currently working on an MTh from Union Theological College, and lives in Portland with his wonderful wife Bekah and their 12 year old American Pit Bull, Lily.





THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. Amen.

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.

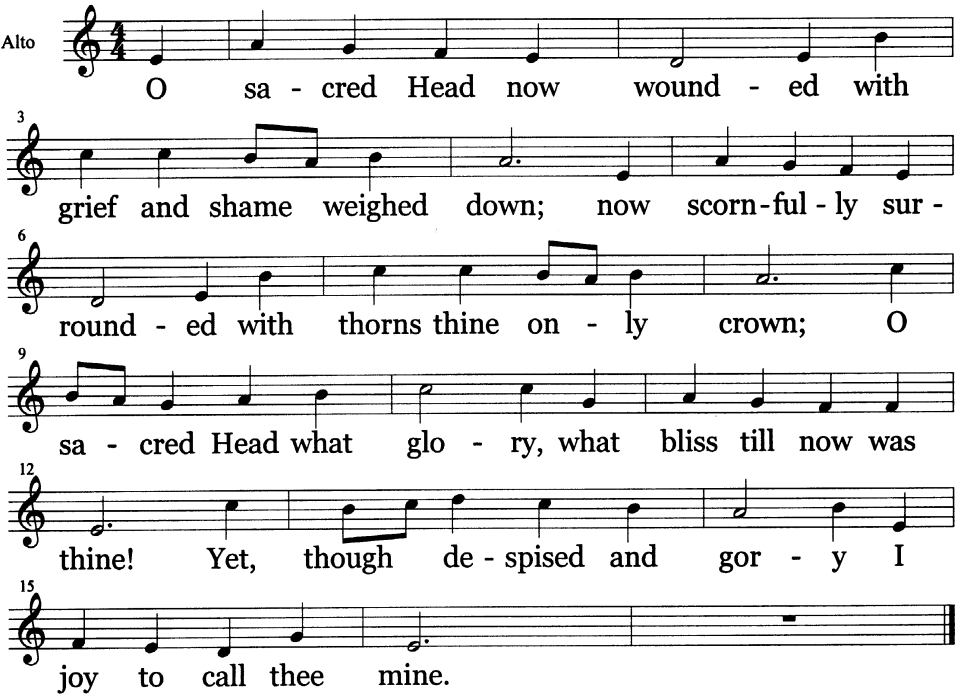
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(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].)

O Sacred Head

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux • Music: J. S. Bach • Public Domain

Alto



O sa - cred Head now wound - ed with
grief and shame weighed down; now scorn - ful - ly sur -
round - ed with thorns thine on - ly crown; O
sa - cred Head what glo - ry, what bliss till now was
thine! Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I
joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

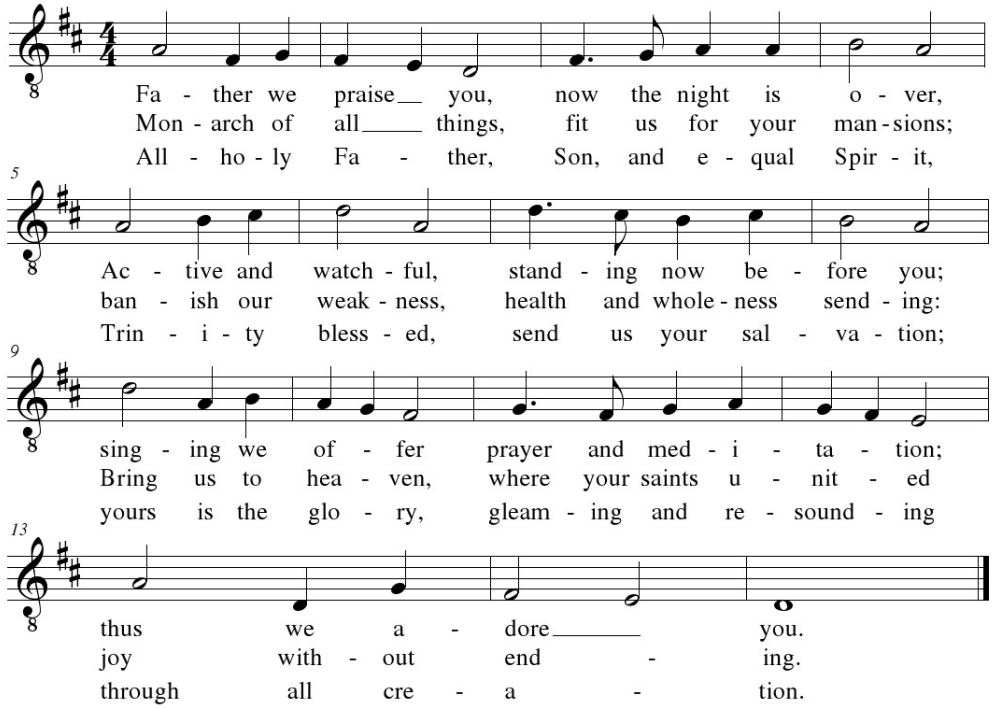
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604) • Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681) • Public Domain



8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13 thus we a - dore you.
joy with - out end - ing.
through all cre - a - tion.

BENEDICTION • Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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FOR THOSE JOINING US IN PERSON...

Greetings! In accordance with current state mandates, we are asking people to wear masks and observe “social distancing” (6ft) between households during Worship.

During Communion, parents, please distribute the bread and cup to participating children.

Thank you for your help making others feel comfortable joining us for Worship!

FOR THOSE JOINING US ON ZOOM...

Please remain “muted” throughout the service, but feel free to “unmute” afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday’s liturgy posted online at ascensionpc.org/worship.)

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Rev. Drew Burdette, Reformed University Fellowship (ruf.org) at Oregon State

Brian & Faith Janssen, Missionaries in Taiwan with OMF (omf.org/asia/taiwan)

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Name(s)

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- 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.