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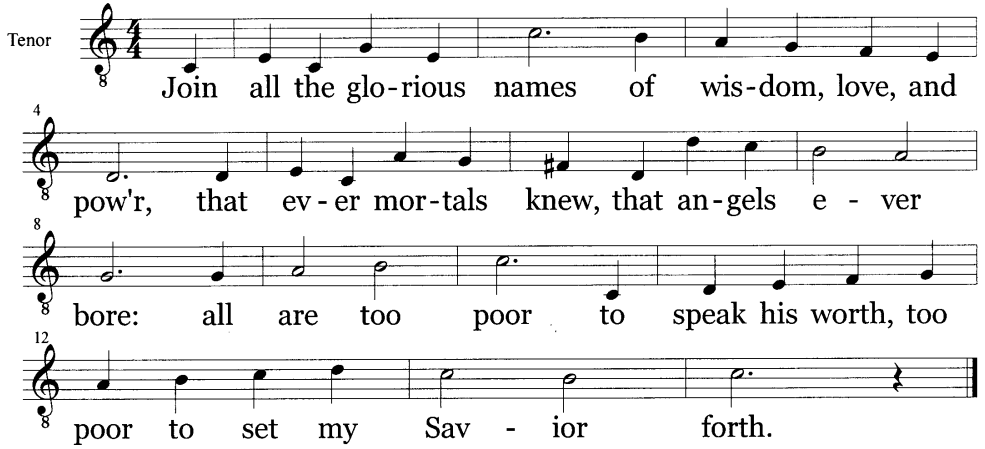
CALL TO WORSHIP • John 4:23–24

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Join All The Glorious Names

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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 • Psalm 145:8-9

Yahweh is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Yahweh is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Trinity, your love is eternal.

You are love.

There is none like you.

We are not like you.

We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, or strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We sin and fall short of your glory.

In the holiness of your love, forgive us.

Cleanse us, glorify us, fill us with your love.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 145:18-20

Yahweh is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

Yahweh preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 1 Chronicles 29:12-14

“Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”

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 • Joel 2:1-13

- 1 Blow a trumpet in Zion;
 sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the Day of Yahweh is coming; it is near,
- 2 a Day of darkness and gloom,
 a Day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful people;
their like has never been before,
 nor will be again after them
 through the years of all generations.
- 3 Fire devours before them,
 and behind them a flame burns.
The land is like the garden of Eden before them,
 but behind them a desolate wilderness,
 and nothing escapes them.
- 4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses,
 and like war horses they run.
- 5 As with the rumbling of chariots,
 they leap on the tops of the mountains,
like the crackling of a flame of fire
 devouring the stubble,
like a powerful army
 drawn up for battle.
- 6 Before them peoples are in anguish;
 all faces grow pale.
- 7 Like warriors they charge;
 like soldiers they scale the wall.
They march each on his way;
 they do not swerve from their paths.
- 8 They do not jostle one another;
 each marches in his path;
they burst through the weapons
 and are not halted.
- 9 They leap upon the city,
 they run upon the walls,
they climb up into the houses,
 they enter through the windows like a thief.

- 10 The earth quakes before them;
the heavens tremble.
The sun and the moon are darkened,
and the stars withdraw their shining.
- 11 Yahweh utters his voice
before his army,
for his camp is exceedingly great;
he who executes his word is powerful.
For the Day of Yahweh is great and very awesome;
who can endure it?
- 12 "Yet even now," declares Yahweh,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to Yahweh your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

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.

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

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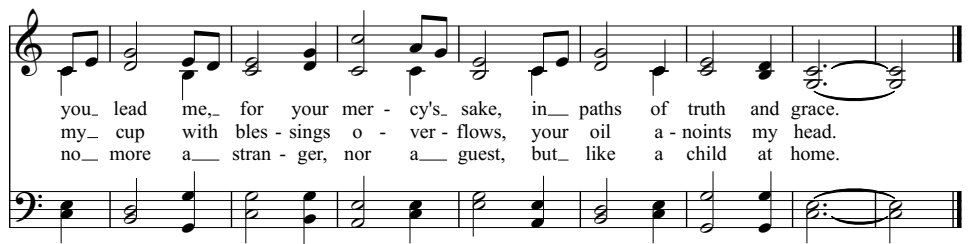
1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name; ___
2 When through the shades of death I walk, your pre - sence is my stay; ___
3 Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me all my days; ___



in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the li - ving stream. ___
one word of your sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way. ___
oh, may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise. ___



You bring my wand - ring spi - rit back, when I for - sake your ways; ___
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread; ___
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come; ___



you lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bles - sings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
no more a stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisolm

Music: William M. Runyan • ©1923/1951 Hope Publishing Co.

Tenor

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Father; 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!

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 24:29-51

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Be Ready”



THE UPPER ROOM



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].)

Father, Remember Me

Text: Psalm 103 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

1 The ten - der love a fath - er has for all
3 The Lord re - mem - bers we are dust, and all
6 his children dear, Such love the Lord be - stows
6 our frail - ty knows; Man's days are like the ten -
9 on them who wor - ship Him in fear. This is my
9 - der grass, and as the flow'r he grows.
13 song! Fath - er re - mem - ber me, When You come,
13 Lord - re - mem - ber me!

Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same,
displayed to all who do his will and reverence in his name.

(Chorus)

Those who his gracious cov'nant keep the Lord will ever bless;
their children's children shall rejoice to see his righteousness.

(Chorus)

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Text: George Matheson

Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner



O Love that will not let me go, I
O Light that fll - ow'st all my way, I
O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
can - not close my heart to thee; I
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That
heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
from the ground there blos - soms red Life



ri - cher, full - er be.
bright - er, fair - er be.
morn shall tear - less be.
that shall end - less be.

BENEDICTION • John 14:27

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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

BBQ at the Hamiltons' • 4pm Sun., April 28, at the home of Joe & Nicole Hamilton (1000 Madison Drive, Newberg). Dinner will be provided; feel free to bring sides, desserts, or drinks to share.

Midweek Studies

- 8:15am Tue. men's study at Longbottom Coffee: 1 Samuel
Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)
- 1:30pm Wed. women's study: 1 Samuel
Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com)
- 7pm Thu. women's study of *Behold and Believe* (Doctor & Kimbrel)
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).

Church Campout • Aug. 23-25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.
To register, 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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