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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 149:1, 4

Praise Yahweh!

Sing to Yahweh a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

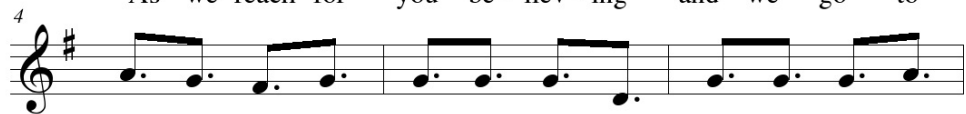
As We Walk Along Beside You

Text: Michael A. Perry (Luke 24)

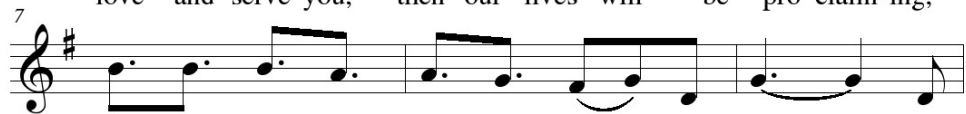
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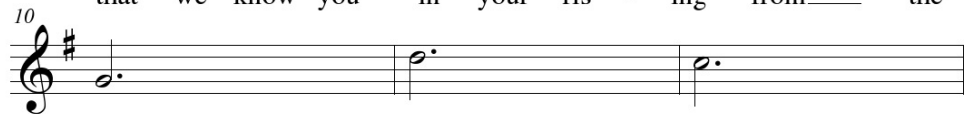
As we walk a - long be - side you and we hear you
As we ask that you stay with us, and we watch what
As we reach for you be - liev - ing and we go to



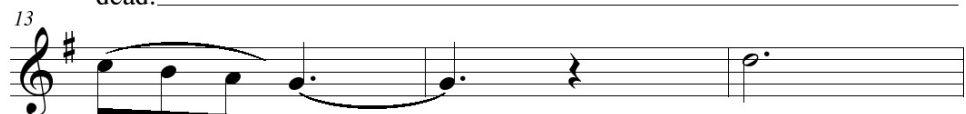
4 speak of mer - cy then it seems our hearts are burn - ing
you are do - ing then our eyes be - gin to o - pen,
love and serve you, then our lives will be pro-claim-ing,



7 for we find you in the shar - ing of _____ the
for we see you in the break - ing of _____ the
that we know you in your ris - ing from _____ the



10 word. A - - - le - - -
bread. _____
dead. _____



13 lu _____ ia. _____ A -



16 le - - lu - ia. _____

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 10:12-14

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

CONFESSION OF SIN (From *The Confessions of Augustine*)

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? If there is any that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so and help us to follow you in every way and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 133¹

- 1 Look, how good and how pleasant
is the dwelling of brothers together.
- 2 Like goodly oil on the head
coming down over the beard,
Aaron's beard that comes down
over the opening of his robe.
- 3 Like Hermon's dew that comes down
on the parched mountains.
For there Yahweh ordained the blessing—
life forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

¹ Psalm 133 translation by Robert Alter.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Father Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, 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.

Only In God (Psalm 62)

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the fifth system.

C G/B Am G F G

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

- 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.

I, Even I, Will Sing Unto The Lord

Text: Amy Carmichael

Music: Edward J. Hopkins • © 1960 Dohnavur Fellowship

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff at the beginning of each measure.

System 1: Measures 1-5. Chords: F, C7, F. Lyrics: 1. I, ev - en I, will sing un - to the Lord, For ev - er 2. Where dark - ness was, He said, Let there be light; I saw the 3. Shep - herd of Is - rael, what can baf - fle Love, Or cause Di - 4. Love, on - ly Love, these night - y things can do, What Love has

System 2: Measures 6-10. Chords: Dm, G7, C, C7, F, Gm. Lyrics: and for ev - er the A - dored; I, ev - en I, though blind re - cei - ving heav'n - ly sight. His mir - a - cles are - vine com - pas - sion to re - move? Out of a fall, Love pur - posed, Love will car - ry through. I, ev - en I will

System 3: Measures 11-15. Chords: C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7, F. Lyrics: I be dust, will sing To Him who ev - en now is tri - umph - ing. with us once a - gain; O worth - y is the Lamb that has been slain. makes a step - ping stone, And quite re - vers - es all the foe has done. sing un - to the Lord, For ev - er and for ev - er the A - dored.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Communion of the Saints” (Rev. Pat Roach)

Rev. Pat Roach is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Westminster Seminary. He has served as Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at Rice University (1999-2007), planted Hope PCA in Portland (2007-2014), and is now the Western U.S. Area Coordinator for RUF. He and his wife, Ashley, have three children: Mary, Anna, and James.



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.¹ 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 catholic² 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].)

¹ 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.

² Or, “universal.”

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Unknown, 8th Century

Music: *Slane* (Irish Folk Tune) • Public Domain



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry

4
heart, naught be all else to me
word; I ev - er with thee and
fight; be thou my in dig - ni - ty,
praise; thou mine in - her - i - tance,
won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

7
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

10
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, _____

13
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.

God Of My Life

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Of My Life'. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics underneath. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are as follows:

God of my life to Thee I _____ call;
Friend of the friend-less and the _____ faint,
That were a grief I could not _____ bear,
5 Af - flict - ed at Thy _____ feet I _____ fall;
where should I lodge my _____ deep com - plaint?
9 didst Thou not hear and _____ an - swer _____ prayer;
When the great wa - ter floods pre - - vail,
Where but with Thee whose o - pen _____ door,
13 But a prayer hear - ing, an - swer - ing _____ God,
Leave not my tremb - ling _____ heart to _____ fail.
In - vites the help - less _____ and the _____ poor?
17 sup - ports me un - der _____ ev - 'ry _____ load.
Poor though I am, des - pised, for -
21 got, _____ Yet God, my God, for - gets me not; _____
26 And he is safe, and must suc - ceed, for whom, the
31 Lord is sure to _____ plead.

BENEDICTION • Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today) we collect *Alms*, gifts of mercy that the deacons can use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.

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

Finance Committee • The deacons are looking for help with specific weekly, monthly, and yearly financial processes. To learn more, contact Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

Midweek Studies

- 8:15am Tue. men's study at Longbottom Coffee: the Book of Judges.
Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).
- 1:30pm Wed. women's study (starting a new book on Jan. 10).
Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).
- 6:30am Thu. men's study at the Starbucks on Walker & 158th: *Habits of the Household* (Earley).
Contact: Joe Pope (pope.joe@gmail.com).
- 7pm Thu. women's study of *Jesus through the Eyes of Women* (McLaughlin).
Contact: Holly McGarry (hollykiewer8@gmail.com).

Youth Group • 6:30pm to 8pm Wednesdays. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us and to invite their friends. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

Men's Breakfast • 7am Sat., Jan. 20. Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Men's Retreat • Feb. 23-25. Details forthcoming...
Contact: Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@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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