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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 47:5-7

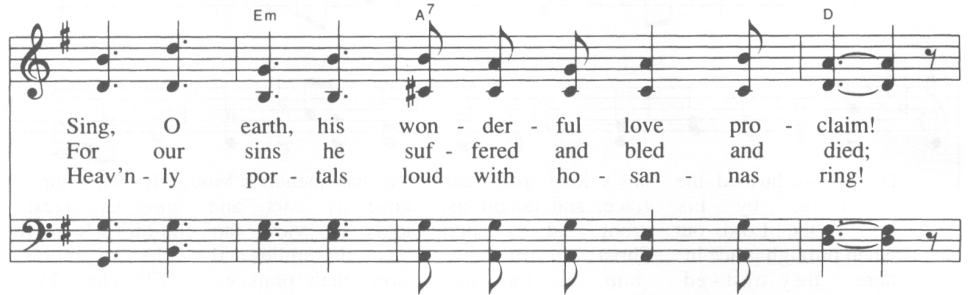
God has gone up with a shout,
Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

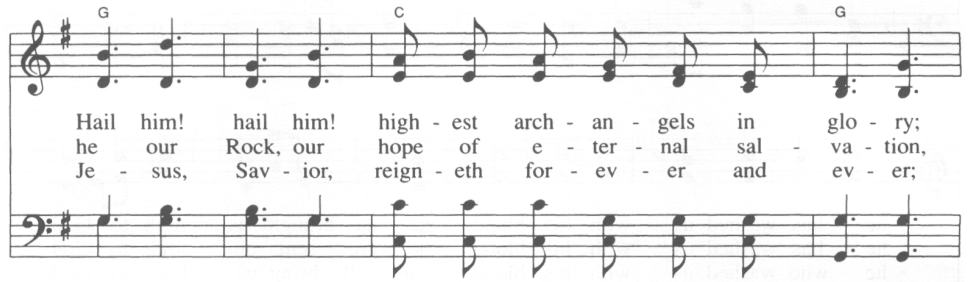
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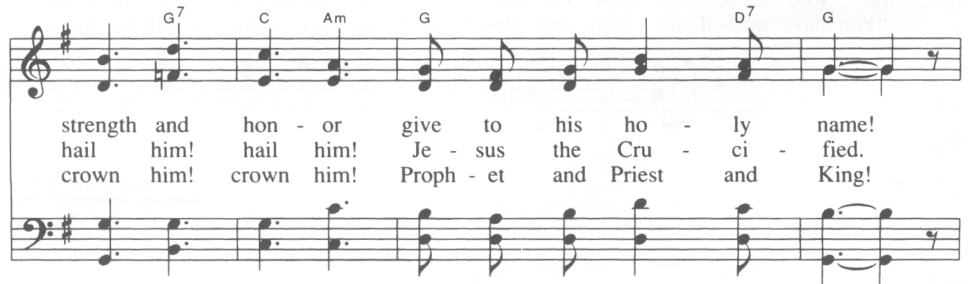
1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
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3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!



Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!



Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;



strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

D G D D⁷ G D⁷ G D
 Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A⁷ D
 in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN
 G C G
 Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

G⁷ C Am G D⁷ G 7
 praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 1:16-18

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

CONFESSION OF SIN (From *The Confessions* of Augustine)

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? If there is any that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so and help us to follow you in every way and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 4:3, 23-25

What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"... But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Malachi 3:10

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says Yahweh of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more 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 • Psalm 27:4, 13

4 One thing have I asked of Yahweh,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of Yahweh
and to inquire in his temple...

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of Yahweh
in the land of the living!

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...

(From Ephesians 3:14-21)

We bow our knees before you, our Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
*that according to the riches of your glory
you may grant us to be strengthened with power
through your Spirit in our inner being,*

so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—
*that we, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Now to you who are able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
*to you be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.*
Amen.

How Firm A Foundation

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

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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.”

To You, O Lord, I Lift My Eyes

Text: Psalm 123 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



8 To You, O Lord, I lift my eyes,
4 O Lord our God, Your mer - cy show,
7 To You en - throned a - bove the skies.
8 For hu - man pride and scorn we know.
10 As ser - vants
8 Re - proach and
13 watch their mas - ter's hand, Or
8 shame your saints en - dure, From
16 maid - ens by their mis - tress stand,
8 sin - ners who ap - pear se - cure.
20 So to the Lord our eyes we raise,
8 To You O Lord, I lift my eyes,
Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays.
8 To You en - throned a - bove the skies.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 John 2:28 – 3:3

2:28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

3:1 Behold¹ what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall behold him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Behold the Love of God”

“All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God... You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons... The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ... The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God... We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.” (Romans 8)

“Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” (1 Corinthians 13:12)

“We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:11-14)

“It is not the imitation of God that makes sons of God. It is sonship that makes imitators.” (Martin Luther)

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new, and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian as opposed to merely Jewish, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God. ‘Father’ is the Christian name for God. Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption.” (J. I. Packer)

“Because of the Spirit dwelling within us, we are assumed into the very depths of God's inner being... Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we have become sons and daughters of God... The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of sonship, transforms us into the glorious image of God that is Christ, fashioning us into sons of God.” (Thomas Weinandy)

“At the day of judgment, the righteous... shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity.” (Westminster Larger Catechism 90)

¹ ESV: “see.” Also in v. 2.



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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.

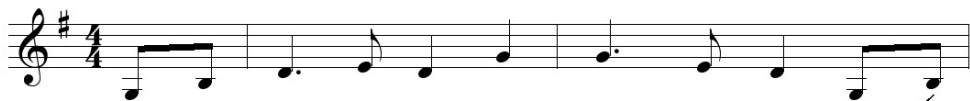
The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

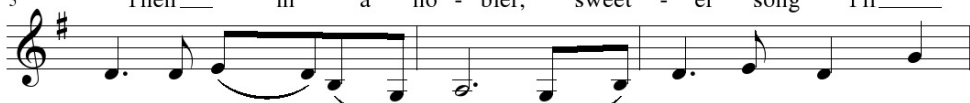
(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after 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].)

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

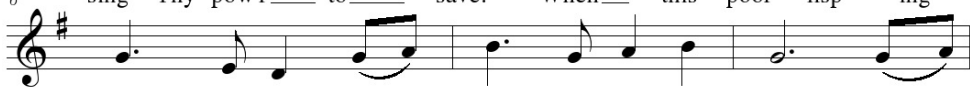
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There is a fountain filled with blood drawn
The dying thief rejoiced to see that
Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall
For since by faith I saw the stream Thy
3 Then in a nobler, sweet-er song I'll



from I - man - uel's veins; and sin - ners plunged be -
foun - tain in his day; and there may I though
nev - er lose its power till all the ran - somed
6 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing love has
sing Thy pow'r to save: When this poor lisp - ing



neath that flood lose all their guilt stains; lose
vile as he, wash all my sins a - way: wash
church of God are saved to sin no more: are
9 been my theme and shall be till I die. And
stamm' ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave. Lies



all their guilt stains lose all their guilt
all my sins a - way wash all my sins a -
12 saved to sin no more are saved to sin no
shall be till I die and shall be till I
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more; till all the ran - somed church of God are
die; Re - deem - ing love has been my theme and
15 grave; when this poor lisp - ing stamm' - ring tongue lies



all their guilt - ty stains.
all my sins a - way.
saved, to sin no more.
shall be till I die.
si - lent in the grave.

Love Me To The End

Text: Samuel Medley • Music: Jeff Koonce • ©2006 Red Mountain Music

Tenor



8 A beg - ar poor, at mer - cy's door, lies
A wick - ed heart is no small part, of
3 My stub - born will op - pos - es still, Thy
such a wretch as I; Thou know'st my need is
my dist - ress and shame; Let sover - eign grace its
6 wise and ho - ly hand; Thy spi - rit send to
great in - deed, Lord hear me when I cry.
crimes ef - face, through Jes - us' bles - sed name.
9 make it bend, to Thy su - preme com - mand.
With guilt be - set and deep in debt, for
My dark - ened mind I dail - y find, is
11 Af - fect - ions wild by sin def - iled, oft
pard - on Lord, I pray; O let Thy love suf -
prone to go as - tray; Lord on it shine with
14 hur - ry me a - way; Lord, bring them home nor
fi - cient prove, to take my sins a - way.
light di - vine, and guide it in Thy way.
let them roam, from Christ the Li - ving Way.

Before thy face I've told my case; Lord help and mercy send;
pity my soul and make me whole, and love me to the end.

BENEDICTION • 2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with your spirit.
Grace be with you.

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Community Setup & "Refreshments" • 8:45am Sundays. Coffee/tea/donuts are 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.

After Worship Today • There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion today.

Midweek Meetings:

- 8:15am Tue. Men's Study - contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)
- 1:30pm Wed. Women's Study - contact: Cheryl Boden (cheryl@westuniongardens.com)
- 6:30pm Wed. Youth Group - contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com)
- 9am Thu. Women's Study - contact: Audrey Jaques (audreyelainejaques@gmail.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.

Men's Retreat • Feb. 21-23 on the Sandy River. Contact: Rob Stevenson.

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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