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THE WORD

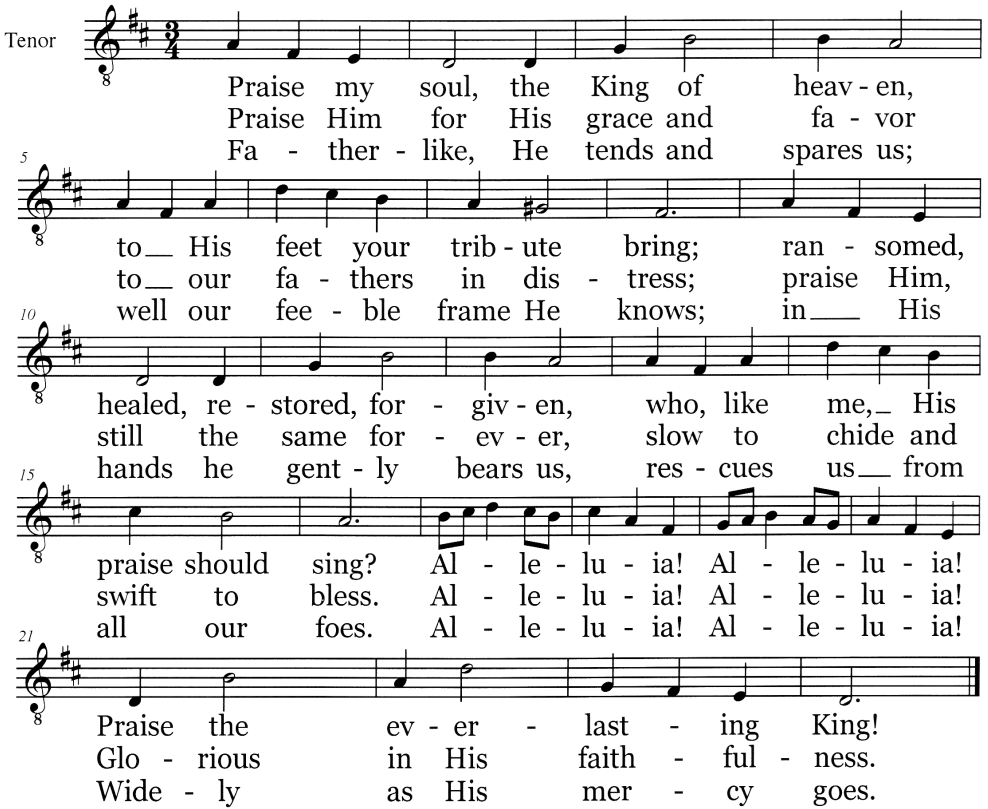

CALL TO WORSHIP • John 6:40

“This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

Text: Henry F. Lyte • Music: Mark Andrews • Public Domain

Tenor



Praise my soul, the King of heav-en,
Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor
Fa-ther-like, He tends and spares us;
to His feet your trib-ute bring; ran-somed,
to our fa-thers in dis-tress; praise Him,
well our fee-ble frame He knows; in His
healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, who, like me, His
still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and
hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from
praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise the ev-er-last-ing King!
Glo-rious in His faith-ful-ness.
Wide-ly as His mer-cy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father has given all judgment into your hands.

*We can hardly bear to confess our sins to you,
but neither can we hide them from you.*

*O God, you know that we have sinned against you
from the depths of our souls, every day of our lives.*

Judge of all the earth, our life is in your hands.

When you placed your life in our hands, it meant your death.

We entrust ourselves to your good judgment, and to yours alone.

In your mercy, be our judge. In your holiness, forgive us.

Assure us of your perfect love, and cast out all our fears. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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 139:1-6, 23-24

- 1 O Yahweh, you have searched me and known me!
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
3 You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Yahweh, you know it altogether.
5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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...

(From Ephesians 3:14-21)

We bow our knees before you, our Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
*that according to the riches of your glory
you may grant us to be strengthened with power
through your Spirit in our inner being,*

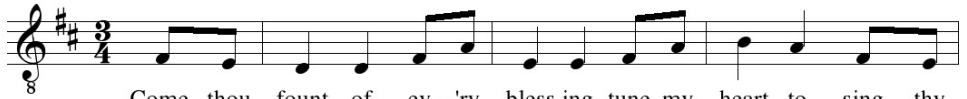
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—
*that we, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Now to you who are able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
*to you be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.*
Amen.

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing¹

Text: Robert Robinson (1758)

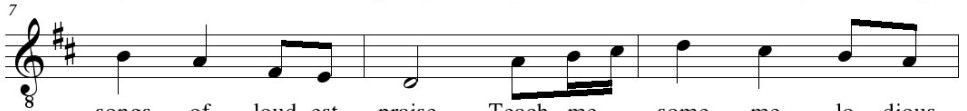
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Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



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

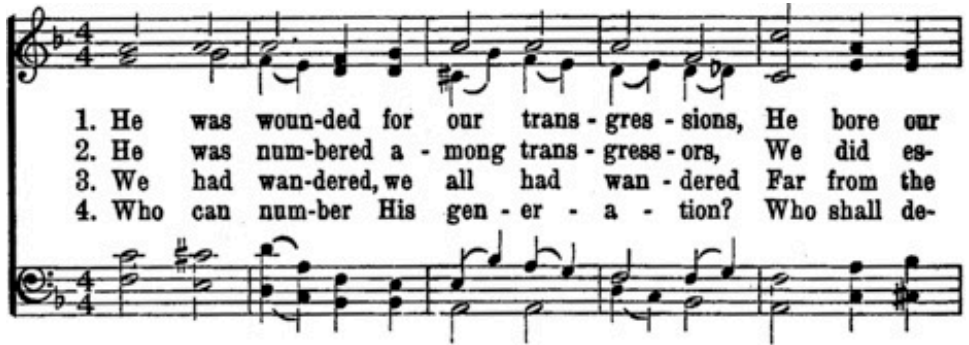


mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

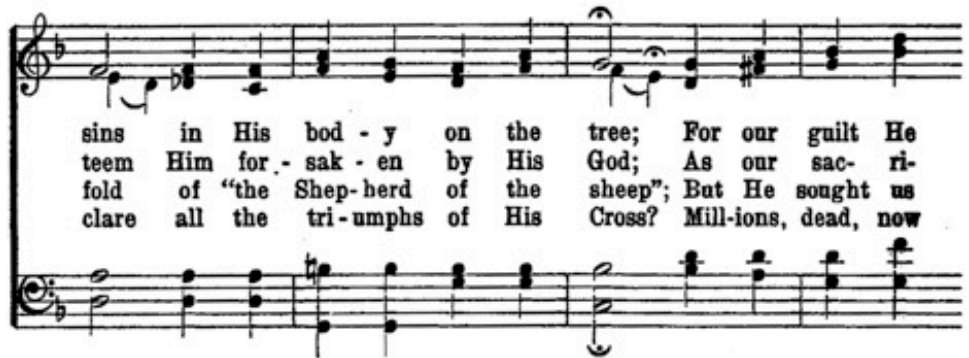
¹ *Ebenezer* (verse 2) is Hebrew for "stone of help." In 1 Samuel 7:12, the prophet Samuel set up a stone memorial and called it Ebenezer to remember that "till now Yahweh has helped us."

He Was Wounded For Our Transgression

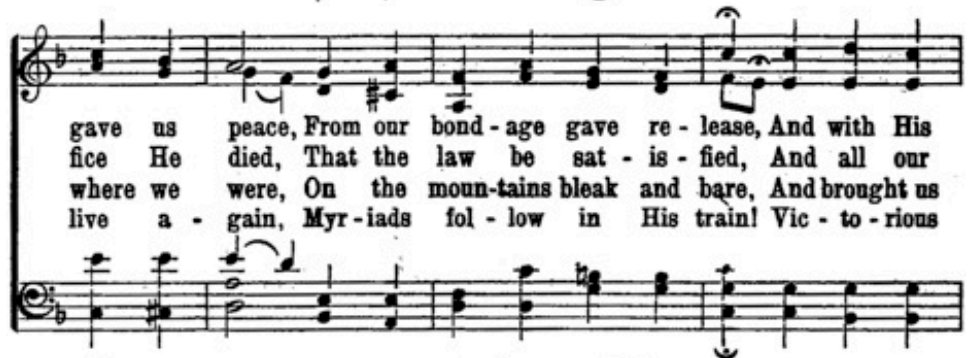
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1. He was woun-ded for our trans-gres-sions, He bore our
2. He was num-bered a-mong trans-gress-ors, We did es-
3. We had wan-dered, we all had wan-dered Far from the
4. Who can num-ber His gen-er-a-tion? Who shall de-



sins in His bod-y on the tree; For our guilt He
teem Him for-sak-en by His God; As our sac-ri-
fold of "the Shep-herd of the sheep"; But He sought us
clare all the tri-umphs of His Cross? Mill-ions, dead, now



gave us peace, From our bond-age gave re-lease, And with His
fice He died, That the law be sat-is-ied, And all our
where we were, On the moun-tains bleak and bare, And brought us
live a-gain, Myr-iads fol-low in His train! Vic-to-ri-ous



stripes, and with His stripes, And with His stripes our souls are healed.
sin, and all our sin, And all our sin was laid on Him.
home, and brought us home, And brought us safe-ly home to God.
Lord, vic-to-ri-ous Lord, Vic-to-ri-ous Lord and com-ing King!

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten maidens¹ who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Be Known”

¹ The ESV translates the Greek *parthenois* as “virgins” throughout the passage.



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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.

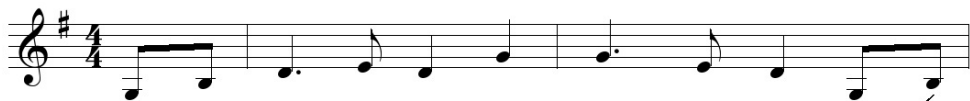
The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

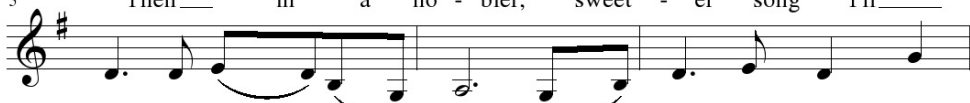
(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after 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].)

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

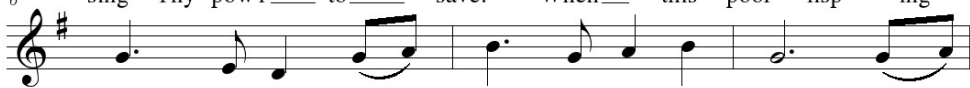
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There is a fountain filled with blood drawn
The dying thief rejoiced to see that
Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall
For since by faith I saw the stream Thy
3 Then in a nobler, sweet-er song I'll



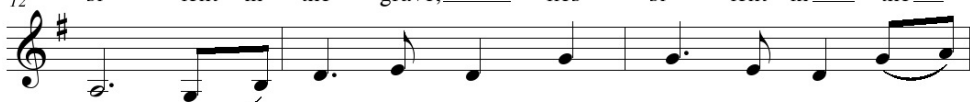
from I-man-uel's veins; and sin-ners plunged be-
foun-tain in his day; and there may I though
nev-er lose its power till all the ran-somed
6 flow-ing wounds sup-ply, Re-deem-ing love has
sing Thy pow'r to save: When this poor lisp-ing



neath that flood lose all their guilt stains; lose
vile as he, wash all my sins a-way: wash
church of God are saved to sin no more: are
9 been my theme and shall be till I die. And
stamm' ring tongue lies si-lent in the grave. Lies



all their guilt stains lose all their guilt
all my sins a-way wash all my sins a-
12 saved to sin no more are saved to sin no
shall be till I die and shall be till I
si-lent in the grave, lies si-lent in the



stains and sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose
way; and there may I though vile as he, wash
more; till all the ran-somed church of God are
die; Re-deem-ing love has been my theme and
15 grave; when this poor lisp-ing stamm'-ring tongue lies



all their guilt stains.
all my sins a-way.
saved, to sin no more.
shall be till I die.
si-lent in the grave.

Jesus Lives And So Shall I

Text: Christian F. Gellert • Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Je - sus lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is
gone for - ev - er. He who deigned for me to die,
still re - main - ing. I shall al - so be with Him,
lives, the bands of death to sev - er. He shall raise me
ev - er liv - ing ev - er reign - ing. God has prom - ised
from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust!_ He lives! He
be it must, Je - sus is my hope and trust!_
lives! Je - sus lives!_ He lives! He lives! and so shall
!!

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus x2)

BENEDICTION • Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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After Worship Today • There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion today.

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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Name(s)

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- I am a visitor.
- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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