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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:8-11**

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!

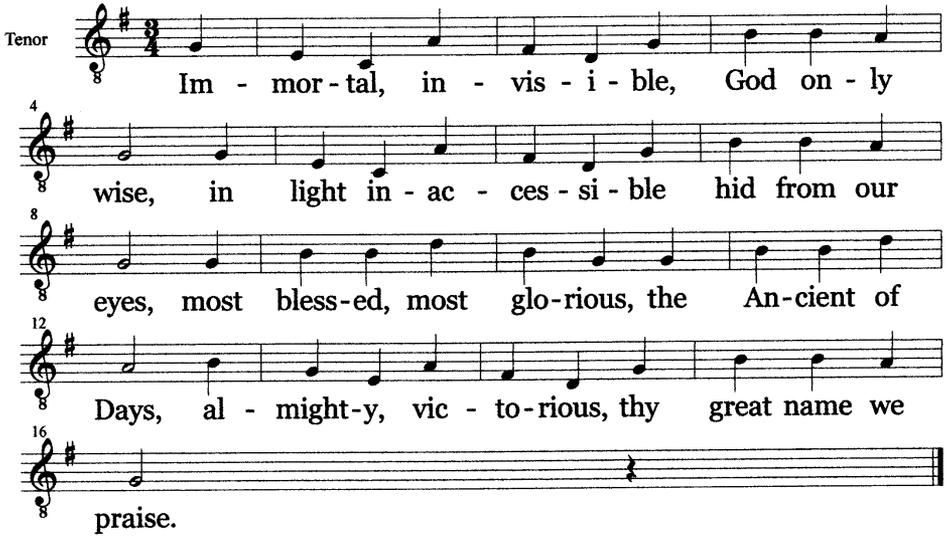
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

# Immortal, Invisible

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith • Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh Melody • Public Domain

Tenor



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly  
wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our  
eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of  
Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we  
praise.

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 3:23-25**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*God, you are majestic in your freedom to love. You made us to share this glory with you, but we doubted you and became enslaved to sin. Left to ourselves, we are spiritually blind, deaf, and lame; we cannot change or help ourselves; we are dead to you in our rebellion. We certainly do not deserve your kindness. Yet you remain free to love the unlovely, which is your glory. Take pity on us, forgive us, and make us alive to you. Restore us to true freedom in communion with you. Your declaration of mercy in Christ Jesus the Lord is our only hope and prayer. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 10:9**

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 10:8**

“Freely you have received. Freely give.”

## **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 • Revelation 7:9-12**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*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.*

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4<sup>th</sup> c. • arr. Chip Ueltschey



Ho - ly God, we praise your name;  
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train  
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;  
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep - ter claim,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.  
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing  
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the  
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign.  
ho - ly Lord."  
song goes on.  
mys - ter - y.

# Psalm 121

Text: 1615 Scottish Psalter • Music: Dundee (Th. Ravenscroft) • Public Domain



I to the hills will lift mine eyes. From  
Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will he  
The LORD thee keeps, the LORD thy shade on  
3 The LORD shall keep thy soul. He shall pre -



whence doth come mine aid? My safe - ty com - eth  
slum - ber that thee keeps. Be - hold, he that keeps  
thy right hand doth stay. The moon by night thee  
6 serve thee from all ill. Hence - forth thy go - ing



from the LORD, who heav'n and earth hath made.  
Is - ra - el, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.  
shall not smite, nor yet the sun by day.  
out and in God keep for - ev - er will.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 67

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM. A SONG.

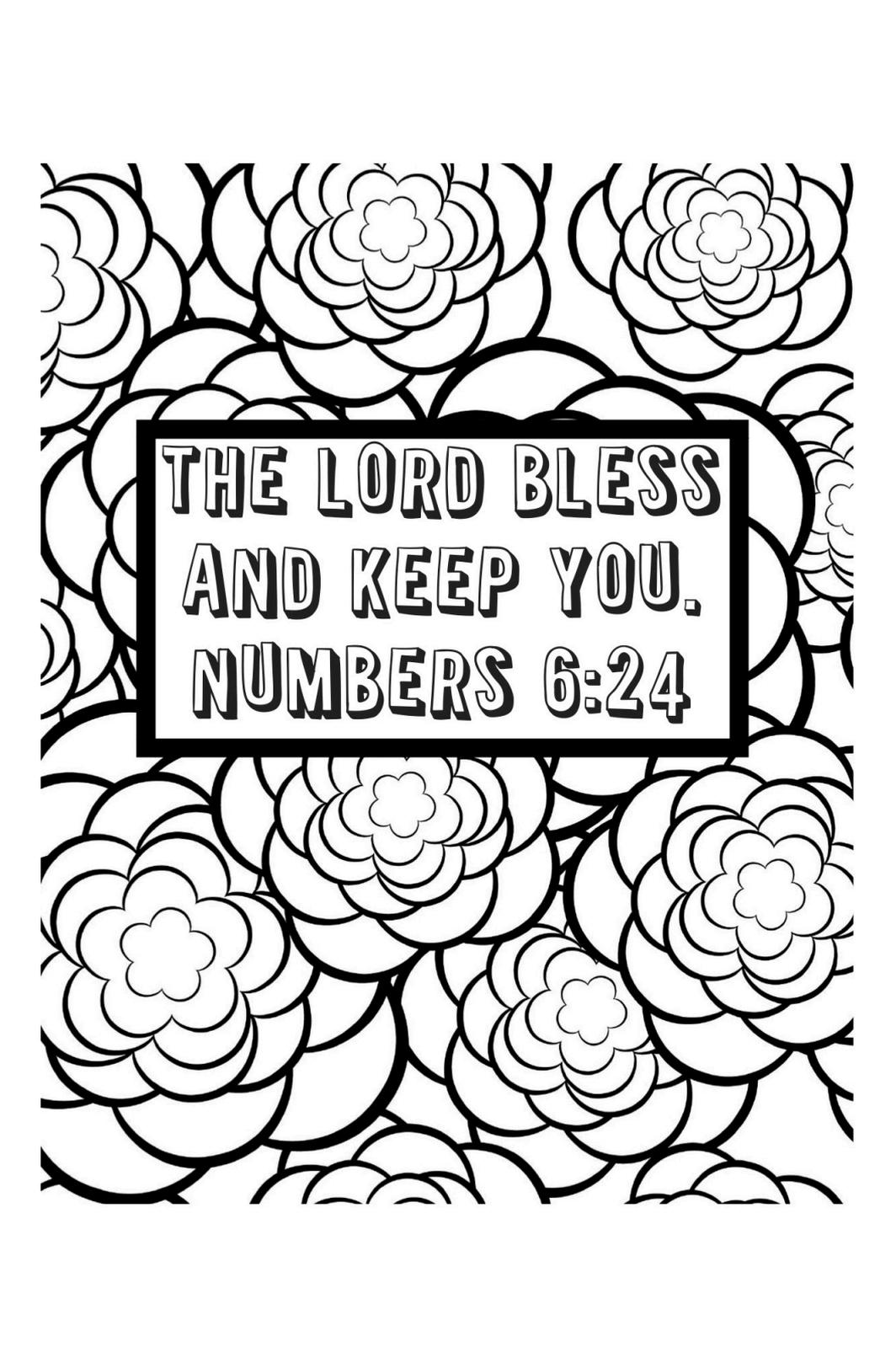
- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- 2 that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!
- 6 The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • “Missions: When Blessing Overflows to the Nations” (Brian Janssen)

Brian and Faith Janssen, with their kids Abby (15) and Nathan (13), have been missionaries in Taiwan for ten years with Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) International. They are currently back in Vancouver, WA, for a year for their Home Assignment. During their last term, Brian was leading a team of missionaries that started a ministry to university students in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Faith led the short-term missions program for OMF Taiwan. They will return to Taiwan next June.

The image features a repeating pattern of stylized flowers, each with multiple layers of petals, rendered in simple black outlines. The flowers are arranged in a dense, overlapping field. In the center of the image, there is a rectangular box with a thick black border. Inside this box, the text is written in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines, centered horizontally. The first line reads "THE LORD BLESS", the second line reads "AND KEEP YOU.", and the third line reads "NUMBERS 6:24".

**THE LORD BLESS  
AND KEEP YOU.  
NUMBERS 6:24**



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† 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.”

# Be Thou My Vision

Text: Unknown, 8th Century • Music: *Slane* (Irish Folk Tune) • Public Domain



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my  
Be thou my wis - dom and thou my true  
Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry



heart, naught be all else to me  
word; I ev - er with thee and  
fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
praise; thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
won, may I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art, thou my best  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's  
now and al - ways: thou and thou  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my



thought by day or by night  
Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;  
on - ly, first in my heart,  
own heart, what - ev - er - be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)

Text & Music: © 2017 Wendell Kimbrough

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting at measure 1 and the second column starting at measure 3. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

1. May our God be known for his grace; May the  
2. Let the na - tions sing and be glad for the

3 earth re-joice in his blessing. May our God be known for his  
Lord is com ing with jus-tice. Let the na - tions sing and be

6 love, and the smile that shines from his face. May your  
glad for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

9 way be known on the earth so that all the na - tions will  
all the ends of the earth fill with ho - ly won - der and

12 sing and re-joice in knowing the God of grace!  
joy, for our God is com-ing to reign as king!

*(Repeat Song)*

## BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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**For Those Joining Us in Person...** Greetings! We're glad you're here! Our access to God the Father, our relationship in Christ, our unity in the Spirit is the most important thing in the world. We hope that as many people as possible will feel comfortable joining us for Worship, so we're asking everyone to wear a mask while indoors. Whether or not this is an inconvenience to you, please extend patience and grace to each other during this time when we might have differing opinions on what it means to faithfully respond to God in our love for each other.

**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).)

**After Worship Today** • About 15 minutes after Worship, children will gather in the sanctuary for Sunday School, and adults are welcome to join the Sermon Discussion in the Fellowship Hall.

**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), 503-319-8037).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Nov. 12-14, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$90 per person. For more details, and to register, contact Brian Aznoe ([baznoe@gmail.com](mailto:baznoe@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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Brian & Faith Janssen, Missionaries in Taiwan with OMF ([omf.org/asia/taiwan](http://omf.org/asia/taiwan))

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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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