



CHRIST CHURCH

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&
LIVING FREELY

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH BENTONVILLE

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.

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

- Psalm 42:1-6a

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.

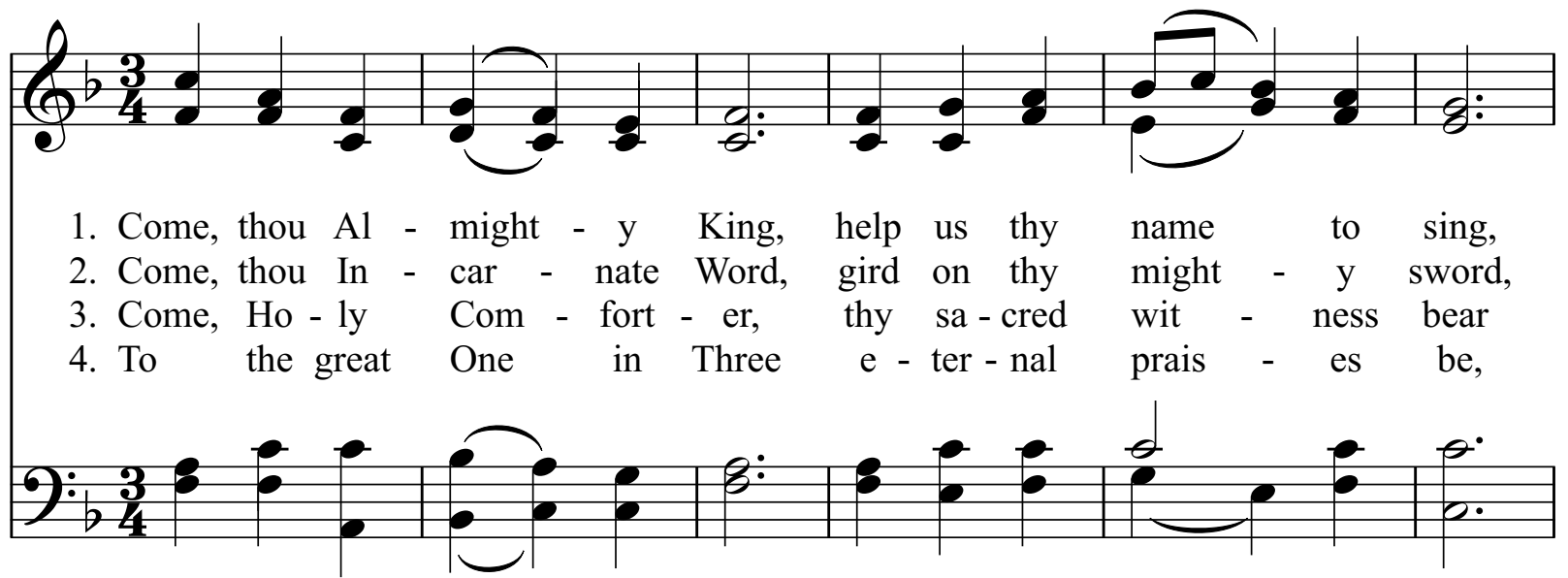
Pastor: *Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

- Psalm 113:1-3

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn of Praise

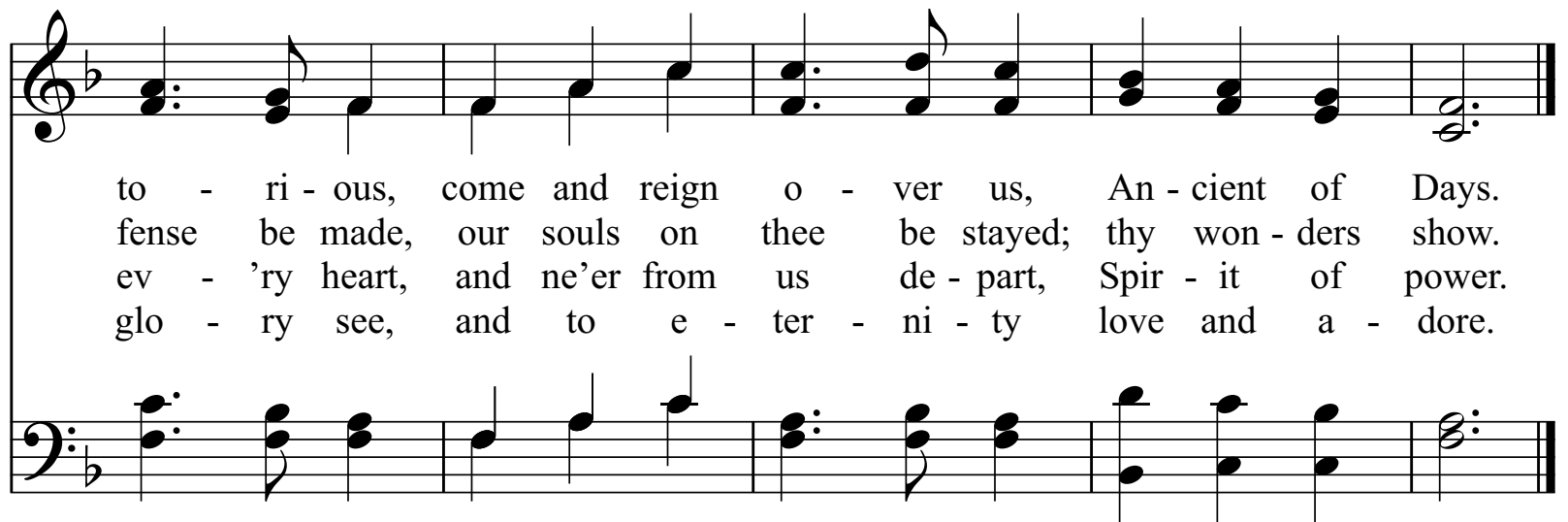
This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,



help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al - might - y aid our sure de -
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more. His sov - 'reign maj - est - y may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
fense be made, our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Corporate

Lament 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: *Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.*

All: ***Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.***

Elder: *Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.*

All: ***Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul .***

Elder: *For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*

All: ***Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.***

- Psalm 86:1-7

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

Psalm 88

(to Come, Ye Sinners)

Hymn of Confession/ Lament

Tim and Julie Tennent

William Walker

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.

♩ = 112

1. O LORD God, the__ God that sa - ves me, day and night I__ cry to you!
2. I am coun - ted__ with the dy - ing, like the dead al - rea - dy there;
3. You have ta - ken__ close friends from__ me, made me be ab - horred by them.
4. Is Your love de - clared in death__ and is Your faith - ful - ness there found?
5. From my youth, I've__ been af - flic - ted, close to death and__ in de - spair,

5

Turn Your ear__ to hear my an - guish; may my pra - yer come__ be - fore You.
not re - mem - bered e - ven by__ You, ful - ly cut__ off__ from Your care.
I am trapped, can - not e - scape. and with much grief__ my__ eyes are dim.
Are Your won - ders known in dark - ness? Can Your righ - teous - ness a - bound?
and Your wrath. has swept a - round me, ter - rors kept__ me__ from Your care.

9

For my soul is__ full of trou - ble, and my life draws. near the grave;
You have put me in the depths. and in the low - est pit I'm cast;
Yet I dai - ly__ call to You__ LORD. I spread out my__ hands to You.
Still I cry to__ You for help, LORD; in the mor - ning__ my prayers rise.
All day long those. fears sur - round me, and en - gulf me__ with - out end.

13

I'm like tho - se who lose all strength. and sink to pits__ where. none can save.
Your wrath lies__ like weight up - on__ me. With Your waves. I'm__ drowned at last.
Will You show__ the dead Your won - ders? Will the dead rise__ and praise You?
Why O LORD__ do You re - ject__ me, hide Your face__ from__ my worn eyes?
You take friends__ and loved ones from__ me; dark - ness is__ my__ clo - sest friend.

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: *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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.

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Psalm 103

A D Raines

1. Bless the LORD, my soul, and all with in me bless His ho - ly name!
2. He with bound - less good sup - plies you, He your long - ing sat - is - fies,
3. God the LORD is full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger, full of grace.
4. Far as east from west is dis - tant, He from sin has set us free!
5. Man is like the flow'r that blos - soms, all his days like ten - der grass,
6. God has set His throne in hea - ven; His great king - dom rules o'er all.

7
Bless the LORD, my soul for - get not all His bless - sings to pro - claim.
then, like ea - gle's strength re - new - ing, God with good your youth re - vives.
He will not be al - ways chi - ding, nor in an - ger hide His face.
As a fa - ther loves His chil - dren, fee - ling pi - ty for their need,
here to - day and gone to - mor - row, from the scor - ching winds that pass.
Bless the LORD, O you His an - gels, migh - ty ones who do His will!

13
He for - gives your great trans gres - sions, heals your sick - nes - ses and pains.
For the LORD will act with jus - tice, righ - teous - ness for those bowed down.
He deals not by our de - mer - its, nor re - pays what sins de - serve.
so the LORD in great com - pas - sion com - forts those who fear His name.
Age to age the LORD shows mer - cy; chil - dren's chil - dren He will bless.
Bless the LORD, you hosts of hea - ven, ser - vants who per - form His word!

19
He re - deems you from de struc - tion, crowns you with His ten - der grace.
He made known His ways to Mo - ses. His great deeds to Is - rael's sons.
Great His love to those who fear Him, high as heav'n a - bove the earth.
He re - mem - bers we are dust and He knows well our fee - ble frame.
Those who keep His law and cov' - nant, He will show His righ - teous - ness.
Bless the LORD, His whole do min - ion. Come my soul and bless the LORD!

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.

New Testament - Mark 9:14-29

Old Testament - Isaiah 38

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of 12 staves, with lyrics provided for the Soprano and Bass parts. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three lines of text corresponding to the three parts of the hymn. The score includes a variety of musical notations, including whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are written in a simple, clear font, and the overall layout is clean and professional.

Sermon

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

I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYER

Isaiah 38

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

For the Children - Hezekiah, prayer, answer(ed), purpose(s), promise(s),
Lord, God, 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

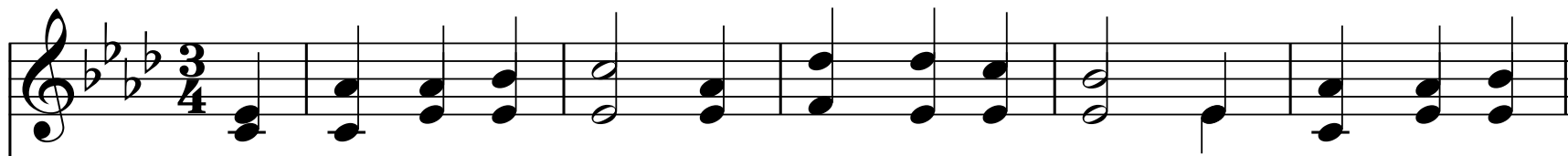
*We are a needy
people, and this
prayer not only
reflects that
neediness but our
dependence upon
the Lord.*

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!

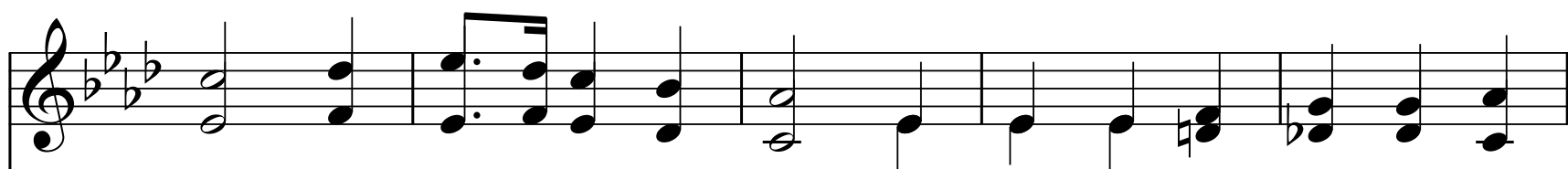
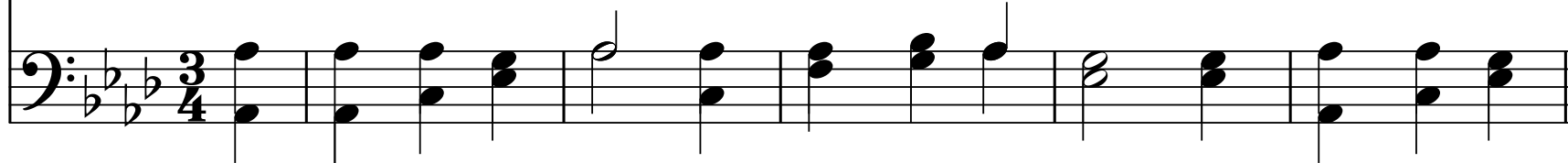
**Offertory/Hymn
of Response**

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.

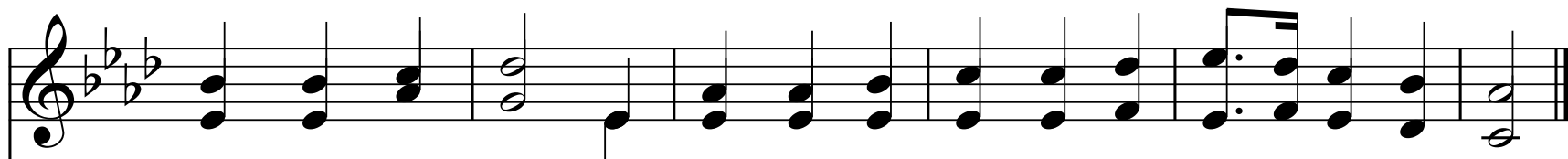
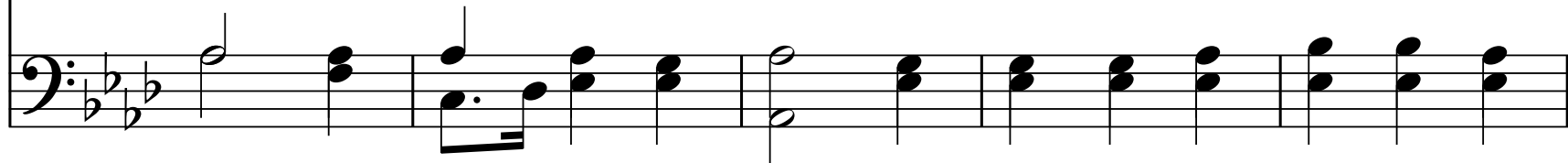
O Worship the King



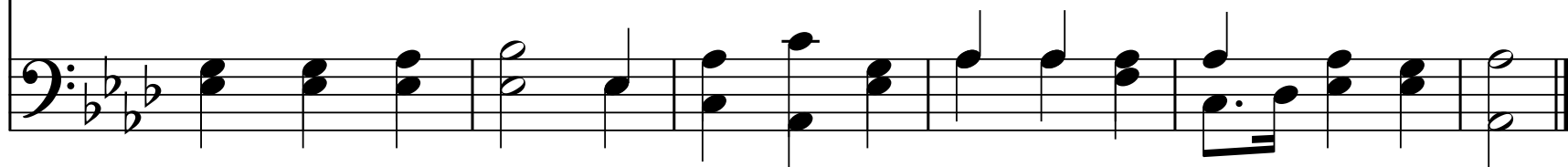
1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

**Prayer of
Thanksgiving**

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: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

- Revelation 22:21

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 103

Q: What do we pray for in the third petition [of the Lord’s Prayer]?

A: In the third petition (which is, *Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*) we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Wednesday

Sing Psalm 103.

Read Isaiah 38:7-8 and 21-22, 2 Kings 20:1-11, and WSC 103.

Why did Isaiah highlight Hezekiah’s relation to David? How does this point to Christ? Why did God give a sign to confirm His word to Hezekiah? How was Hezekiah’s request an act of faith? How was this different from Ahaz? What signs has God given to us? How can we make use of them?

Monday

Sing “Come, Thou Almighty King”.

Read Isaiah 38:1-3, Psalm 38, and WSC 103.

How did Hezekiah respond to the news from Isaiah? How was this an act of faith? What was the basis for the Psalmist’s prayer in Psalm 38? Have you been in a similar situation? How can you pray in times of suffering?

Thursday

Sing “Great is Thy Faithfulness”.
Read Isaiah 38:9-20, Psalm 116, and WSC 103.

How does suffering work for our good? Why does Hezekiah focus on forgiveness in his song? What has the Lord delivered you from? How can you praise and thank Him?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 88.

Read Isaiah 38:4-6, Psalm 56, and WSC 103.

What was the Lord’s response to Hezekiah’s prayer? How was His answer even greater than Hezekiah’s request? How do we draw comfort from God’s knowledge of our suffering? Did God change His mind? Why or why not? How should this encourage us to pray?

Friday

Sing “O Worship the King”.

Read Isaiah 38, Isaiah 37:15-35, and WSC 103.

What is similar about the 2 prayers of Hezekiah? What is different? What is similar about the Lord’s responses? What is different? How can you incorporate these lessons in your prayer life?

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1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

Contact: Caleb (479) 295-5011

Youth Small Group - Bella Vista

2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Wieda or Raines House

Contact: Kenny (479) 616-7493

SERMON NOTES

I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYER Isaiah 38

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