# ASCENSION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For Yahweh, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

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#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us pray...

#### CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Luke 15:1-2

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

#### **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 • Luke 15:10

"I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

# OFFERING • Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

# 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 9:23-24

Thus says Yahweh: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, <sup>24</sup> but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am Yahweh who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares Yahweh."

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 Beloved Son in the prayer he taught us:

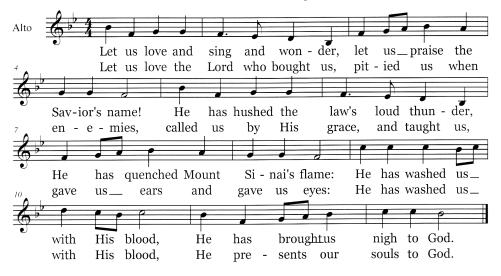
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment 1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I find to 2. Ev the Lord him-self is near me with spe - cial day a ery 3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to trust your -90 tri - als my Fa- ther's wise be - stow- ment, meet my here; trust- ing in for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me, mer - cy that Ι lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion prom - is es, 0 Lord, 4: I've for wor - ry for fear. He whose heart no cause or is kind be is Coun-sel - or and Pow'r. The pro - tec - tion of he whose name his Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and of - fered me with - in your ho - ly 0 yond all mea - sure gives un - to each day what he deems best- lov-ing laid; "As your child and trea - sure is a charge that on him-self he trou - ble e'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by meet - ing, ٦ -6 its part of pain and plea - sure, min-gling toil with peace and lv, rest. mea - sure," this the pledge to me days, your strength shall be in he made. the days, the mo-ments fleet - ing, till I reach the prom-ised one, land.

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#### Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

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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!"

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 2:5

Consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

<sup>2:1</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!* 

#### SERMON • "Jesus Christ, Crucified"



#### CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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.

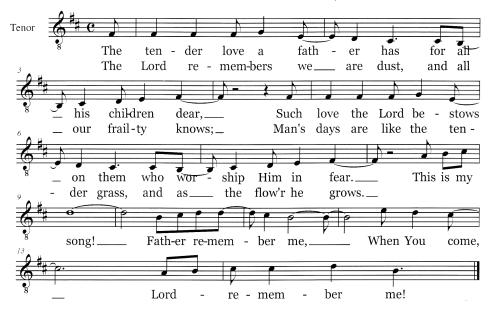
The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### 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].)

#### Father, Remember Me

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Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same, displayed to all who do his will and reverence in his name.

(Chorus)

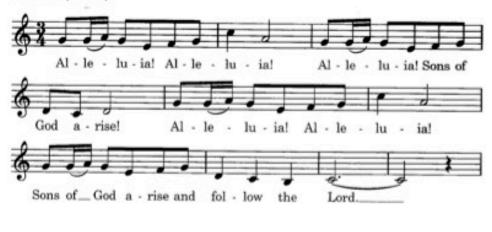
Those who his gracious cov'nant keep the Lord will ever bless; their children's children shall rejoice to see his righteousness.

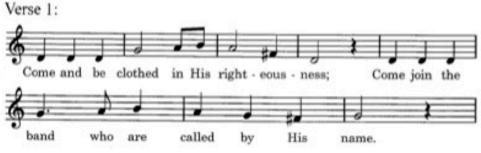
(Chorus)

#### Alleluia! Sons of God Arise!

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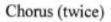
Chorus (twice):





#### Chorus

Verse 2: Look at the world which is bound by sin; walk in - to the midst of it pro-claim - ing my life.



#### **BENEDICTION • Jude 1-2**

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Community Setup & "Prefreshments" • 8:45am Sundays. Coffee/tea/donuts are available at 9:30. After Worship Today • Join us at 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults). Men's Study • 8:15am Tuesdays at Longbottom Coffee. Contact: Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Women's Study • 1:30pm Wednesdays. Contact: Cheryl Boden (cheryl@westuniongardens.com).

Youth Group • 6:30pm to 8pm Wednesdays. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

Ladies' Retreat • November 1-3 at the Lakehouse in Lincoln City. Contact: Cheryl Boden (by text to 503-319-8037, or email to cheryl@westuniongardens.com).

Missions Committee Meeting • 6:30pm Thu., Nov. 7. RSVP to Bertha Kramlich.

Warm Springs Christmas Shoe Boxes • Collection Day will be Sun., Nov. 10. Contact Shirley Sauerwein for more information.

**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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