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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Philippians 4:4**  
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

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Tenor



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the  
sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys  
run, His king - dom stretch from  
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and  
wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

## **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**

*Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have doubted your gracious love. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our own agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' 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 • 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.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Acts 9:1-19

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...

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:

*Particularly for our sister churches in the Pacific Northwest Presbytery.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:

*We pray for those who do not know you; we pray that your gospel would run in our city; we pray that your fame and glory would spread here and throughout the world.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:

*Please give our President humility, wisdom, strength and trust in you. Please bless our Governor and our Mayor; please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:

*We pray for those who are living on the streets. We pray for those who are discouraged and suffering in depression. We pray for those who are struggling financially. We pray for those who are sick or facing imminent death and for those who care for them.*

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs...

(Silent prayer)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, 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.*

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music: William M. Runyan • Lyric: Thomas O. Chisolm • ©1923/1951 Hope Publishing Co.

Tenor

Great is thy faith-fulness, O God my Father; there is no  
shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev-er wilt  
be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mercies I see: all I have  
need-ed thy hand hath pro - vid-ed, Great is thy faith-ful-ness,  
Lord, un - - - to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten-thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

# Who Is Like The Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

Text: Wendell Kimbrough • Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough • © 2013 Cardiphonia Music

Our Fa - ther\_ He lifts from the  
3 ash - es, \_ He rais - es\_ the poor and\_ the lost. \_ He  
6 seats them to dine at\_ His ta - ble, \_ to  
8 feast with - out mon - ey\_ or cost. \_ The  
10 lone - ly\_ He set - tles\_ in fam - 'lies, \_ the  
12 bar - ren, \_ a mo - ther\_ He makes. \_ O  
14 hap - py\_ the heart of\_ the stran - ger\_ who's  
16 wel - comed by this King\_ of Grace. Who is like the  
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But  
22 hum - bles\_ Him - self with the bro - ken\_ to dwell,  
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;  
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.  
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.  
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;  
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Jonah 3

2:10 The LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup> The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON • “Overthrown” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

# Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Text: Martin Luther • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for  
It was a strange and dread - ful strife when  
Here the true pas - chal Lamb we see, whom  
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to  
Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

3  
our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right  
life and death con - tend - ed. The vic - tor - y re -  
God so free - ly gave us. He died on the ac -  
which the Lord in - vites us. Christ is Him - self the  
6  
Christ, the bread of hea - ven. The Word of grace has

hand He stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
mained with life; the reign of death was end - ed.  
curs - ed tree, so strong His love to save us.  
joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
9  
purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.

There - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to God right  
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says His death has swal - lowed  
See His blood now marks our door; faith points to it death  
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine  
12  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and

thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
up our death; its sting is lost for - ev - er.  
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us.  
to our hearts; the night of sin is end - ed.  
17  
drink in - deed; Faith lives u - pon no oth - er!

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
23  
lu - ia!

# 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 • Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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**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](http://ascensionpc.org/worship).)

**Summer BBQ / Picnic** • After Worship today.

**Summer Campout** • Fri., Aug. 20 - Sun., Aug. 22 at Beverly Beach State Park. Contact Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com)).

**Women’s Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Oct. 22-24, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$90 per person. For more details, and to register, contact Cheryl Boden ([wu.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:wu.gardens@gmail.com)).

**Setup Help** • We would like more volunteers to help with setup and takedown for Worship on Sundays. Please contact Bill Duncan if you can help ([bduncan47@gmail.com](mailto:bduncan47@gmail.com)).

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