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CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Text: Francis of Assisi

Music: *Giestliche Kirchengesänge* (1623) • Public Domain



All creatures of our God and King, lift
Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye
Thou flowing water pure and clear, make
And all ye men of tender heart, For
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And
up your voice and with us sing Al - le -
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le -
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O
wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fath - er, praise the
beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O
joice, Ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,
bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light,
bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care!
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One!
praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Jeremiah 3:12-13

“Return, faithless Israel,
declares Yahweh.
I will not look on you in anger,
for I am merciful,
declares Yahweh;
I will not be angry forever.
Only acknowledge your guilt,
that you rebelled against Yahweh your God.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you sent Jesus to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. We confess that we have turned aside to our own way, have ignored your precious word, and have sought to find happiness outside of your will and apart from you. In your mercy forgive us. We would flee to no other refuge, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief; but alone entrust ourselves to Jesus' saving power, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 31:33-34

“Their prince shall be one of themselves;
their ruler shall come out from their midst;
I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me,
for who would dare of himself to approach me?
declares Yahweh.
And you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.”

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.

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 • Jeremiah 26:1-16

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from Yahweh: ² “Thus says Yahweh: Stand in the court of Yahweh’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of Yahweh all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³ It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴ You shall say to them, ‘Thus says Yahweh: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵ and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

⁷ The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Yahweh. ⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that Yahweh had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of Yahweh, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of Yahweh.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of Yahweh and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of Yahweh. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “Yahweh sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of Yahweh your God, and Yahweh will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth Yahweh sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

¹⁶ Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of Yahweh our 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...

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic church,
that we all may be one.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you,
that your name would be honored by all people.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who lead and guide your church,
that they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,
that we may know the joy of living for you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble,
that they may be delivered from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

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 Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote • Music: William Bradbury • Public Domain



1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his co- ve- nant, his blood, sup- port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right eous-ness: I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang- ing grace; in ev-ery high and stor- my gale, my
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
him be found: dressed in his right eous - ness a - lone, fault -



whol-ly lean on Je- sus' name.
an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



Rock, I stand: all o - ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o - ther ground is sin-king sand.

Peace, Perfect Peace

Text: Edward H. Bickersteth (1875)

Music: Matthew H. Curl (2008) • Used by Permission

Tenor

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, 12, 17, 21, 26, and 30. The lyrics are: "Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of Peace, per-fect peace, with sor-rows surg-ing sin, the blood of Je-sus whis-pers peace with-round, on Je-sus' bo-som naught but calm is in. Peace, perfect peace, by throng-ing du-ties found. Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far a-pressed, to do the will of Je-sus, this is rest. way, in Je-sus' keep-ing we are safe and they. It is e-nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us to heaven's per-fect peace. It is e-nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us home to a per-fect peace."

4
8
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Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of
Peace, per-fect peace, with sor-rows surg-ing
sin, the blood of Je-sus whis-pers peace with -
round, on Je-sus' bo-som naught but calm is
in. Peace, perfect peace, by throng-ing du-ties
found. Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far a -
pressed, to do the will of Je-sus, this is rest. _____
way, in Je-sus' keep-ing we are safe and they. _____
It is e - nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when
Je-sus calls us to heaven's per-fect peace. It is e -
nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us
home to a per - fect peace.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown,

Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadows us and ours,

Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,
when Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.*

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,
when Jesus calls us home to a perfect peace.*

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 26:57-68

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The Judgment of the Lord"

"I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord Yahweh helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord Yahweh helps me; who will declare me guilty?" (Isaiah 50:6-9)

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away." (Isaiah 53:7-8)

"Behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)

"Yahweh says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.' Yahweh sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!" (Psalm 110:1-2)

"If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:20-24)



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.”

Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

Text & Music: Robert Lowry • Public Domain



1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of
2. For my par - don this I see: noth - ing but the blood of
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of
4. This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of



Je - sus. What can make me whole a - gain?
Je - sus. For my clean - sing this my plea:
Je - sus. Naught of good that I have done:
Je - sus. This is all my right - eous - ness:



Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain



O pre cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no o - ther fount I know; noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

5. Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Text: Edward H. Plumptre

Tune: "Marion," Arthur H. Messiter • Public Domain

1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid - ens meek,
3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won - drous prais - es speak.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

REFRAIN

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing.
Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

5. At last the march shall end,
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

(refrain)

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

(refrain)

BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

Yahweh bless you and keep you;
Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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.

Picnic at the Park • Today after Worship at Walnut Street Park.

Church Potluck • After Worship on Sun., Aug. 11, at the home of Brian & Rainy Aznoe. Hot dogs will be provided—please bring sides/desserts/drinks to share.

Church Campout • Aug. 23-25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.
To register, contact Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

Committees! • We want to provide folks with opportunities to be involved in various aspects of our church’s life and ministry. If you’re interested, several groups will soon be making plans for upcoming months. For more information, or if you’d like to help, please connect with the contact person(s):

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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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