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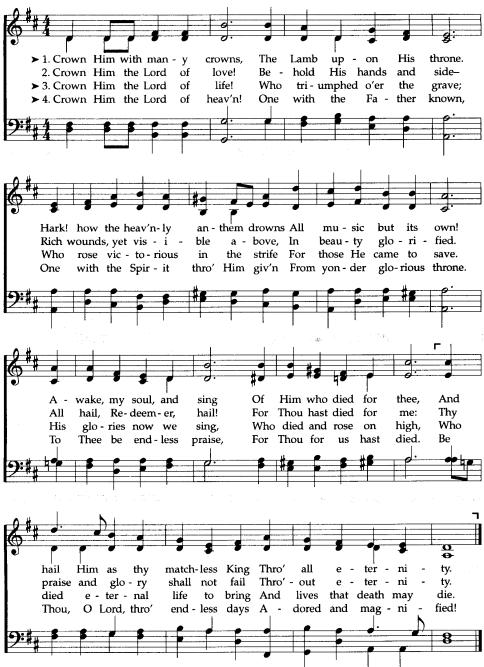


CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 50:14-15

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Crown Him With Many Crowns

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 3:10-12

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Fountain of Living Waters, you give to all mankind life and breath and everything. But we have refused to honor you or give you thanks. We stubbornly pretend that we don't need you, that we can help ourselves. We actively resist your presence and will in our lives. We thoughtlessly ignore you, which may be the worst slight of all. Yet you remain a God of light and life and love, and, in your grace, you have invaded this world to save us from ourselves. Your presence and will, as seen in Jesus, is better than our autonomy. We are sorry for our foolish rebellion. Please forgive us, and fix our eyes on Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 5:1

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

OFFERING • Matthew 6:2-4

"When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

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 • Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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...

Our Father in heaven, you forgive because you are holy. You gave up your Son to the shame and death of the cross to atone for our sins.

Thank you, Jesus, for the sacrifice you made on our behalf. Thank you for reconciling us to God. Thank you for giving us the privilege of relating to you in the ministry of reconciliation.

You have said that the one who is forgiven much loves much.

We do not deserve your love, yet you give it to us freely. Your grace is glorious. We praise you for taking our sins upon yourself, and for clothing us in your own righteousness. We love you for forgiving all our debts.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may forgive one another with the same holy and forgiving love we have received from you.

We adore you and long to imitate you. We want our life together in the church to be filled with your glorious mercy and grace. Make us new and radiant in your image. Others have sinned against you in the wrong they have done to us make it our divine joy to forgive them, even though it hurts. Help us to pursue true reconciliation and peace in the fellowship of the Spirit. Strengthen us to proclaim the good news of your forgiveness to the ends of the earth, for the glory of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Thy Mercy, My God

Lyrics: John Stoker • Music: Sandra McCracken © 2001 Same Old Dress Music (ASCAP)



Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots Music: *Kentucky Harmony* (1820), arr. Chip Ueltschey

"For for give sins give," you our as we_ -How reach can your par don and bless the light the In blaz ing your cross___ re veals _ Lord, cleanse the depths with - in. souls. and our_ taught Lord, to but us, pray; un for giv ing heart that truth dim knew: what we ly bid re sent ment cease; then, _ 5 you lone can grant_ grace to a us_ broods wrongs and will_ let old on____ not_ triv _ ial ___ debts are owed____ to_ us, how bound to__ all in bonds___ of_ love, our 0. live the words we say. bit de ter - ness part? great our debt to you! lives will spread your peace.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Colossians 3:9-17

You have put off the old humanity^{*} with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new humanity^{*}, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

SERMON • "In the Name of Jesus"

^{*} In v. 9, the ESV translates the Greek, anthropos, as "self" (also used in v. 10).



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.* 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 catholic⁺ 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

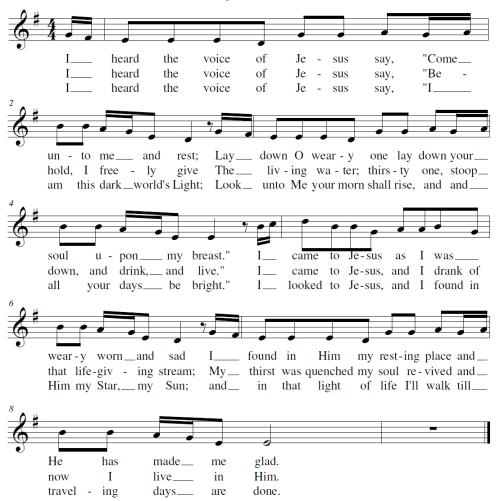
(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after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

 $^{^*}$ 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.

⁺ Or, "universal."

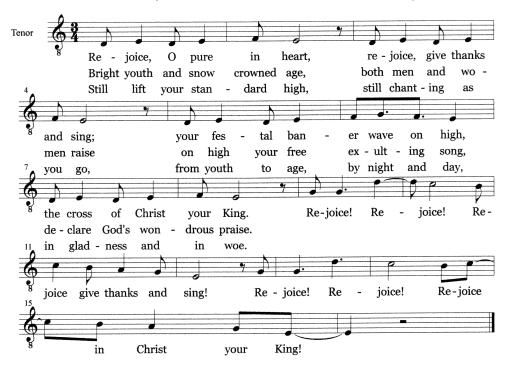
I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

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Rejoice In Christ Your King

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At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest, the pilgrims reach their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!

BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

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

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). **Warm Springs Christmas Shoe Boxes** • Collection Day is today! Contact: Shirley Sauerwein. **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)

Potluck Lunch & Book Discussion • After Worship on Sun., Nov. 24. Please bring something to share for our meal together. We'll discuss the little book, *Enjoy Your Prayer Life*, by Michael Reeves.

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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Name(s) Email / Phone	 I am a visitor. I want to know more about being a Christian. I would like to get coffee with the Pastor. Please send me the email newsletter. Please use this info for the photo directory.