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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.

And David spoke to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies."

- 2 Samuel 22:1-4

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.

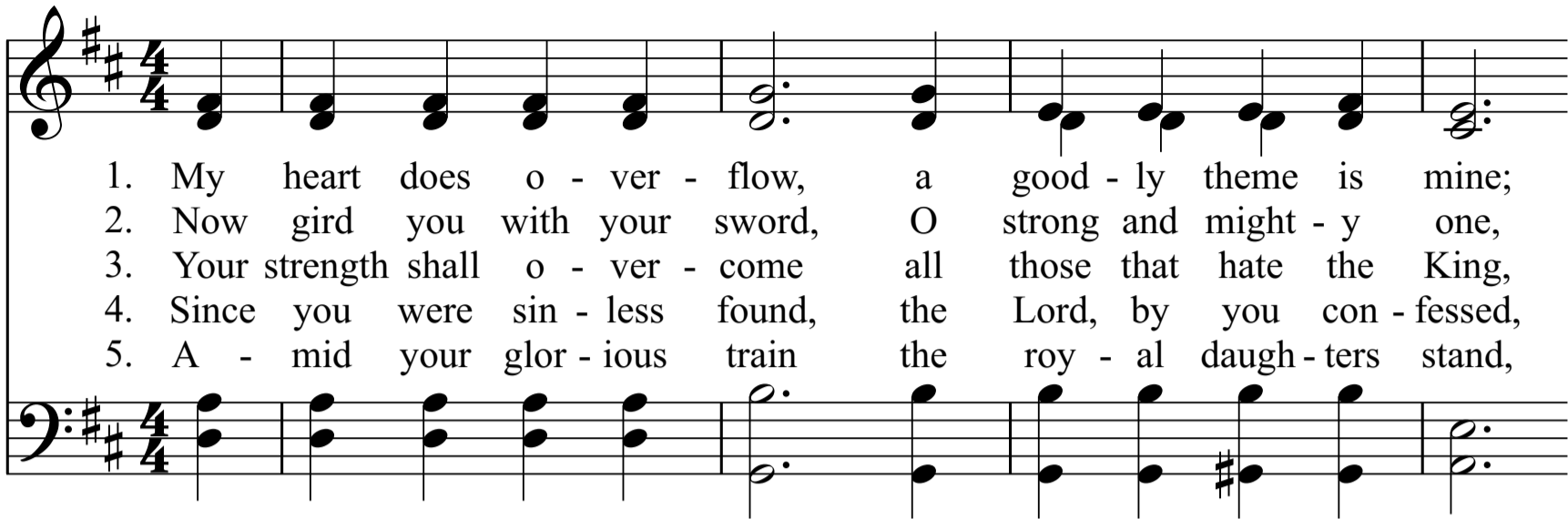
Pastor: *Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. Be gracious to me, O Lord! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation.*

- Psalm 9:11-14

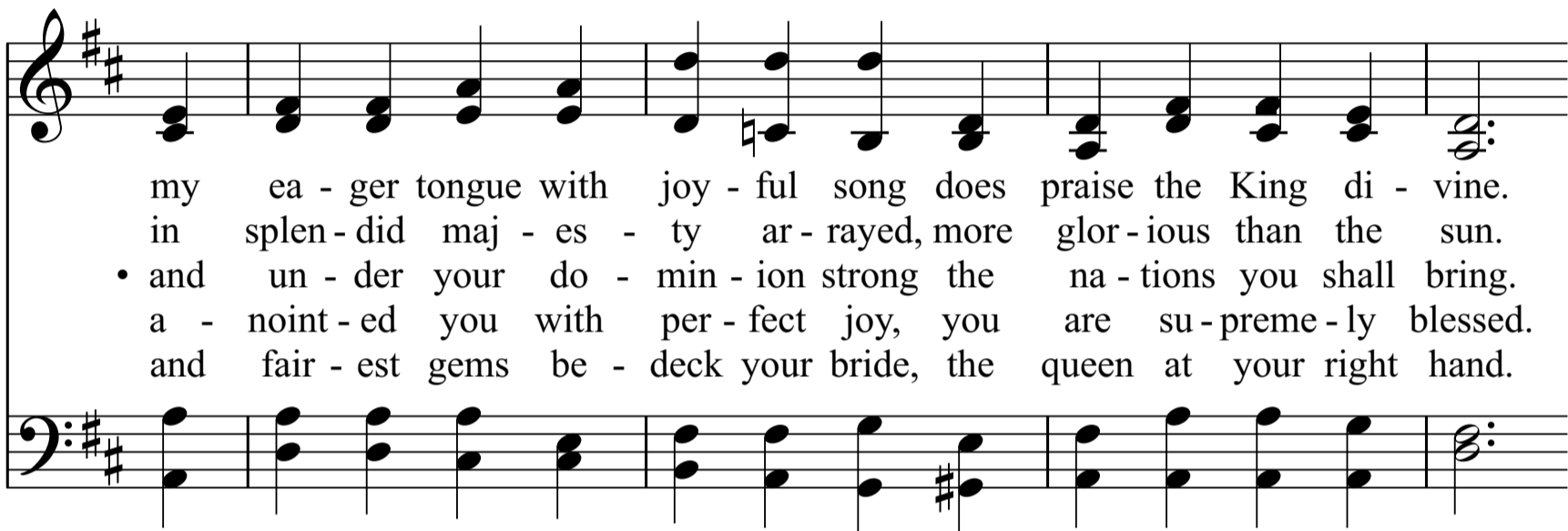
Hymn of Praise

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

Psalm 45B



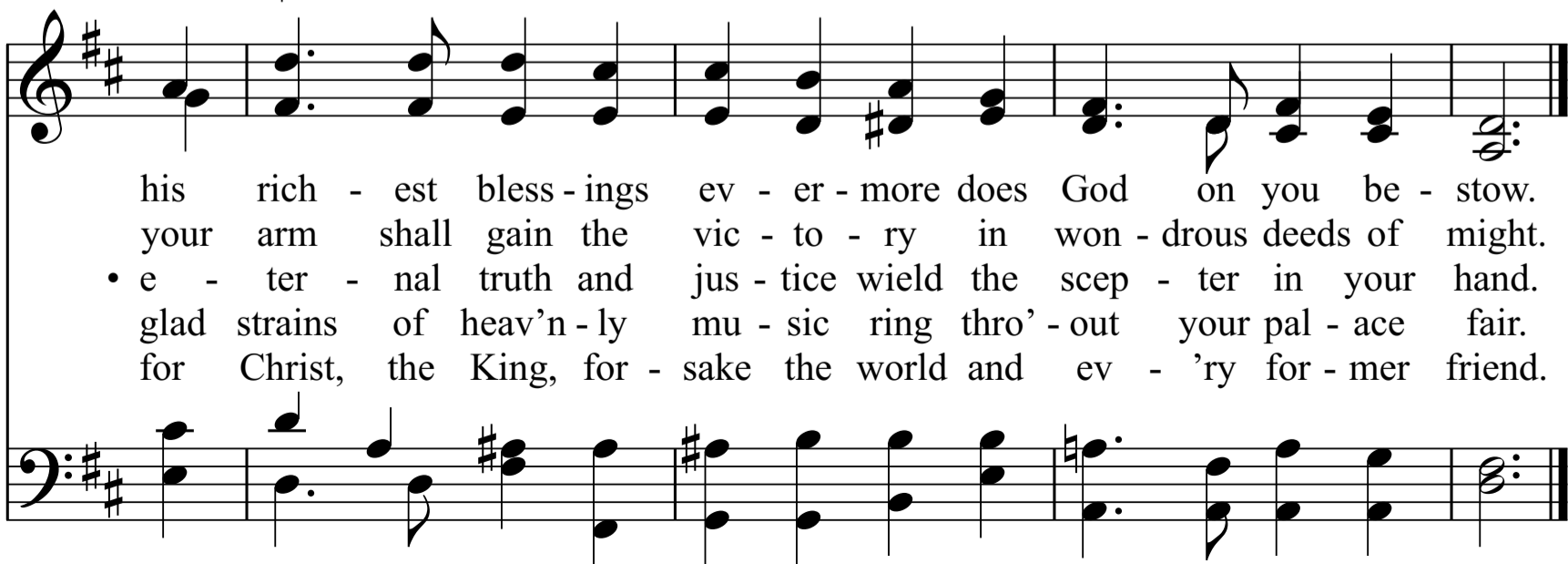
1. My heart does o - ver - flow, a good - ly theme is mine;
2. Now gird you with your sword, O strong and might - y one,
3. Your strength shall o - ver - come all those that hate the King,
4. Since you were sin - less found, the Lord, by you con - fessed,
5. A - mid your glor - ious train the roy - al daugh - ters stand,



my ea - ger tongue with joy - ful song does praise the King di - vine.
in splen - did maj - es - ty ar - rayed, more glor - ious than the sun.
• and un - der your do - min - ion strong the na - tions you shall bring.
a - noint - ed you with per - fect joy, you are su - preme - ly blessed.
and fair - est gems be - deck your bride, the queen at your right hand.



Su - preme - ly fair you are, your lips with grace o'er - flow;
Tri - um - phant - ly ride forth for meek - ness, truth, and right;
• Your roy - al throne, O God, for - ev - er - more shall stand;
Your gar - ments breathe of myrrh and spic - es sweet and rare;
O roy - al bride, give heed, my ho - ly words at - tend;



his rich - est bless - ings ev - er - more does God on you be - stow.
your arm shall gain the vic - to - ry in won - drous deeds of might.
• e - ter - nal truth and jus - tice wield the scep - ter in your hand.
glad strains of heav'n - ly mu - sic ring thro' - out your pal - ace fair.
for Christ, the King, for - sake the world and ev - 'ry for - mer friend.

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: *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

All: *O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.*

Elder: *Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.*

All: *Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

Elder: *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

All: *For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

Elder: *The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.*

All: *My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.*

Elder: *Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

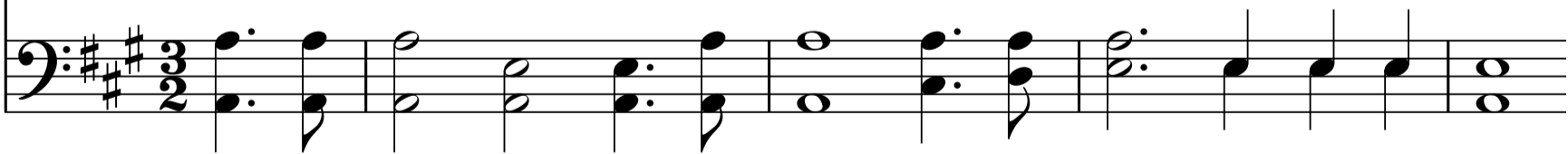
- Psalm 25

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

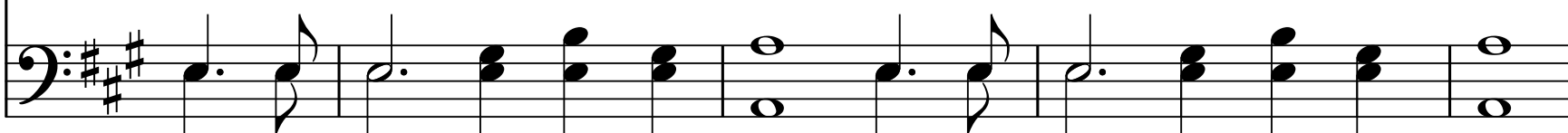
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



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.

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Elder: *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* - 1 John 1:9

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.

A Debtor To Mercy Alone

A deb - tor to mer - cy a - lone Of
 The work which Your good - ness be - gan the
 My name from the palm of Your hands e -

co - ve - nant mer - cy I - sing I
 arm of Your strength will com - plete Your
 ter - ni - ty can - not e - raise Im -

come with your righ - teous - ness on My
 prom - ise is yes and a - men And
 pressed on Your heart it re - mains in

hum - ble of - fring to bring The judg - ments of your ho - ly
 ne - ver was for - fei - ted yet The fu - ture or things that are
 marks of in - del - i - ble grace Yes, I to the end wil en -

law With me can have no - thing to do My
 now no pow - er be - low or a - bove can
 dure un - til I bow down at Your throne for -

Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gre - ssions
 make You Your pur - pose fore - go or se - ver my soul from
 e - ver and al - ways se - cure, a deb - tor to mer - cy

from view
 Your love
 a - lone

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.

**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 - Mark 8:1-13
Old Testament - Isaiah 32-33
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Words by Wilbur Chapman
Music by Rowland Pritchard

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 6/8 time signature. The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '5'. The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '9'. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest labeled '13'. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Je - sus, what a friend for sin - ners, Je - sus, lov - er of my soul.
2. Je - sus what a strength in weak - ness, Let me hide my - self in Him.
3. Je - sus, what a help in sor - row, While the bil - lows o'er me roll.

5 Friends may fail me foes as - sail me, He my Sa - vior makes me whole,
Temp - ted, tried, and some - times, fail - ing, He, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
Ev - en when my heart is break - ing, He, my com - fort, helps my soul.

9 **Chorus:** Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sa - vior! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a friend!

13 Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

4. Jesus, what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He my pilot, hears my cry.

5. Jesus, I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His and He is mine

Sermon

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

A BRIGHTER DAY

Isaiah 32-33

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

For the Children - judgment, repentance, king, transformation, spirit, prayer, salvation, hope, Lord, Christ

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!

**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.

Psalm 24

The Earth is the Lord's

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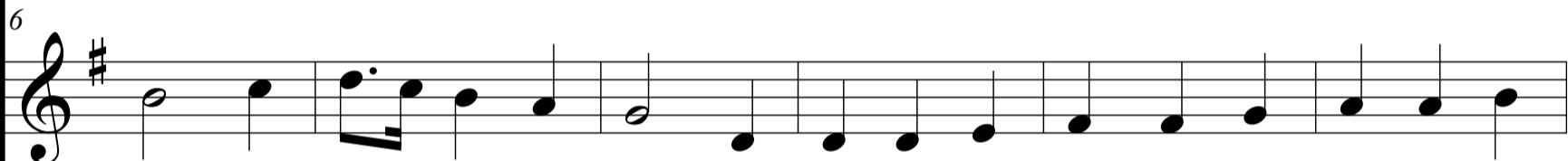
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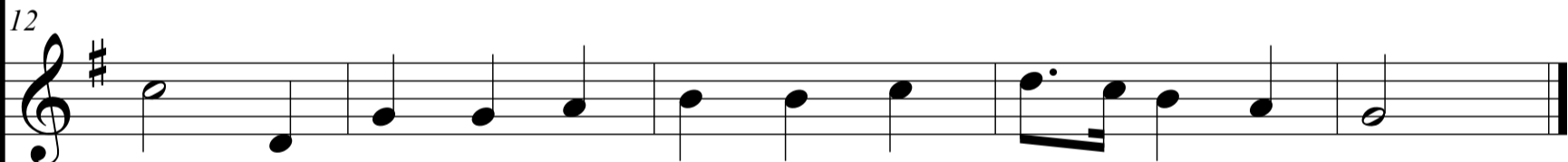
The earth is the LORD's, And all it con - tains; The world, and all
And who shall as - cend The hill of the LORD? Or who, then, shall
This One shall from God His bless - ing re - ceive; And right - eous - ness
O rise, an - cient doors! Be lift - ed, ye gates! Re - ceive now thy
O lift up thy heads, Ye port - als of old! And wel - come thy

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those Who dwell on its plains. Up - on the dark seas, its foun - da - tions are
stand At rest in His ward: The One of clean hands and the Pur - est of
be His gra - cious re - prieve. To all gen - er - a - tions who seek for His
King; Pre - pare His es - tate! And who is this King, in His glo - ri - ous
King; His glo - ry be - hold! And who can it be, this our glo - ri - ous

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laid; And deep in the riv - ers, its moor - ings are stayed.
heart; Who speaks not in vain; ne'er a false - hood im - part.
face, Al - might - y Je - ho - vah shall pour out His grace.
might? The LORD, firm in bat - tle and strong in the fight.
King? The LORD God of hosts, whose great glo - ry we sing!

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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 the Lord . . . establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father. Grace be with you.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Colossians 4:18

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 26

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Wednesday

Sing “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”.
Read Isaiah 33:1-6, Psalm 44, and WSC 26.

Who is the destroyer Isaiah is speaking about? How would Judah’s attitude change? What does it mean to wait for the Lord? How can you wait for Him? How can you make Psalm 44 your own prayer?

Monday

Sing Psalm 45.

Read Isaiah 32:1-8, Proverbs 28:28-29:14, and WSC 26.

What kind of political leaders reflect God’s justice? Had Judah’s leaders been righteous or unrighteous? How? Do we have political leaders that execute justice? Why or why not? What can we learn about civil government from this prophecy? About leadership in the church? How can you pray for those in authority over you?

Thursday

Sing “Jesus, What a Friend...”
Read Isaiah 33:7-16, Psalm 68, and WSC 26.

What judgment would still come to Judah? How would they demonstrate their repentance? What would the Lord do in response to this? How can you make Psalm 68 your prayer?

Tuesday

Sing “Rock of Ages”.

Read Isaiah 32:9-20, Acts 2:1-21, and WSC 26.

Why does Isaiah speak directly to women here? What kind of judgment does he foretell? What would cause judgment to be reversed into blessing? How was Pentecost a partial fulfillment of this? How will a greater fulfillment come in the future?

Friday

Sing Psalm 24.

Read Isaiah 33:17-24, 1 John 1:5-10, and WSC 26.

Is the king in Isaiah 33:17ff Hezekiah or Someone else? Why? What does it mean that God is judge? Lawgiver? King? How can you submit to Him? What does it mean that our sins are forgiven? How? What response should that lead us to?

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SERMON NOTES

A BRIGHTER DAY Isaiah 32-33

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CONCLUSION



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