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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • John 7:37-38

Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

O God beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison 7

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

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From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Ecclesiastes 7:20

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Righteous God, you alone are good.

There is something deeply wrong with us that we cannot make right.

When we look for life apart from you, we sin.

When we seek our own righteousness, we sin.

When we wish we could be good enough, we sin.

When we keep our distance from you by wallowing in guilt, we sin.

You alone are righteous, and you declare us righteous through faith in Jesus.

Jesus, give us eternal and abundant life with God in your name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Song of Solomon 6:3

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor Yahweh with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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 56:9c-11

^{9c} This I know, that God is for me.
¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,
in Yahweh, whose word I praise,
¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

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.*

This Is My Father's World

Sovereign Lord ... you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. Acts 4:24

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation. 1 Pet. 2:2

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Romans 8:31-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Jesus Is For You”

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” (Genesis 22:9-12)

Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who fear Yahweh say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on Yahweh;
Yahweh answered me and set me free.

Yahweh is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:1-6)



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.”

Not What My Hands Have Done

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Titus 3:5

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
 3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
 4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
 5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
 • thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
 and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
 he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

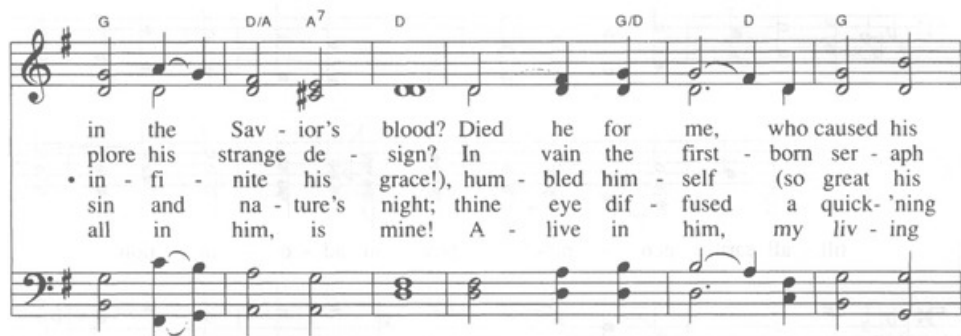
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 • No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb;
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;

not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

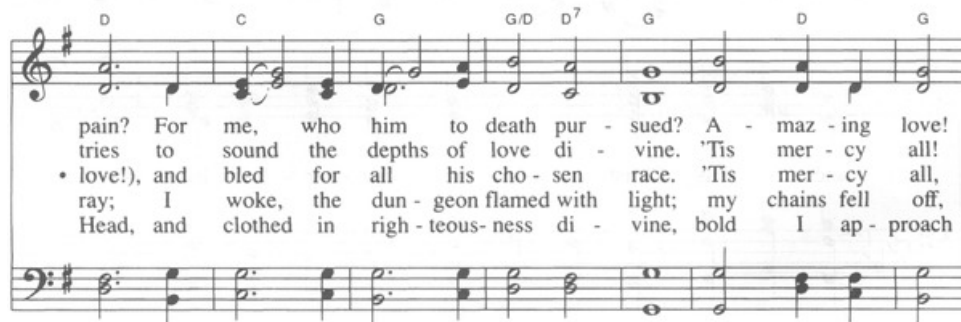
And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8


1. And can it be that I should gain an in-t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys-t'ry all! Th'im-mor-tal dies: who can ex-
 3. He left his Fa-ther's throne a-bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im-pris-oned spir-it lay fast bound in
 5. No con-dem-na-tion now I dread; Je-sus, and



in the Sav-ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 2. plore his strange de-sign? In vain the first-born ser-aph
 3. in-fi-nite his grace!), hum-bled him-self (so great his
 4. sin and na-ture's night; thine eye dif-fused a quick-'ning
 5. all in him, is mine! A-live in him, my liv-ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur-sued? A-maz-ing love!
 2. tries to sound the depths of love di-vine. 'Tis mer-cy all!
 3. love!), and bled for all his cho-sen race. 'Tis mer-cy all,
 4. ray; I woke, the dun-geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 5. Head, and clothed in righ-teous-ness di-vine, bold I ap-proach

C A⁷ D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, my went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, and through

D G REFRAIN D D⁷

die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

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

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).

Picnic in the Park • Sun., May 26, after Worship (weather permitting) at the Walnut Street Park.

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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- Please send me the email newsletter.
- Please use this info for the photo directory.