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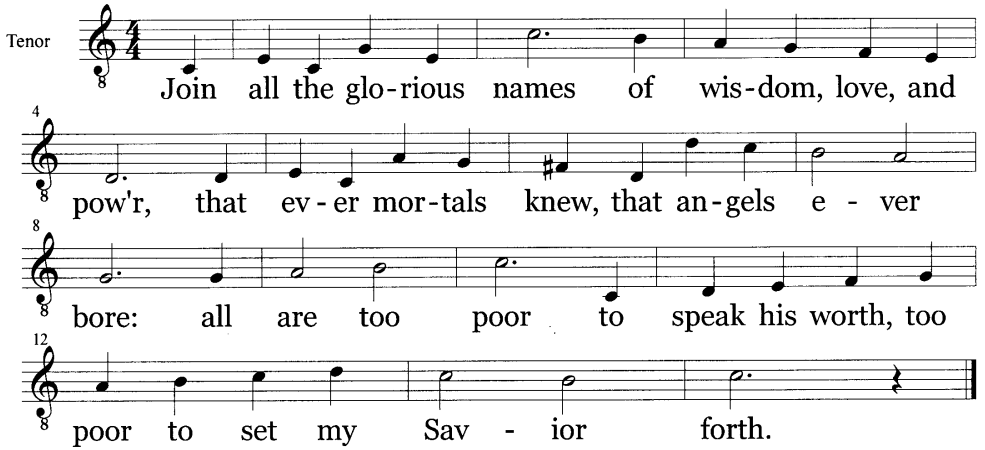
**CALL TO WORSHIP • Luke 9:23-24**

Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

## Join All The Glorious Names

Text: Issac Watts • Music: John Darwall • Public Domain

Tenor



Join all the glo-rious names of wis-dom, love, and  
pow'r, that ev-er mor-tals knew, that an-gels e-ver  
bore: all are too poor to speak his worth, too  
poor to set my Sav-ior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy Name,  
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,  
the joyful news of sin forgiv'n, of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood, and died;  
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:  
his pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,  
and thou my shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;  
nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqueror and my King,  
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace I sing:  
thine is the power; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Colossians 1:2**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,  
we have lived in open rebellion  
against your gracious rule.*

*Please, Lord Jesus, may we find  
our redemption in your passion,  
the absolution of our guilt in your condemnation,  
the cancellation of our curse in your cross,  
the satisfaction for our sins in your sacrifice,  
our purification in your blood,  
reconciliation to God in your descent into hell,  
the death of our flesh in your tomb,  
immortality in your resurrection,  
our inheritance in your ascension.*

*We believe, Lord. Help our unbelief. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Philippians 4:11-13, 19-20**

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me... And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## 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 • 1 Samuel 21:1-6

Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, “Why are you alone, and no one with you?” <sup>2</sup> And David said to Ahimelech the priest, “The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, ‘Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.’ I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. <sup>3</sup> Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.” <sup>4</sup> And the priest answered David, “I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women.” <sup>5</sup> And David answered the priest, “Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?” <sup>6</sup> So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before Yahweh\*, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

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 leads in prayer)

And now we join together with the Lord in the prayer he taught us:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

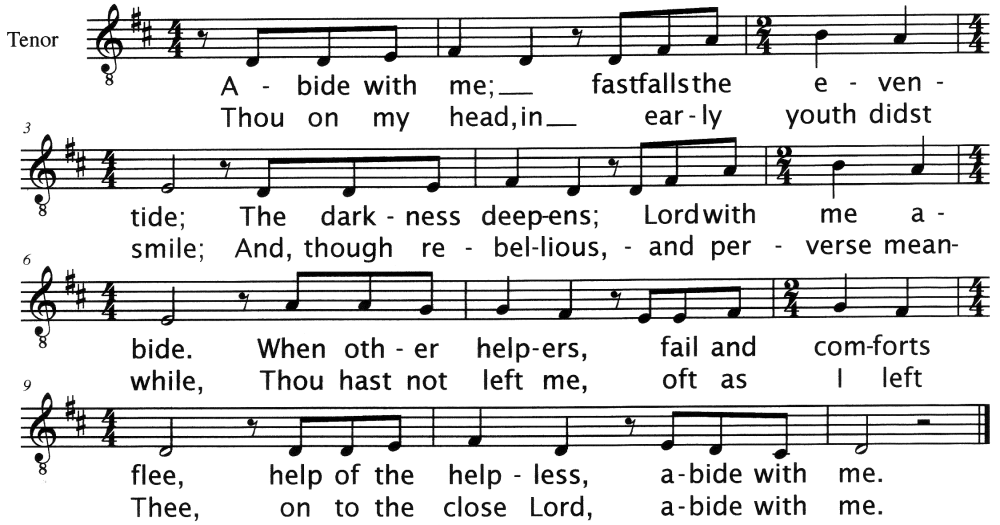
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\* This translation differs from the ESV in that the ESV translates God’s personal name, Yahweh, as “LORD” with small caps.

# Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor



A - bide with me; fastfallthe e - ven -  
Thou on my head,in ear - ly youth didst  
tide; The dark - ness deepens; Lordwith me a -  
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -  
bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts  
while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left  
flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.  
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

# Only In God (Psalm 62)

Text & Music: John Michael Talbot • © 1980 Birdwing Music / BMI Songs

1. On ly in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal -  
2. On - ly in God is found safe - - ty when my en - e - my pur -

7 C G/B Am G F G  
- va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my  
- sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when

13 F G C F  
strength, and my sal - va - tion My strong - hold, my  
I am found meek and found low - ly.

19 Am F G Am F  
sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold,

26 Am F G C C  
my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in

34 G/B Am G F G C  
God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 12:1-14

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup> But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” <sup>3</sup> He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup> Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? <sup>6</sup> I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup> And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup> For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>9</sup> He went on from there and entered their synagogue. <sup>10</sup> And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup> Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” <sup>13</sup> Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. <sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

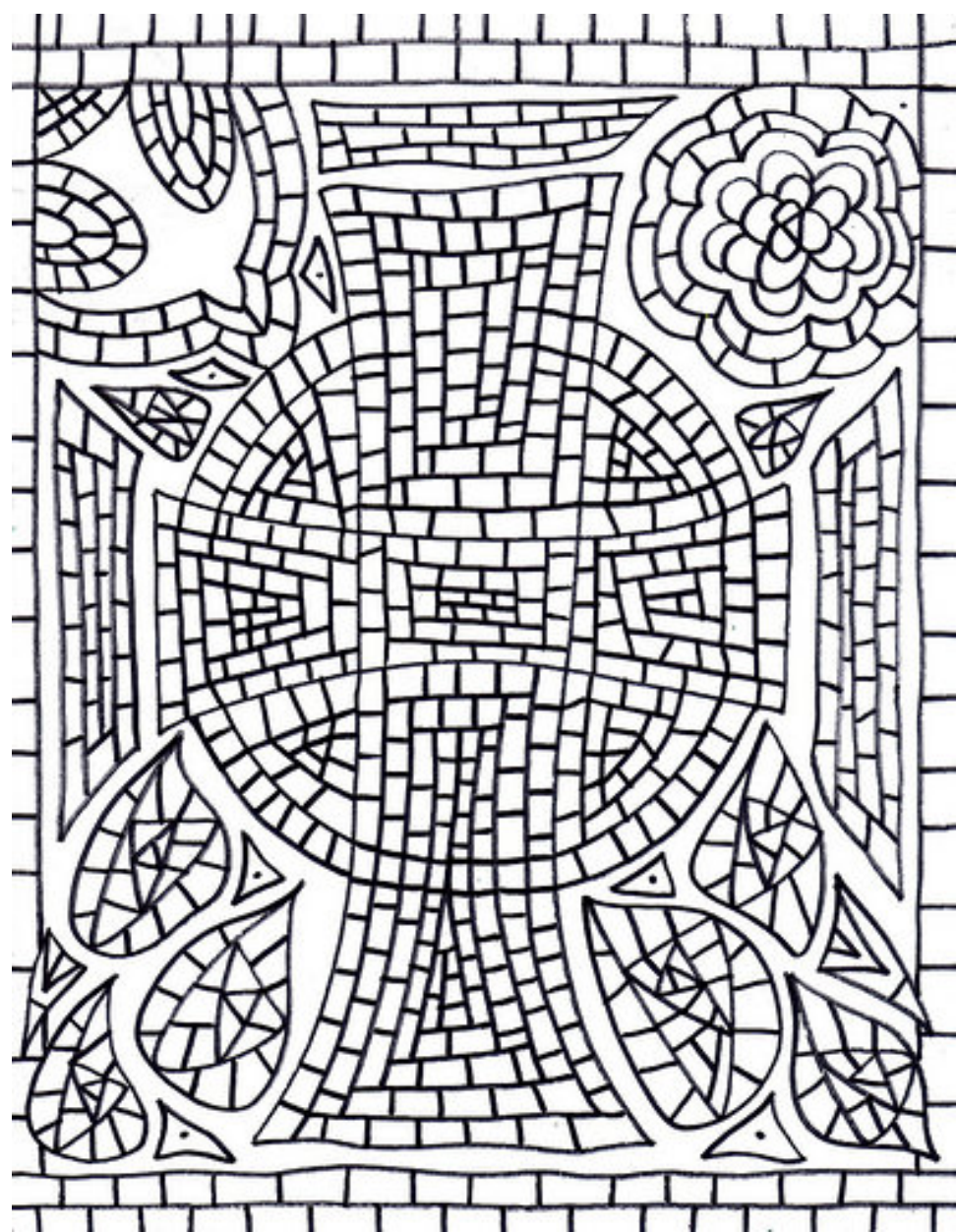
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “The Lord of the Sabbath” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (The Fourth Commandment, Exodus 20:8-11)

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Yahweh your God commanded you...You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore Yahweh your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.” (Deuteronomy 5:15)

“And Yahweh said to Moses, ‘You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, “Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, Yahweh, sanctify you.”’” (Exodus 31:12-13)







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.”

# In Sweet Communion

Text: Psalm 73 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I  
Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall  
Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the  
To live a - part from God is death, 'tis  
con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with -  
guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry  
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion  
good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the  
in your own, to keep me near your side Al - le -  
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.  
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.  
liv - ing God, His praise I long to speak.  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -  
lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia

# O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I  
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -  
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not  
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good  
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I  
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley  
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,  
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I  
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the  
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's  
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I  
grace.  
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -  
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?  
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?

O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;  
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

*(Chorus)*

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,  
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;  
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;

O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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**After Worship Today** • Join us around 11:40 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

**Home Group** • Today (Nov. 20) after Worship and Sunday School, at the Stevenson home (5037 NE Stable Court, Hillsboro). Join us for lunch and a conversation about the church calendar. We'll have pizza—please bring a side, dessert, or drink to share.

**Men's Study** • 6:30am Wednesdays. Contact: Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

**"Ascension Young Adults" (AYA)** • 6:30pm - 8pm Wednesdays. 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to come, and to invite their friends. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

**Women's Study** • 7pm Thursdays. Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

**Shepherding Meetings** • The elders want to check in with the members of the church. We like to use these questions to kickstart our conversations: *1) What are you thankful for? 2) Where are you seeing the grace of God at work in your life? 3) How can we as elders (or the deacons) serve you?*

We're available for these meetings on a regular basis on the third Sunday of each month for lunch or dinner. To schedule a shepherding meeting with us on one of these Sundays, or during some other time, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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