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THE WORD

**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 95:1-3**

Oh come, let us sing to Yahweh<sup>1</sup>;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For Yahweh is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

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

# Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre -  
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - ve - lous wis - dom hath  
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul praise Him for  
reign - eth, O shel - ters thee un - der His  
fend thee; sure - ly His good - ness and  
made thee; Decked thee with health and with  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath,

He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw  
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -  
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

near, \_\_\_\_\_ join me in glad a - dor -  
been \_\_\_\_\_ grant - ed in what He or -  
do, \_\_\_\_\_ if with His love He be -  
lief, \_\_\_\_\_ Spread - ing His wings to o'er  
gain, \_\_\_\_\_ Glad - ly for - ev - er a -

a - tion.  
dain - eth?  
friend thee.  
shade thee!  
dore Him.

## **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**

*Fountain of Living Waters, you give to all mankind life and breath and everything. But we have refused to honor you or give you thanks. We stubbornly pretend that we don't need you, that we can help ourselves. We actively resist your presence and will in our lives. We thoughtlessly ignore you, which may be the worst slight of all. Yet you remain a God of light and life and love, and, in your grace, you have invaded this world to save us from ourselves. Your presence and will, as seen in Jesus, is better than our autonomy. We are sorry for our foolish rebellion. Please forgive us, and fix our eyes on Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, in whose name we pray. 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 • Acts 2:44-45**

All who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

## **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 2

- 1 Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against Yahweh and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- 7 I will tell of the decree:  
Yahweh said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve Yahweh with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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...

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal his glory among all nations,

*hear us as we pray for your church. Bless all the ministers of your word and sacraments and unite all Christians in the bonds of holy faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Lord God of our fathers, who has promised to take care of our every need, *give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons. Grant all in authority over us wisdom and strength to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Most merciful Father, comfort all who believe the good news of your grace. *We pray for all who are distressed: the poor, the homeless, the sick, the bereaved, and those afflicted in body and mind. Comfort and relieve them according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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.*

Lord I Want To Be A Christian In My Heart

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart, in my heart.  
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart.  
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart.  
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,


Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

# I Hunger And I Thirst

Text: John S. B. Monsell, Matthew H. Curl

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



I hun - ger and I thirst;  
Thou bruised and bro - ken Bread,  
Thou true life - giv - ing Vine,  
Rough paths my feet have trod,  
Je - sus my man - na be; ye liv - ing wa - ters,  
my life - long needs sup - ply; as liv - ing souls are  
let me Thy sweet - ness prove; re - new my life with  
since first their course be - gan; feed me, thou Bread of  
burst, out of the rock for me. I  
fed, O feed me or I die. I  
Thine, re - fresh my soul with love. I  
God, help me thou Son of Man. I  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
Je - sus Christ the bread of  
life, I hun - ger for you Lord!

For still the desert lies my thirsting soul before;

O living waters rise within me evermore.

I hunger and I thirst, Jesus my manna be!

*Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!*

*Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!*

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 16:13-28

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “Confessing the Christ” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’ (John 20:21-23)

“You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22)

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:17-18)



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.<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Tenor

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; 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 - vided, 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!

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I yield my  
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,  
flick - 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain,  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,

that in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
and feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
and from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

## BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

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**Sunday School** • Are you interested in serving the children/youth of our congregation? You could help with Sunday School! We plan to get started again in September, so now is the time to coordinate volunteers. 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).

**Church Picnic** • Sun., Aug. 27, after Worship, at the Walnut Street Park.

**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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