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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
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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.

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

- Hebrews 2:1-3a

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: *Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!...Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 106:1-3, 48

Psalm 68

The Psalter, 1912 and A D Raines

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.

Henry Smart, 1836

Hymn of Praise

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

O Lord, You have ascended on high in might to reign;
 Blest be the Lord Who daily our heavy burden bears,
 Sing unto God, all nations, you kingdoms of the earth;
 All glory, might, and honor ascribe to God alone;

cap - tiv - i - ty You lead now, a captive in Your train.
 the God of our sal - va - tion, Who for His people cares.
 sing un - to God, all peo - ple, and praise His match - less worth.
 and trust His migh - ty pow - er, Whose arm pro - tects His own.

Rich gifts to You are of - ferred by men who did re - bel,
 Our God is near to help us, our God is strong to save;
 He rides in roy - al tri - umph up - on the heav'ns a - broad;
 Forth from Your ho - ly dwel - ling Your awe - some glo - ries shine;

who pray that now Je - ho - vah, their God, with them may dwell.
 the Lord a - lone is a - ble to ran - som from the grave.
 He speaks, the moun - tains trem - ble be - fore the voice of God.
 You strength - en all Your peo - ple; we praise Your name on high!

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.

Elder: *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.* - Hebrews 4:12-13

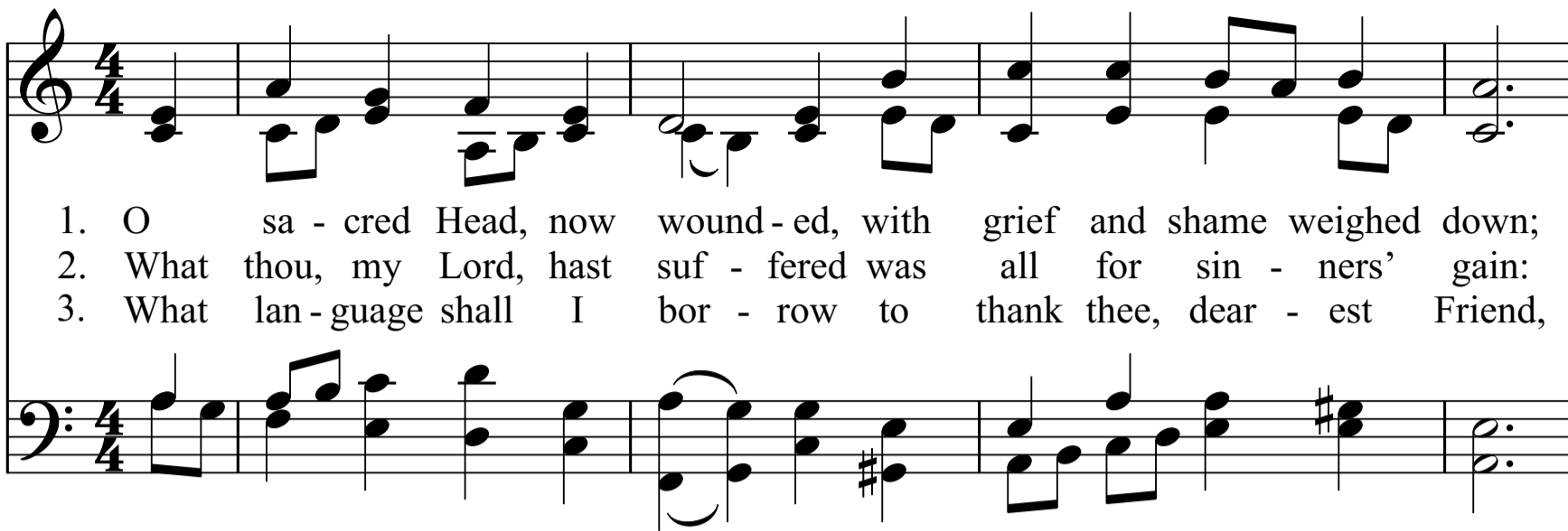
All: **O Lord, You Who are merciful, take away my sins from me and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away this heart of stone from me and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to love and adore You, a heart which may delight in You, love You, and please You, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

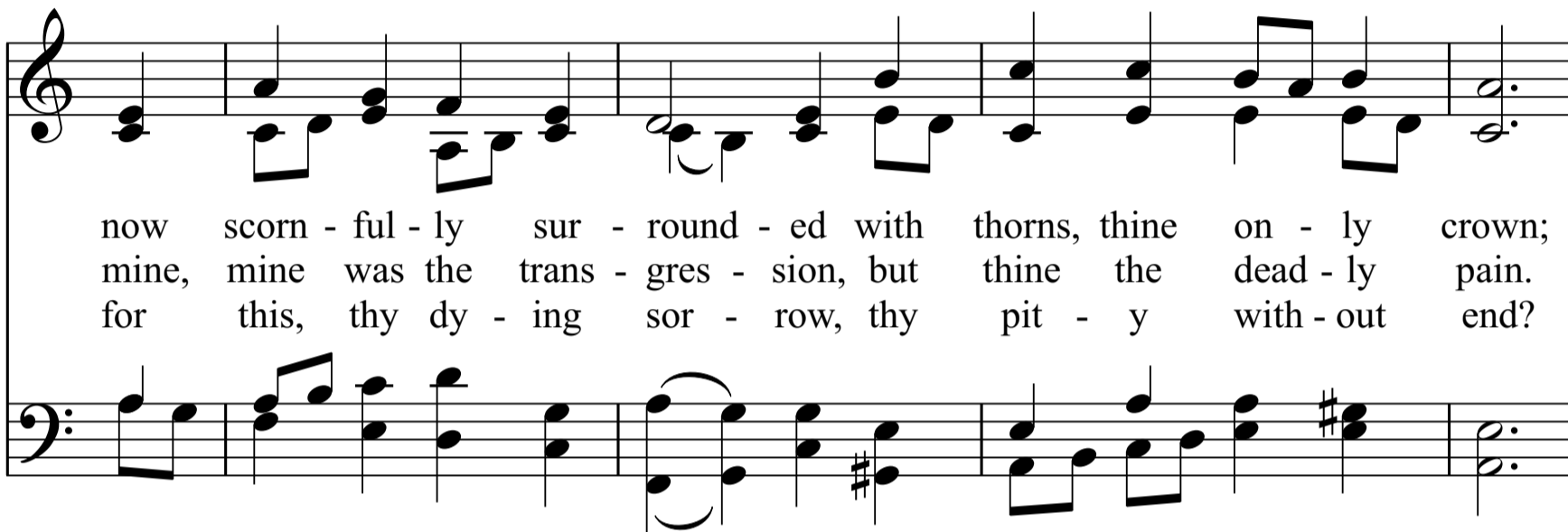
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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.



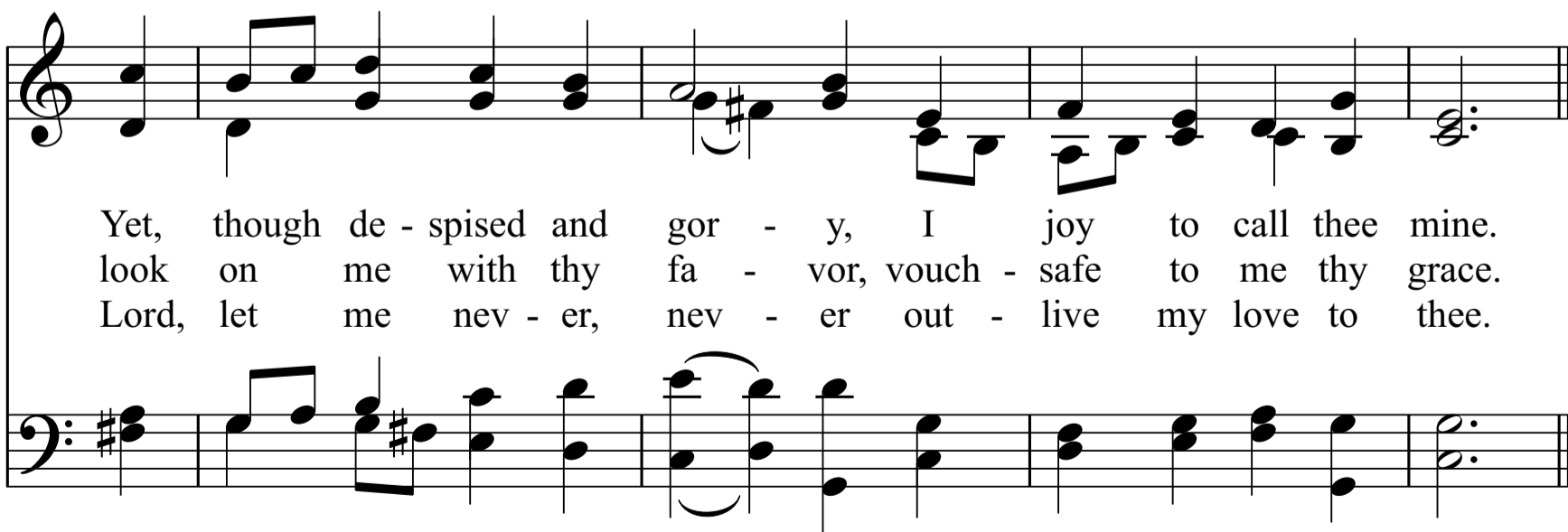
1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss 'til now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Assurance of Salvation

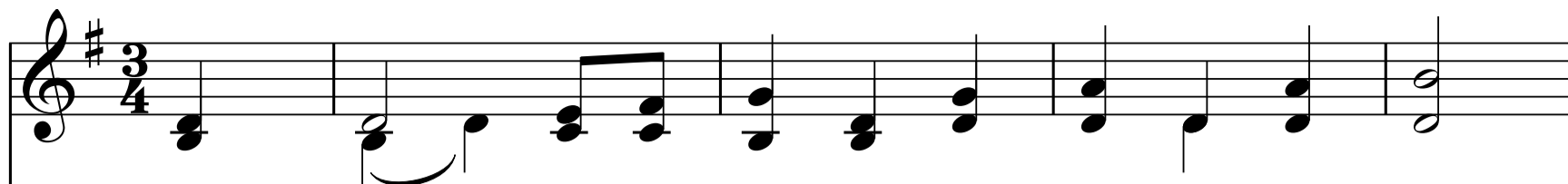
Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Elder: *I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.*

Psalm 9B

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.



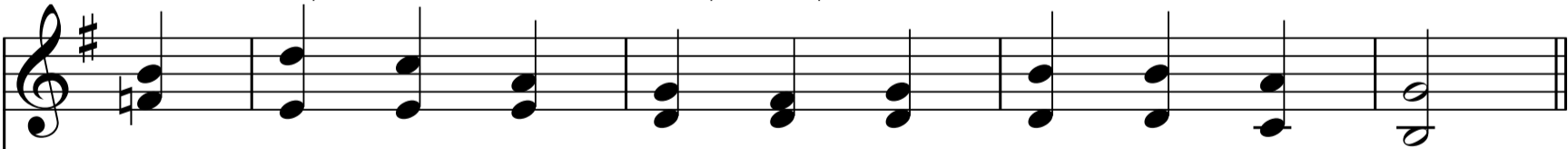
1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,
2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;
3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell
4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,



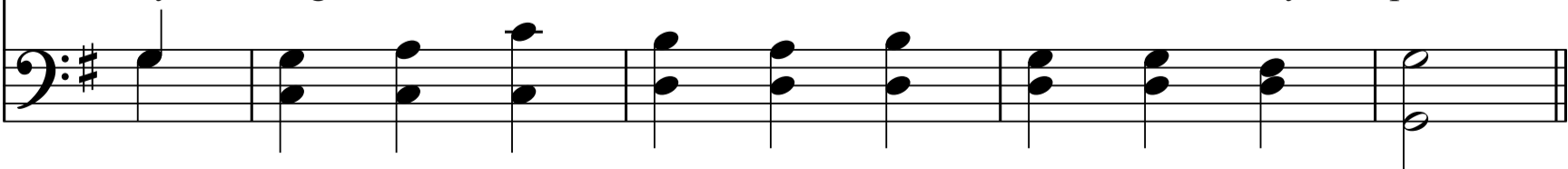
in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;
all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;
of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,
and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,



in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,
for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake
of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,
that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise



thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.
the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.
who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.
my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.



Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh come to Jehovah, declare ye His fame,
And give Him all honor, for just is His name!

New Testament - Mark 6:1-13

Old Testament - Isaiah 20

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

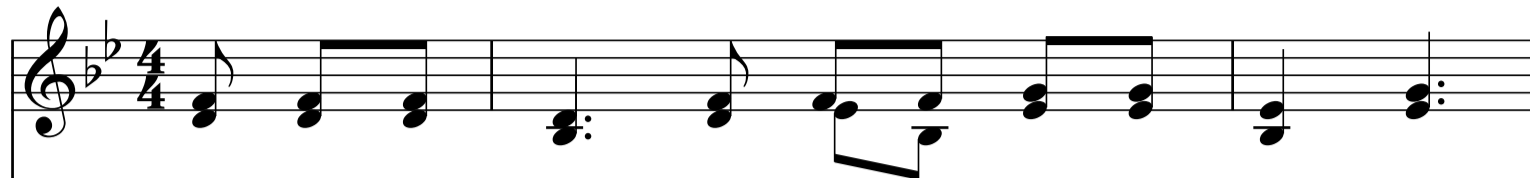
How Great Thou Art

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

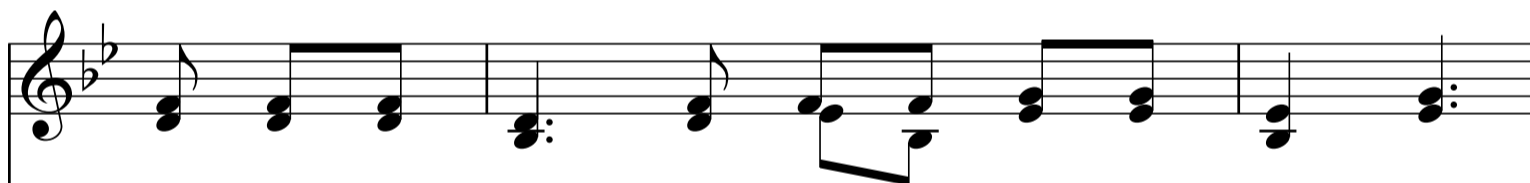
This hymn is gospel-focused and sermon-oriented and planned with the children in mind.



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.



Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

NAKED AND BAREFOOT

Isaiah 20

(A note-taking guide is provided on the final page)

For the Children - Isaiah, naked, barefoot, shame, ashamed, humiliation, escape

Sermon

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

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.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

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

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.

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!

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.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take my self, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep.
Henri A. César-Malan, 1827

Doxology

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

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.

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!

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 3:18

People: And also with 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 39

Q: What is the duty which God requires of man?

A: The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Wednesday

Sing Psalm 9.

Read Isaiah 20, 1 Corinthians 3:18-23, and WSC 39.

Where were Cush and Egypt placing their hopes? Why would those hopes be dashed? Who was this prophecy really for? Why? How does it show us where to place our hope? How are you tempted to boast in men? Why is that foolish?

Monday

Sing Psalm 68.

Read Isaiah 20, Ezekiel 14, and WSC 39.

Why did God tell Isaiah to strip off his outer garments? Why did He have Ezekiel act out the prophecy? How did these actions make the prophecies clearer? What signs has God given to accompany the gospel? How do they make His word clearer?

Thursday

Sing “How Great Thou Art”.

Read Isaiah 18-20 and WSC 39.

What is the summary of these prophecies about Cush and Egypt? Why would the Lord speak these messages to Judah? How does this point to fulfillment in Christ and the church? What warnings should we take from these chapters? What comforts?

Tuesday

Sing “O Sacred Head...”

Read Isaiah 20, Hebrews 4:12-13, and WSC 39.

What was God’s message to accompany Isaiah’s prophetic sign? How did the sign communicate this message? Why would Cush and Egypt be ashamed? How does God’s word expose us? What is the only remedy for the shame of our sin?

Friday

Sing “Take my Life...”

Read Mark 6:1-13, Hebrews 3:12-19, and WSC 39.

How did the people of Nazareth respond to Jesus’s ministry? Why? What was the result? What makes it difficult for you to believe God and His word? How do these passages warn us? How can your faith be strengthened?

SMALL GROUPS

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1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

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SERMON NOTES

NAKED AND BAREFOOT Isaiah 20

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CONCLUSION



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