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WELCOME TO  
**CHRIST  
CHURCH**  
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To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**TO OUR GUESTS:** **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "**The Liturgical Elements of Worship**" on page 8 of the bulletin.



**Preparation  
for Worship**

*This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.*

**Call to  
Worship**

*It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We do not call ourselves. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.*

**Invocation**

*This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.*

*Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."*

- Matthew 2:13-15

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

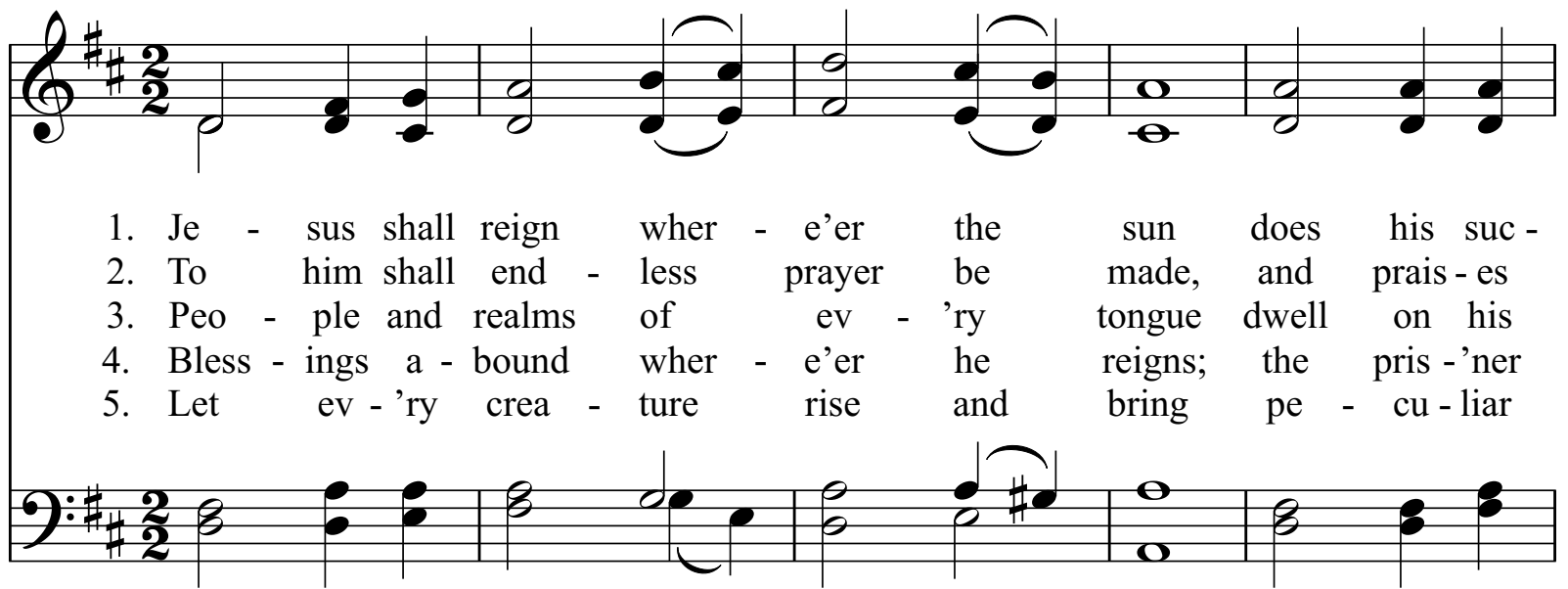
Pastor: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits... Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

- Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

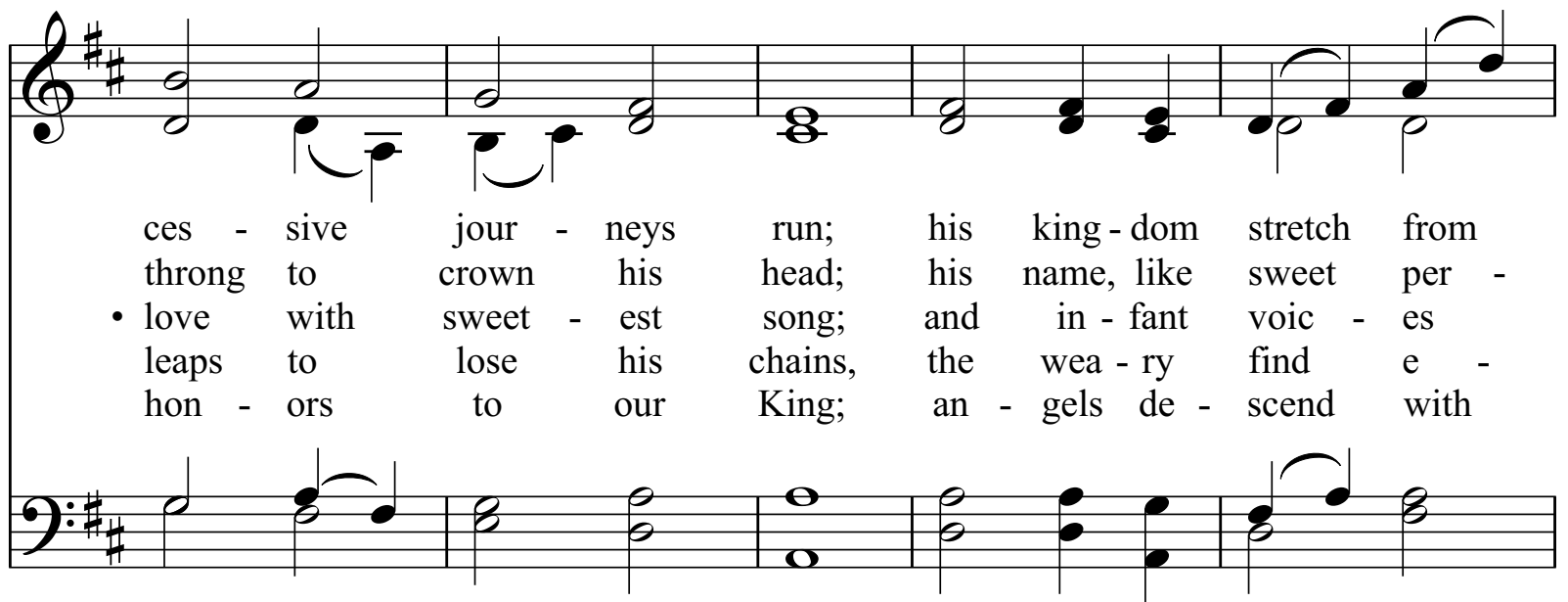
# Jesus Shall Reign

## Hymn of Praise

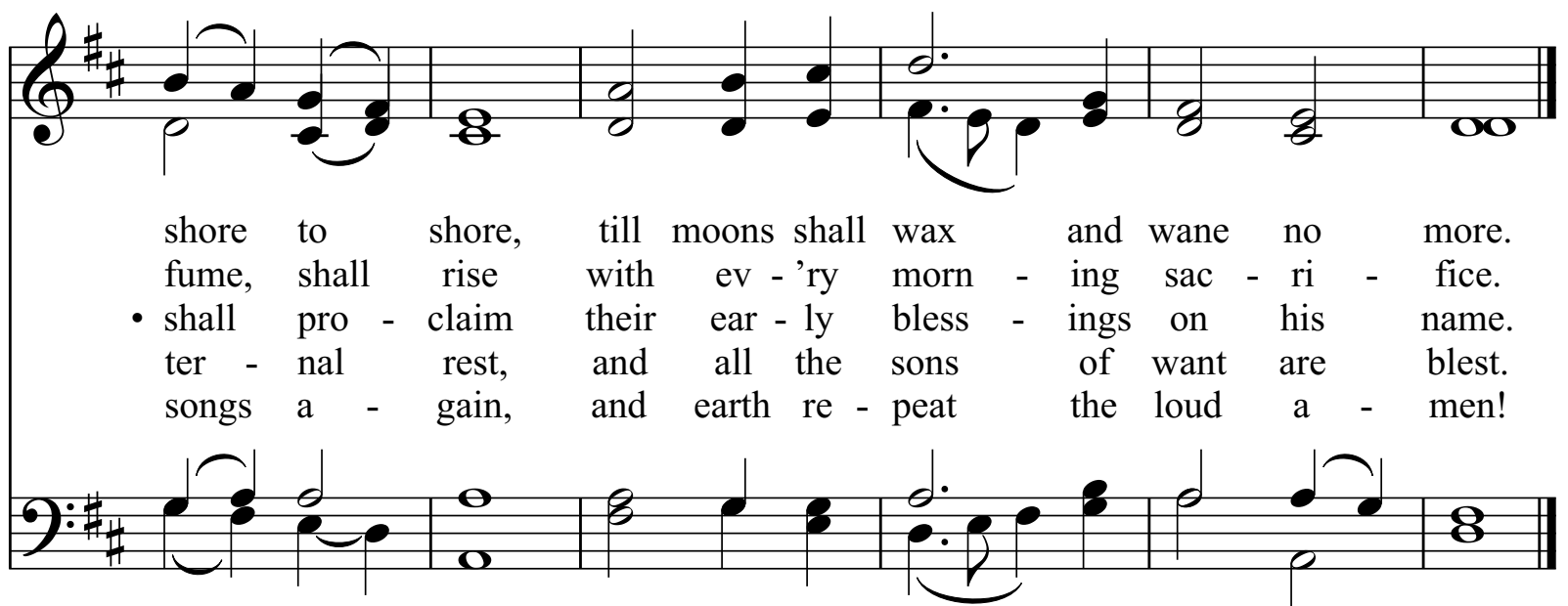
*This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.*



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -  
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner  
5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
• love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume, shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
• shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

**Elder:** *Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? - Ezekiel 33:11*

**All:** **Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

**Silently confess your sins to the Lord**

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.*

**Hymn of  
Confession/  
Lament**

*This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.*

**Psalm 73 (partial)**  
to Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

OPC/URCNA

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Bm G6 Bm D A D F# Bm Em A7 A D

1. Sure - ly God is good to — Is - rael, good to those whose hearts are — pure.  
 2. For 'til death they have no — strug - gles; they are heal - thy, fit and — strong,  
 3. All in vain I kept my — heart clean, washed my hands in in - no - cence.  
 4. When I tried to un - der - stand this, it was wea - ri - some to — me,  
 5. You to glo - ry will re - ceive me with Your coun - sel as my — guide.

Bm G6 Bm D A D F# Bm Em A7 A D

As for me, my steps were — slip - ping, and my foot - hold was un - sure.  
 un - di - sturbed by woes and — trou - bles, as to hu - man life be - long.  
 All day long Your plagues af - flict me, mor - ning brings new pu - nish - ment.  
 'til I came in - to God's. tem - ple and di - scerned their des - ti - ny.  
 I have none but You in — hea - ven; all on earth I lay a - side.

Bm Em G Bm F#/A# Bm Em/B F#/A# F# Bm

For the ar - ro - gant I en - vied, as I saw them live se - cure.  
 Ar - ro - gance be - comes their neck - lace; vi - lence is the cloak they — don.  
 Had I spo - ken thus, Your chil - dren would have suf - fered great of - fense.  
 For on slip - p'ry ground You place — them, and You make their end com - plete.  
 Flesh and heart may fail, but e - ver God my por - tion will a - bide.

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**Assurance of  
Salvation**

*Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.*

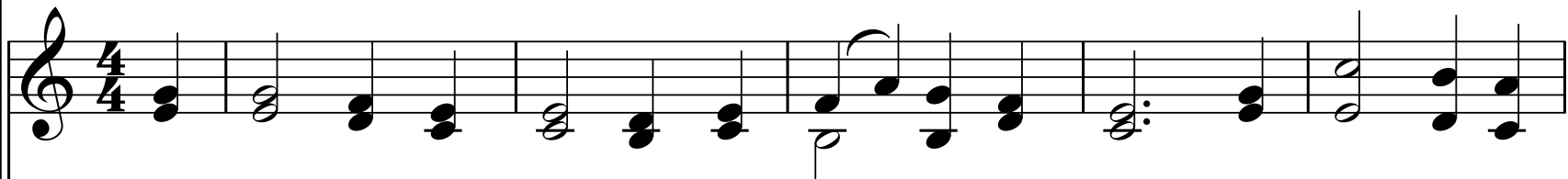
Elder: *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

- Psalm 103:11-13

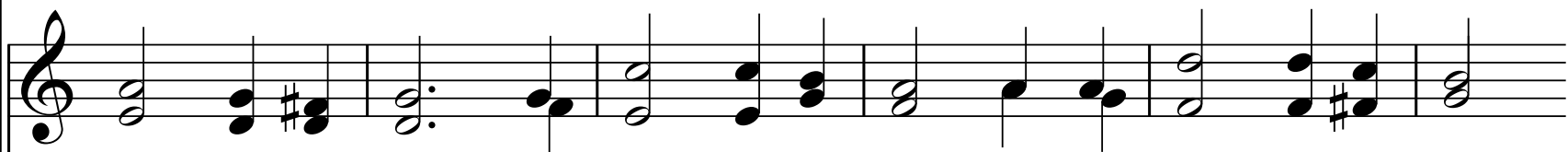
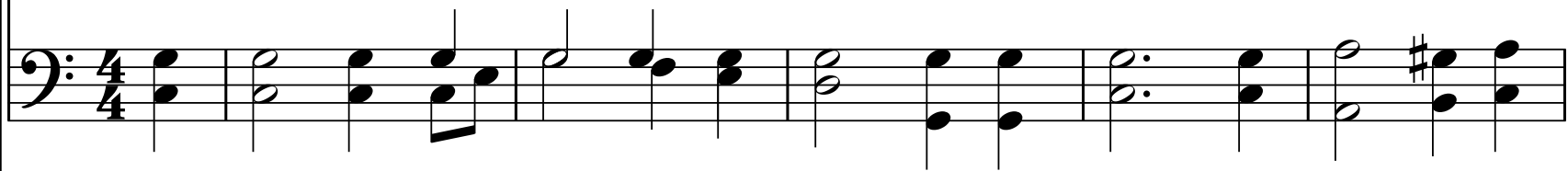
# When Peace, Like a River

## Hymn of Faith

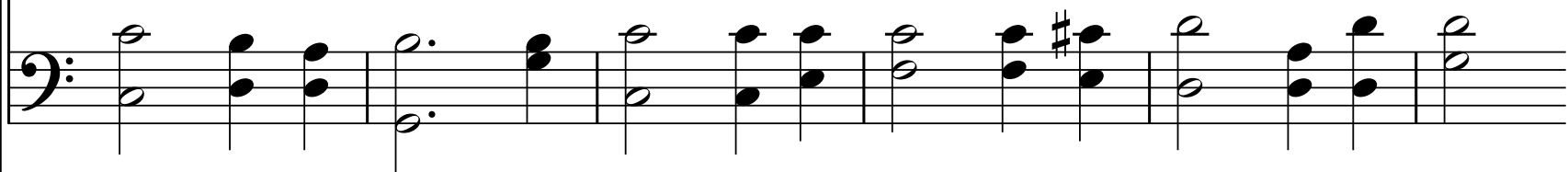
*This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.*



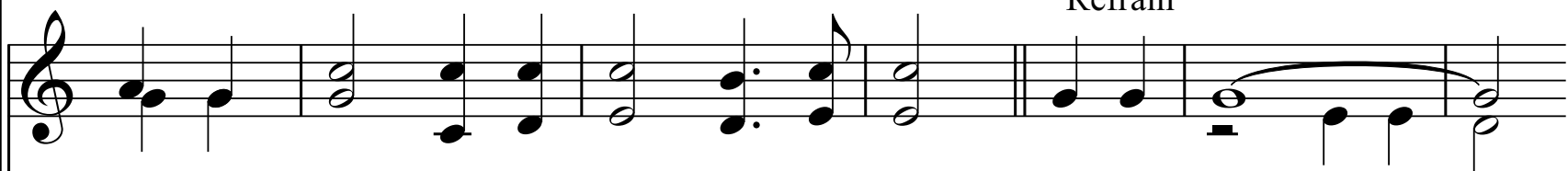
1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like  
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -  
3. My sin—O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in  
4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



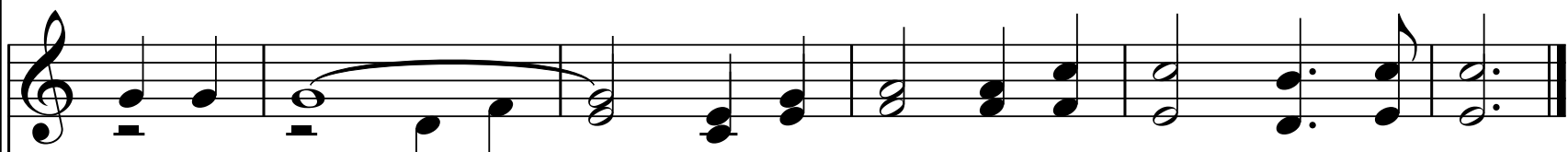
sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,  
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



### Refrain



“It is well, it is well with my soul.”  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well  
“E - ven so”—it is well with my soul.



with my soul;  
with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.



**Scripture  
Reading**

*We read from both  
Old and New  
Testaments  
because they are  
not two different  
books but both are  
a part of God's  
unfolding plan of  
redemption.*

**Hymn of  
Preparation**

*This hymn is  
gospel-focused and  
sermon-oriented  
and planned with  
the children in  
mind.*

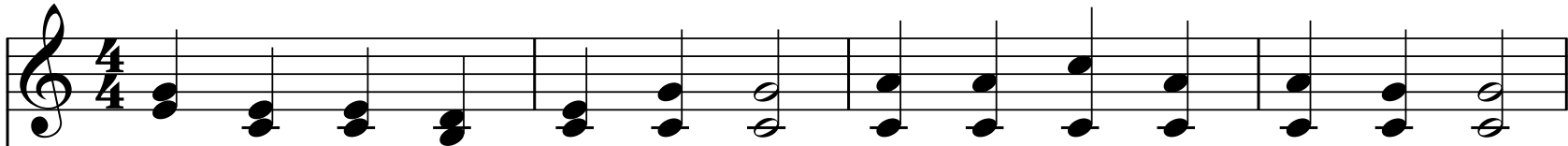
**New Testament - Luke 23:26-31**

**Old Testament - Hosea 11**

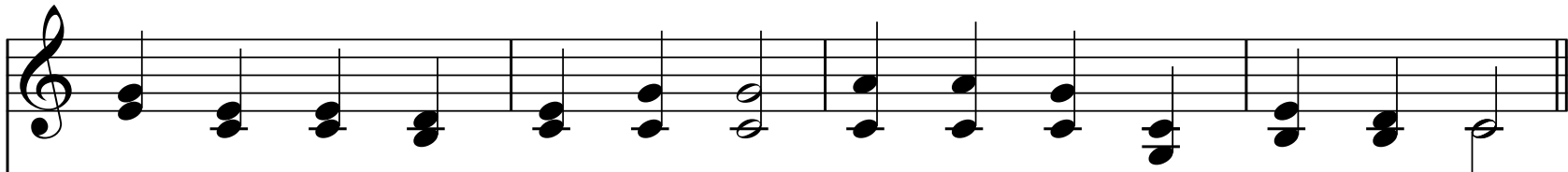
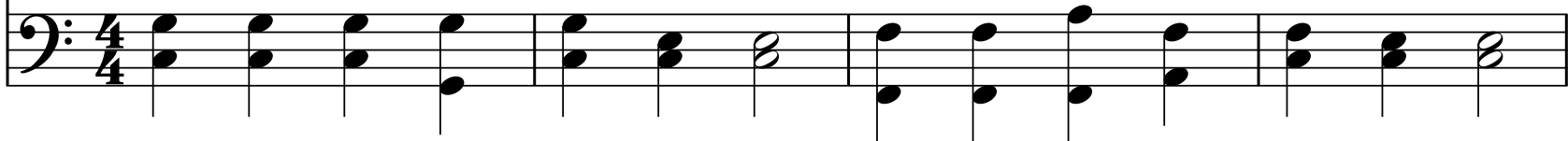
**Elder: This is the Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

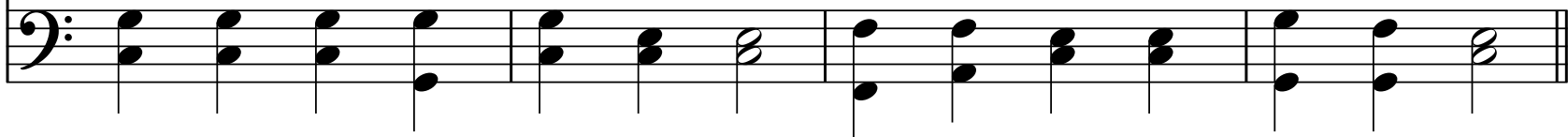
## Jesus Loves Me, This I Know



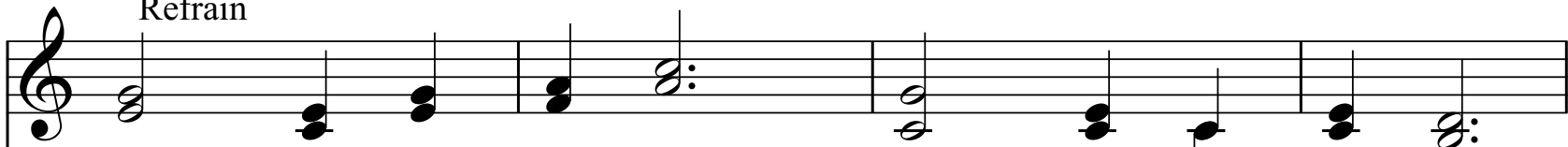
1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, he loved chil - dren long a - go.
3. Je - sus loves me, he will stay close be - side me all the way;
4. Je - sus loves me, loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
5. Je - sus loves me, he who died, heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;



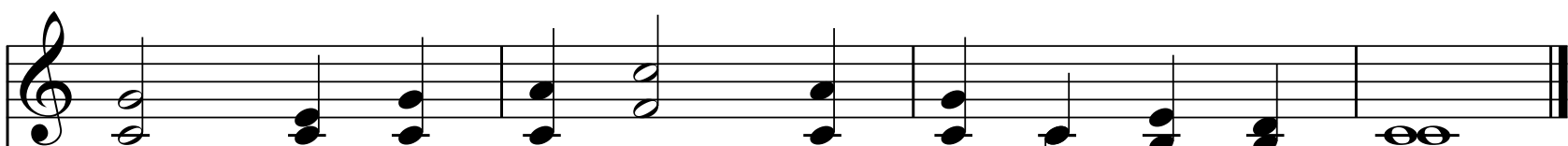
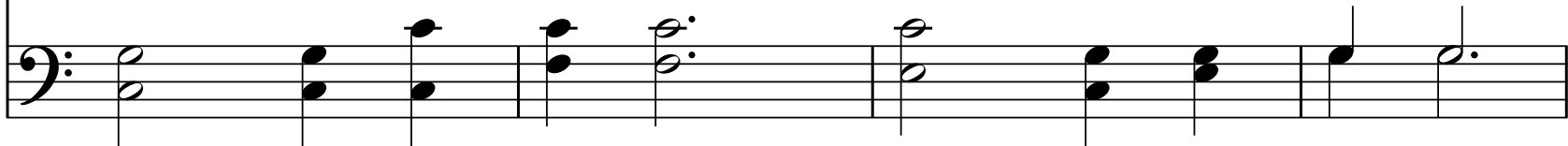
- Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
In his arms for all to see, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
• he's pre - pared a home for me, and some - day his face I'll see.  
from his shin - ing throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.



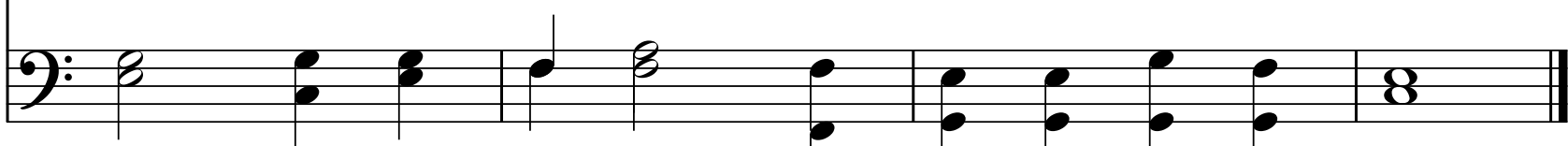
**Refrain**



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.





## **Sermon**

*The preaching of God's Word is a means by which God bestows grace on His people.*

## **The Love of the Father**

**Hosea 9:1-11:11**

**A note-taking guide is provided on the final page**

**For the Children - son, Israel, father, God, love, discipline, Christ, cross**

## **Confession of Faith**

*Being a part of the communion of saints, we take this time to confess the truth that has been embraced by the church throughout history.*

**Elder:** Christian, what do you believe?

**People:** **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, died and was 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.**

**And 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.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**\*catholic meaning universal**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*The Word having been preached, the death of Christ is now showed forth through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and grace.*

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the LORD.**

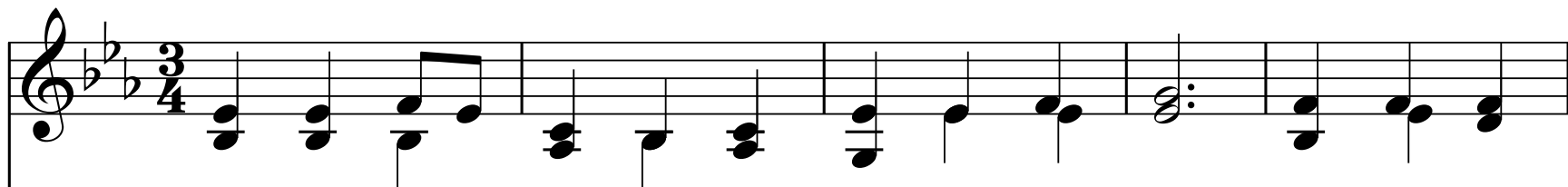
***The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.***

### Pastoral Prayer

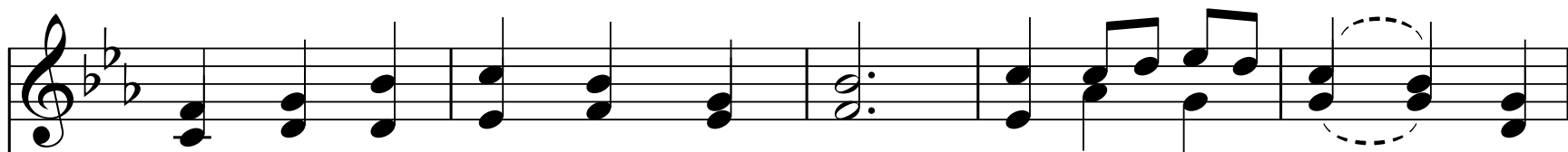
*We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.*

***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!***

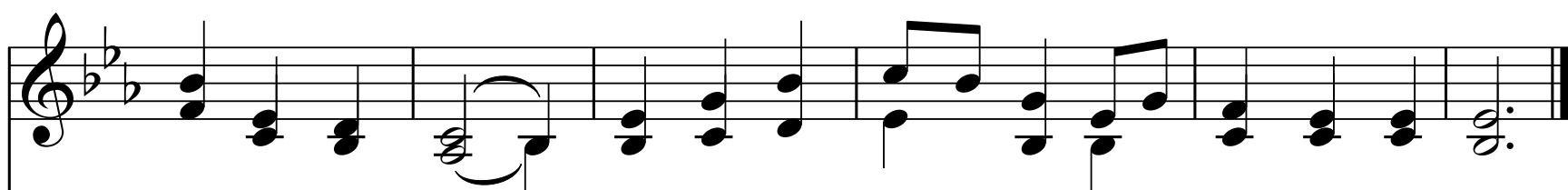
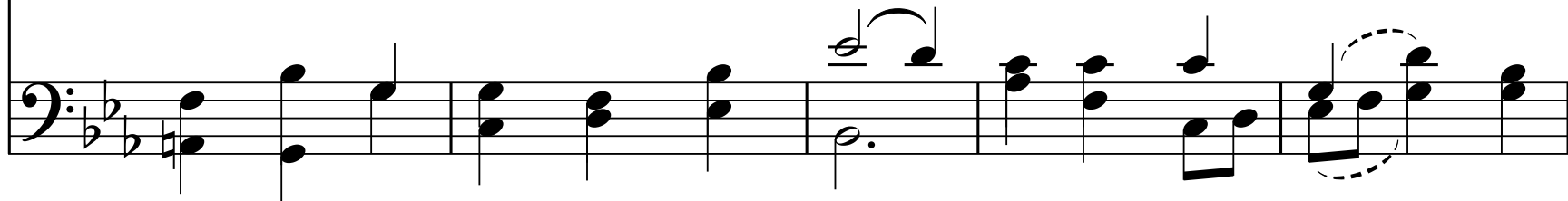
## Be Thou My Vision



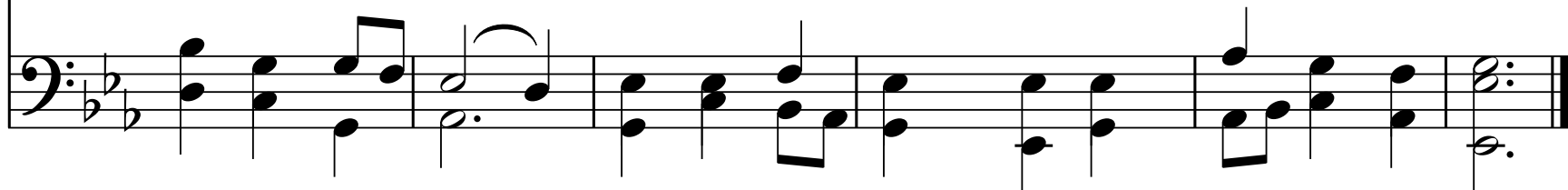
1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



- else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
• dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -



- day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
• thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.



### Offertory/Hymn of Response

*Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving



### **Doxology**

*We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

### **Benediction**

*We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.*

*Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you. [May] the LORD make His face shine upon You and be gracious to you. [May] the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. Grace and peace to you!*

*- Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: And also to you!**

## Information

## CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



## THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word "worship". There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ's death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don't we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don't we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

## WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice, or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

# CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

## 1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

## 2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

### Weekly Catechism: WSC Q&As

#### 77-78

**Q77:** What is required in the ninth commandment (*Thou shalt not bear false witness*)?

**A77:** ...the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

**Q78:** What is forbidden...?

**A78:** ...whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's good name.

### Wednesday

Sing “It Is Well”.

Read Hosea 10, Luke 23:26-31, and WSC 77-78.

In Hosea 10, how does the Lord show Himself as more powerful than kings? Than false gods? How does the prophecy show that they still refuse to repent? What is the only escape from judgment for sin? How can you sow righteousness? How can you reap steadfast love?

### Monday

Sing “Jesus Shall Reign...”

Read Hosea 9:1-9, 1 Corinthians 11:17-32, and WSC 77-78.

What does it mean that the sacrifices and bread would defile the people? What does it mean to eat the Lord’s Supper unworthily? How can we partake worthily? How is that sacrament a means of grace and assurance?

### Thursday

Sing “Jesus Loves Me”.

Read Hosea 11:1-7, Matthew 2:13-15, and WSC 77-78.

What does God refer to in Hosea 11:1? How was He a Father to Israel? How does Matthew apply that verse to Jesus? How does that teach us to read Scripture? What does the Lord charge His people with in Hosea 11:1-7? How have you turned from the Lord to pursue other things?

### Tuesday

Sing Psalm 73 (partial).

Read Hosea 9:10-17, Numbers 25:1-5, and WSC 77-78.

What happened at Baal-Peor? How does idolatry make us like the idols? How have you seen this in your heart? How does this Hosea passage show that children are a blessing? How does our culture deny this?

### Friday

Sing “Be Thou My Vision”.

Read Hosea 11:8-12:1, Isaiah 12, and WSC 77-78.

What is God’s motivation for showing mercy to Israel? How has He shown mercy to you? What is significant about the Lord calling Himself the “Holy One of Israel”? About Him “dwelling in their midst”? How does God dwell with us?

# SMALL GROUPS

#### **Adams - Bentonville**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

Contact: Matt (913) 221-7065

#### **Bean/Wieda/Tilley - Centerton**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

Contact: Cody (903) 513-6719 or  
Kenny (479) 616-7493

#### **Chambers/Fuoss - Centerton**

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fuoss House

Contact: Ryan (484) 574-4481 or  
Latham (479) 903-4169

#### **Demers/Raines - Rogers**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Raines House

Contact: Grant (254) 493-4067 or  
Caleb (479) 366-9114

#### **Walker - Bentonville**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

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#### **Warren/Taylor - Bella Vista**

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

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# SERMON NOTES

## The Love of the Father Hosea 9:1-11:11

I. THE LOVE OF THE FATHER FOR HIS SON (vv. 1, 3, 4)

II. THE REJECTION OF THE FATHER BY THE SON (vv. 2, 3)

III. THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SON BY THE FATHER (vv. 5-7)

IV. THE RESTORATION OF SON TO THE FATHER (vv. 8-11)



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**MEETING  
SUNDAY  
EVENINGS  
AT  
5:00 PM**

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