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CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Sing to Yahweh, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be held in awe above all gods.

O Worship The King

Text: Robert Grant (Psalm 104)

Music: Johann Michael Haydn • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O". The second staff continues: "O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose". The third staff: "grate-ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our". The fourth staff: "robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His". The fifth staff: "shield and De - fend - er the An - cient of Days, pa -". The sixth staff: "char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and". The seventh staff: "vil - ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.". The eighth staff: "dark is his path on the wings - of the storm.".

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dark is his path on the wings - of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

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

OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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.*

GOSPEL READING • John 12:24-25

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:

Particularly for our sister churches in the Pacific Northwest Presbytery.

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:

We pray for those who do not know you; we pray that your gospel would run in our city; we pray that your fame and glory would spread here and throughout the world.

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:

Please give our President humility, wisdom, strength and trust in you. Please bless our Governor and our Mayor; please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:

We pray for those who are living on the streets. We pray for those who are discouraged and suffering in depression. We pray for those who are struggling financially. We pray for those who are sick or facing imminent death and for those who care for them.

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs...

(Silent prayer)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

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.

He Giveth More Grace

Text: Annie Johnson Flint • Music: Hubert Mitchell

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1. He giv - eth more grace when the bur - dens grow great - er; He send - eth more
2. When we have ex - haust - ed our store of en - dur - ance, When our strength has

7 strength when the la - bors in - crease. To add - ed af - flic - tion He add - eth His mer - cy; To
failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoard - ed re - sourc - es, Our

14 mul - ti - plied tri - als, His mul - ti - plied peace. His love has no lim - it; His grace has no
Fath - er's full giv - ing is on - ly be - gun.

21 meas - ure; His pow'r has no boun - da - ry known un - to men. For out of His in - fi - nite

28 rich - es in Je - sus, He giv - eth, and giv - eth, and giv - eth a - gain.

Chords: C, Dm, A7, Dm, F, G, G7, C, Em, C7, F, C, Em, A, A7, Dm, C, G7, C, G, Dm, G, C, F, C, Am, G, G7, C, Em, C7, F, C, A7, Dm, C, G, C

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 126

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 When Yahweh restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“Yahweh has done great things for them.”
- 3 Yahweh has done great things for us;
we are glad.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O Yahweh,
like streams in the Negeb!
- 5 Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Awaiting Restoration” (Rev. Tomo Ito)

Tomo Ito is the Warm Springs Church Planting Resident with Sacred Road Ministries. After living and working for almost two years at Sacred Road’s “home base” in White Swan, Washington, in early 2023 Tomo moved to Madras, Oregon, together with Evan and Holly Shaw to start Sacred Road’s full-time ministry on the Warm Springs Reservation.



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."

Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
 2. For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim;
 3. And now com - plete in Him, My robe, His right - eous - ness,
 4. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a - lone,
 5. When from my dy - ing bed My ran - somed soul shall rise,
 6. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
 I'll wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 Close shel - tered 'neath His side, I am di - vine - ly blest.
 Can change the lep - er's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," Shall rend the vault - ed skies.
 I'll lay my tro - phies down, All down at Je - sus' feet.

Refrain

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Carl Glaser • Public Domain

Tenor

The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 12/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The second staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The third staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 6/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The fourth staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and an 8/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
great Re-deem - er's praise, the glo-ries of my
God and King, the tri-umphs of his
grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

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

Church Campout • Aug. 23-25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.

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. **On Aug. 27 at the Stevensons’ home** we will eat dinner together at 6pm and conclude by 8pm. RSVP to JoAnna Stevenson (reay.jo@gmail.com).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Sept. 1) 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.

Men’s Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Sept. 7.

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):

- **Finance:** Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com)
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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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Name(s)

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- Please send me the email newsletter.
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