



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 29:2

Ascribe to Yahweh¹ the glory due his name;
worship Yahweh in the splendor of holiness.

¹ The ESV translates God's personal name, Yahweh, as "the LORD" (small caps).

All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultze

Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All praise to God who reigns a - bove the
What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his
I cried to him in time of need: Lord
The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his
Ye who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to
Then come be - fore His pre - sence now and

3
8 God of all cre - a - tion the God of won - ders
grac - ious mer - cy keep - eth. By morn - ing glow or
God, O hear my call - ing! For death he gave me
chos - en gen - er - a - tion; He is their re - fuge
God give praise and glo - ry! Ye who the Fath - er's
ba - nish fear and sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er

6
8 powr and love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With
eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -
life in - deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For
and their rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As
pow'r pro - claim, to God give praise and glo - ry! All
pay your vow and sing with joy and glad - ness: Though

9
8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery
in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his
i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The
great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

12
8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!
God with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O Yahweh, should mark iniquities,

 O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

 that you may be feared.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Lord, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. We have been fools to fear anything or anyone else. You have told us not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. We have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disdained your majesty. We crucified you, just to be able to fear anything but you. "But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." Teach us your great works and grant to us your Spirit of wisdom, so that we may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in Yahweh!

 For with Yahweh there is steadfast love,

 and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

 from all his iniquities.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Numbers 15:37-41

Yahweh said to Moses, ³⁸ "Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. ³⁹ And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of Yahweh, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. ⁴⁰ So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. ⁴¹ I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am Yahweh your God."

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, 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.

Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton • Music: American Melody • Public Domain

Alto

5

10

14

A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me! I once was
lost but now am found was blind but
now I see.

The musical score is for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and meter are indicated as 3/4. The lyrics are: 'A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see.' The score includes measure numbers 5, 10, and 14. The music ends with a double bar line.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
he will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

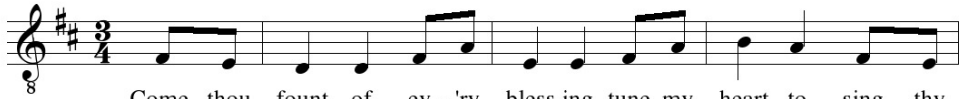
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson (1758)

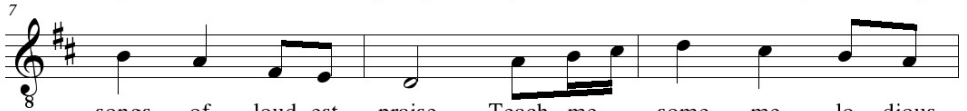
Music: Asahel Nettleton (1825) • Public Domain



Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly
be; Let that grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me__ some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus__ sought me when a
wand' - ring heart to thee. Prone to__ wand - er - Lord, I



son - net, sung by__ flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring__ from the fold of God: he, to
feel__ it - prone to__ leave the God I love: Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* *Ebenezer* is Hebrew for "stone of help." In 1 Samuel 7:12, the prophet Samuel set up a stone memorial and called it Ebenezer to remember that "till now Yahweh has helped us."

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 14:34 – 15:9

14:34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick ³⁶ and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

15:1 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³ He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” ⁶ he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

⁸ “‘This people honors me with their lips,
 but their heart is far from me;
⁹ in vain do they worship me,
 teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The Fringe of His Garment” (Rev. Eric Costa)



THE UPPER ROOM



VOWS FOR BAPTISM OF COVENANT CHILDREN

Hugh Riordan Jaques

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- * *Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

FRENCH REFORMED BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Little child, for you Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes—for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true: "We love him, because he first loved us."

CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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].)

From The Depth Of Woe (Psalm 130)

Text: Martin Luther (Based on Psalm 130) • Music: ©1997 Christopher Miner

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: 'From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion. If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who shall stand be - fore Thee?' The score includes bar numbers 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, and 16. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the
voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord
turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear
my sup - pli - ca - tion. If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost
mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who
shall stand be - fore Thee?
O who shall stand be - fore Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain, in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience.

And though I wait the whole night through and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might, it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O you of Israel's seed, you of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Text: Psalm 73 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
God-is good to His peo - ple, His mer-cy to me,
5
8
is al-ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.
9
8
And when my faith fal - tered, I en-vied the proud.
13
8
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
17
8
Trust-in the Lord God, He is un-fail - ing,
21
8
He is the strength of my heart ev - er more!
the good and the pure.

The wicked all prosper, and firm is their health;
they suffer no pangs as they gather their wealth.
They never are troubled with sickness or pain,
but boast to all others of ill-gotten gain.

(Chorus)

They question God's knowledge and boldly defy
the might and the justice of God the Most High.
The wicked grow wealthy, have comfort and peace,
while I, daily chastened, see troubles increase.

(Chorus)

In doubt and temptation, I rest Lord in you;
my hand is in your hand, whatever I do.
You always are with me; you guide with your word,
and soon into glory will take me, O Lord.

(Chorus)

Whom have I, O Savior, in heaven but you?
On earth for none other I long but for you.
My flesh and my heart may be weakened and sore,
but God is the strength of my heart evermore.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all.

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After Worship Today • Join us around 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

Men's Study • 6:30am Wednesdays at Starbucks (16175 SW Walker Road, Beaverton). This group is surveying the Bible using *The Drama of Scripture* by C. Bartholomew and M. W. Goheen. Contact: Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com) for more information.

Women's Studies:

- 2pm Wednesdays. Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).
- 7pm Thursdays. Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

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

Church Campout • Aug. 18-20 at Detroit Lake. The church has reserved eight campsites, and the cost is \$50 per site. To register, and for more info, contact Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@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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Name(s)

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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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