



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

And let the one who hears say, "Come."

And let the one who is thirsty come;

let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

As We Walk Along Beside You

Text: Michael A. Perry (Luke 24)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission



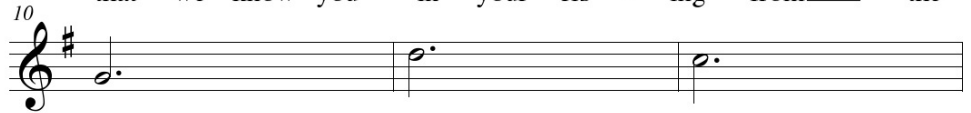
As we walk a - long be - side you and we hear you
As we ask that you stay with us, and we watch what
As we reach for you be - liev - ing and we go to



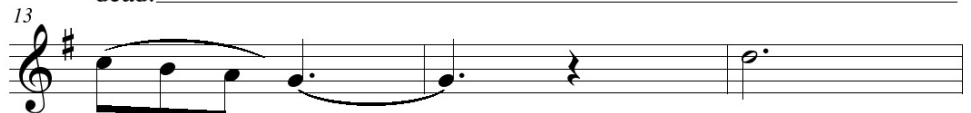
4 speak of mer - cy then it seems our hearts are burn - ing
you are do - ing then our eyes be - gin to o - pen,
love and serve you, then our lives will be pro-claim-ing,



7 for we find you in the shar - ing of _____ the
for we see you in the break - ing of _____ the
that we know you in your ris - ing from _____ the



10 word. A - - - le - - -
bread. _____
dead. _____



13 lu _____ ia. _____ A -



16 le - - lu - ia. _____

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hosea 6:1

Come, let us return to Yahweh,
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to you and ask that you forgive us and cover us in Christ. Let us hear your voice telling us that his blood is our peace, his death our freedom, his smiting our safety. And let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hosea 14:4

“I will heal their apostasy;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.”

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

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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 • Isaiah 53

- 1 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed?
- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 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.
- 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9 And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the will of Yahweh to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand.

- 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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...

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal his glory among all nations, hear us as we pray for your church.

*Bless all the ministers of your word and sacraments,
and unite all Christians in the bonds of holy faith,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Lord God of our fathers, who has promised to take care of our every need, give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons.

*Grant all in authority over us wisdom and strength to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Most merciful Father, comfort all who believe the good news of your grace.

*We pray for all who are distressed:
the poor, the homeless, the sick, the bereaved,
and those afflicted in body and mind.
Comfort and relieve them according to your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

And now, as our Savior taught us, we 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.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisolm

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

Tenor

8 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Father; there is no
6 shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
11 pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev-er wilt
16 be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
21 Morn-ing by morn-ing new mercies I see: all I have
26 need-ed thy hand hath pro - vided, Great is thy faith-ful-ness,
31 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 27:11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The True King"

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against Yahweh and against his Anointed, saying,
'Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.'" (Psalm 2:1-3)

"Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation." (Psalm 146:3)

"Jesus answered Pilate, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.'" (John 18:36)



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."

In Sweet Communion

Text: Psalm 73

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The first staff starts with a '8' below the clef. The lyrics for the first staff are: 'In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the To live a - part from God is death, 'tis'. The second staff starts with a '3' above the clef and an '8' below it. The lyrics are: 'con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with - guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the'. The third staff starts with a '6' above the clef and an '8' below it. The lyrics are: 'in your own, to keep me near your side Al - le - af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul. of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly. liv - ing God, His praise I long to speak.'. The fourth staff starts with a '9' above the clef and an '8' below it. The lyrics are: 'lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -'. The fifth staff starts with a '13' above the clef and an '8' below it. The lyrics are: 'lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia'. The score ends with a double bar line.

8 In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I
Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall
Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the
To live a - part from God is death, 'tis

3
8 con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with -
guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion
good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the

6
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af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.
liv - ing God, His praise I long to speak.

9
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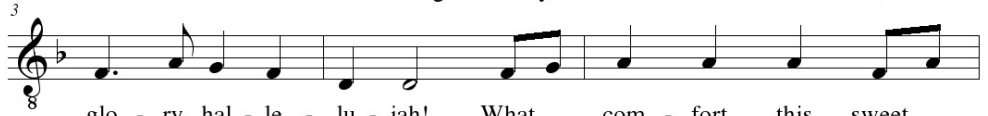
13
8 lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: American Folk Hymn • Public Domain



I - know that my Re - deem - er lives,
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,
He lives to bless me with his love,
He lives all glo - ry to his name,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! What com - fort this sweet
glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He lives, my ev - er -
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives to plead for
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives my Je - sus



sen - tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout
last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all.

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

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

August Fellowship Dinners • The evening women’s bible study is taking a break for the summer, but will be meeting together as families for worship and fellowship some evenings in August. All are welcome to join. We will eat dinner together at 6pm and conclude by 8pm. RSVP to JoAnna Stevenson (reay.jo@gmail.com):

- August 13th at the Jaques’ home
- August 27th at the Stevensons’ home

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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- 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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