



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Hebrews 12:22-23, 28-29 (*responsive*)

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all...

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Thine Is The Glory

Text: Edmond Budry • Music: George Frederick Handel • Public Domain

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son; end - less is the
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lo - ving - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bo - dy lay.
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son;
to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and Yahweh has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

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 • Zechariah 13:7-9

7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares Yahweh of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

8 In the whole land, declares Yahweh,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

9 And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, ‘They are my people’;
and they will say, ‘Yahweh is my God.’”

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...

Lord, you built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach your Word, that, as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to you.

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

We pray for peace in every corner of the world: where there is war, where there is persecution, where there is starvation, where there is sickness, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that you will be glorified among the nations.

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In him was life and the life was our light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Cause that light to shine ever brighter in us and through us.

We pray as you 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.

How Firm A Foundation

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* (1787)

Music: Trad. American Melody • Public Domain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Firm A Foundation'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, 12, and 16. The lyrics are: 'How firm a foundation, you saints of the "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - Lord, is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent mayed; for I am your God, and will still give you word! What more can He say than to you He has aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent fled? hand.'

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

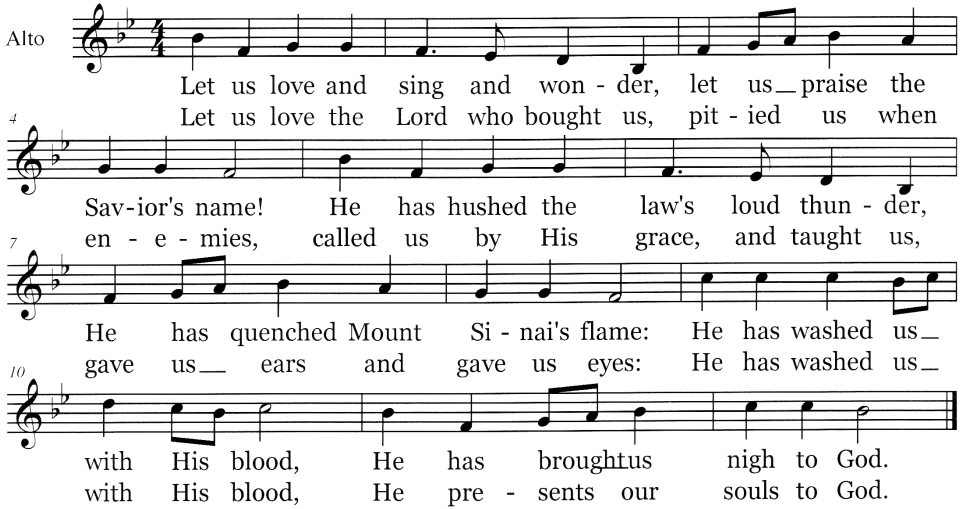
“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design,
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Text: John Newton • Music: *Darmstadt Gesangbuch* • Public Domain

Alto



Let us love and sing and won - der, let us_ praise the
Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
en - e - mies, called us by His grace, and taught us,
He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame: He has washed us_
gave us_ ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us_
with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He has washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He has washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 26:30-35

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”
³³ Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”
³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”
³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The Faithful Shepherd”



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Psalm 23

What do you believe about the Lord Jesus?

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. 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].)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Text: American Folk Hymn • Music: Southern Harmony • Public Domain



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won-drous love is this, O my soul! What
down, when I was sin-king down, sin-king down; ___ when
sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! ___ To
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! ___ And



won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
I was sin-king down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ
God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and



bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



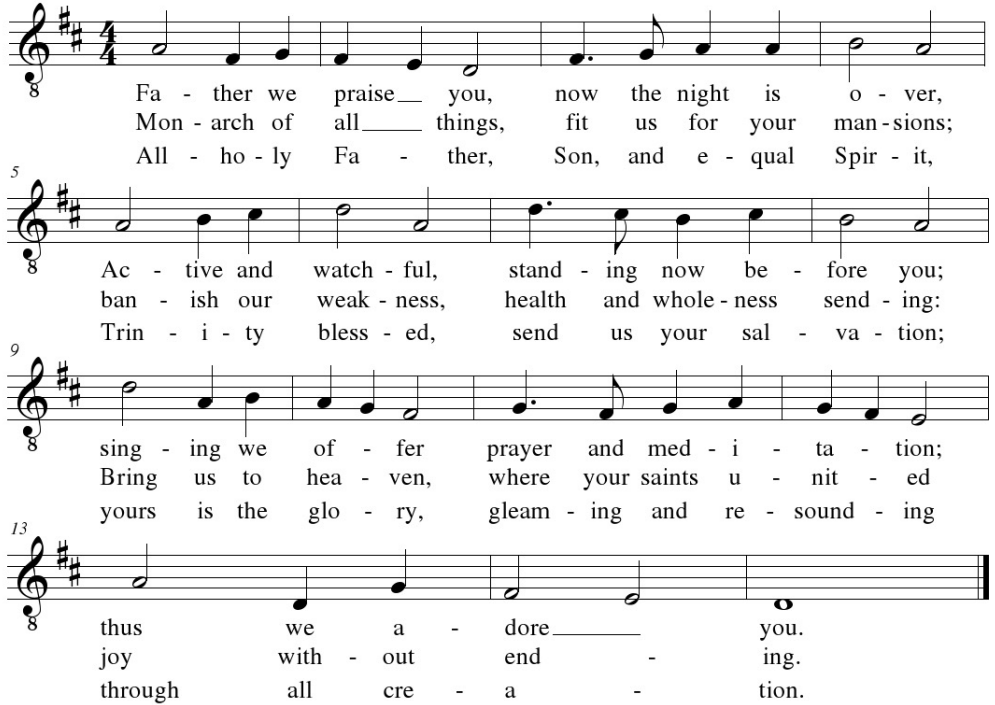
soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604)

Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681)

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8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
5 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,
8 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:
9 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;
8 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing
13 thus we a - dore you.
joy with - out end - ing.
through all cre - a - tion.

BENEDICTION • Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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Parking • Enter the parking lot from Walnut Street. The 12th Ave. entrance will remain closed to provide our children with a car-safe play area. Bring bikes and scooters for extra fun!

Community Setup & "Prefreshments" • 8:45am Sundays. Coffee/tea/donuts will be available at 9:30.

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.

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)

Email / Phone

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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
- Please use this info for the photo directory.