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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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11:00 a.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WORD ON WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Have you ever wondered why singing is such a prominent feature in our worship services?

- Singing serves as a way to bless and thank God for who He is and for all that He has done to love and rescue us.
- Singing our Lord's praise is a primary way that we enthrone Him in our hearts (Psalm 22:3).
- Singing serves as a means of proclaiming the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In singing, we commend to others the Jesus that we know and cherish ourselves (I Corinthians 14:24-25).
- Singing enables us to savor God's Word, making it more memorable and vivid. The Apostle Paul advised, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ... singing psalms and hymns..." (Colossians 3:16).
- Singing changes us. It makes us kinder, gentler, and more reasonable. It also affords peace and joy to our hearts.
- Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (Acts 16:25).
- Singing serves as a weapon when we are in the midst of spiritual conflict. Martin Luther claims that "the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God."

William Cowper, the beloved 18th century English poet and hymnodist, was right: "Sometimes the light surprises the Christian while he sings. It is the Son who rises with healing in His wings." Oh that we might experience anew His healing and transformative work in our hearts as we draw near to worship our Lord!

SECURE IN THE HANDS OF A GOOD KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Jonathan Reuss
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Pinkston

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing Unto God" G.F. Handel
Sing unto God, and high affections raise,
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.
*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" . . MIT FREUDEN ZART
stanzas 1-4

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 107:1-9, 14, 15 Zach Pennington

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,

**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

**He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**

**Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SECURE IN THE HANDS OF A MERCIFUL SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Savior, You died and rose again
to release us from the weight, shame, and guilt of sin.
Graciously pardon us as we confess to You
our deficient thankfulness for Your blessings,
our minimal zeal for Your worship,
our lack of humility under Your correction,
our lazy watchfulness against temptation,
our struggle with discontentment,
and our slowness to sacrificially serve and love others.
Go forth and show us Your cross,
mighty to subdue, comfort, and save us.
For we pray in Your matchless name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 629 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" . . . WHAT A FRIEND

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney
Text from Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

✦DOXOLOGY..... OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SECURE IN THE HANDS OF A MIGHTY GOD

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30
(page 896 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *More Than We Asked* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "In Christ Alone".....Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



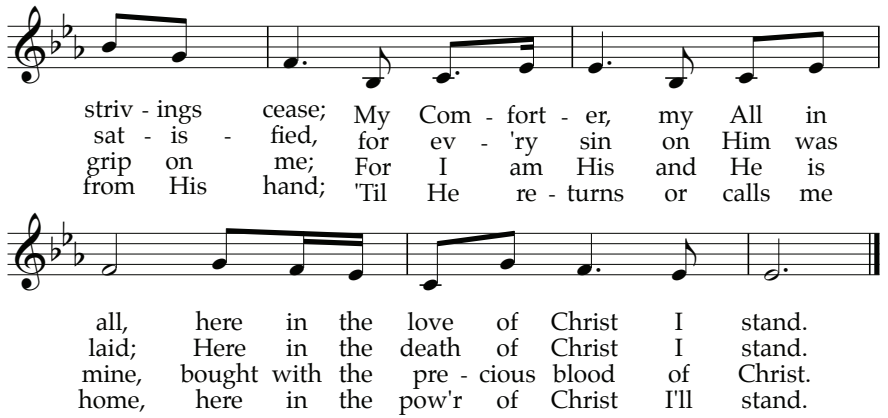
light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was
as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its
pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, All in
 sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 grip on me; For I am His and He is
 from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Richard Elliott

✦Indicates congregation standing

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