

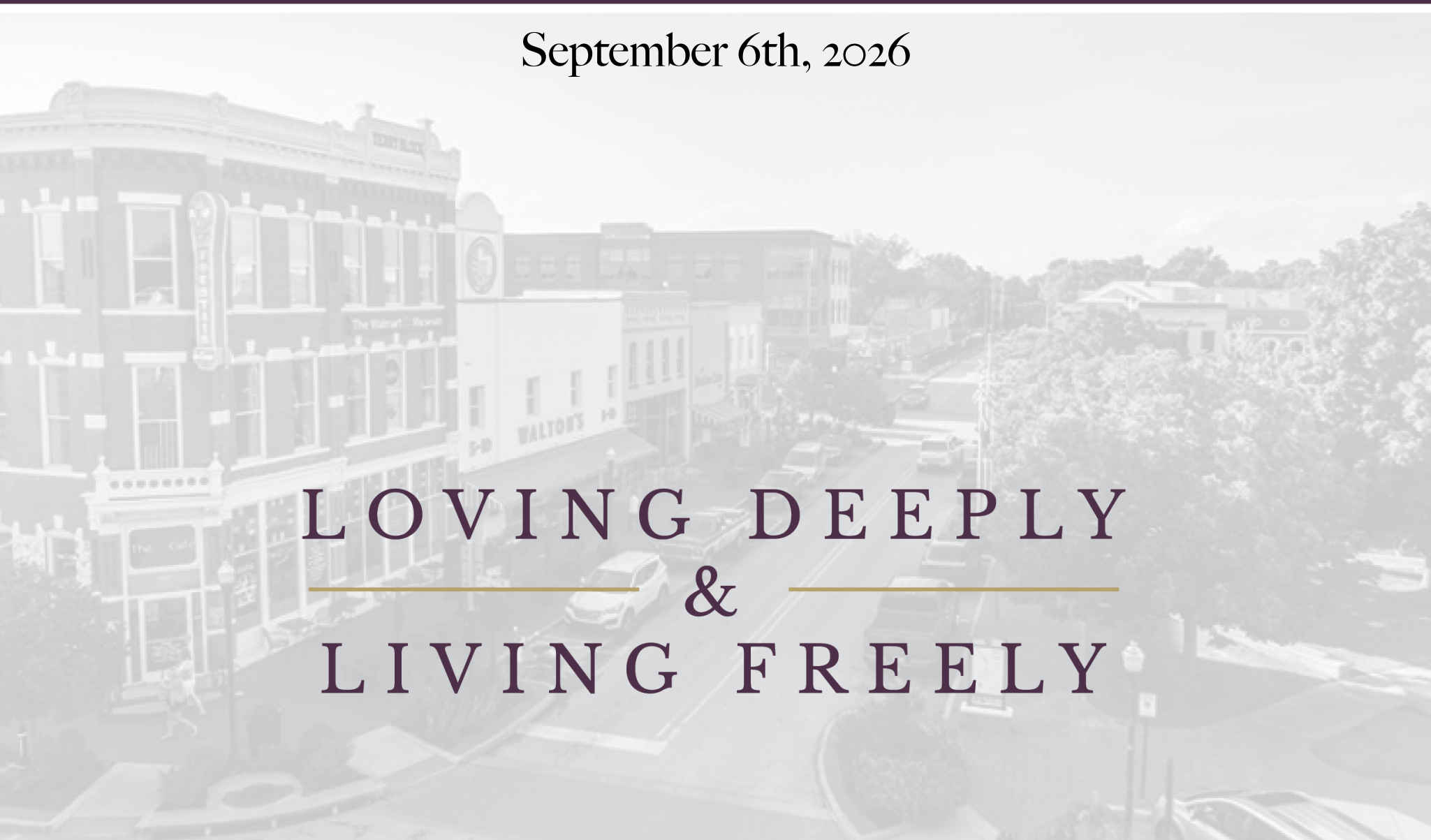


CHRIST CHURCH

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September 6th, 2026

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LOVING DEEPLY
&
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.

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

- Psalm 115:3-9

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.

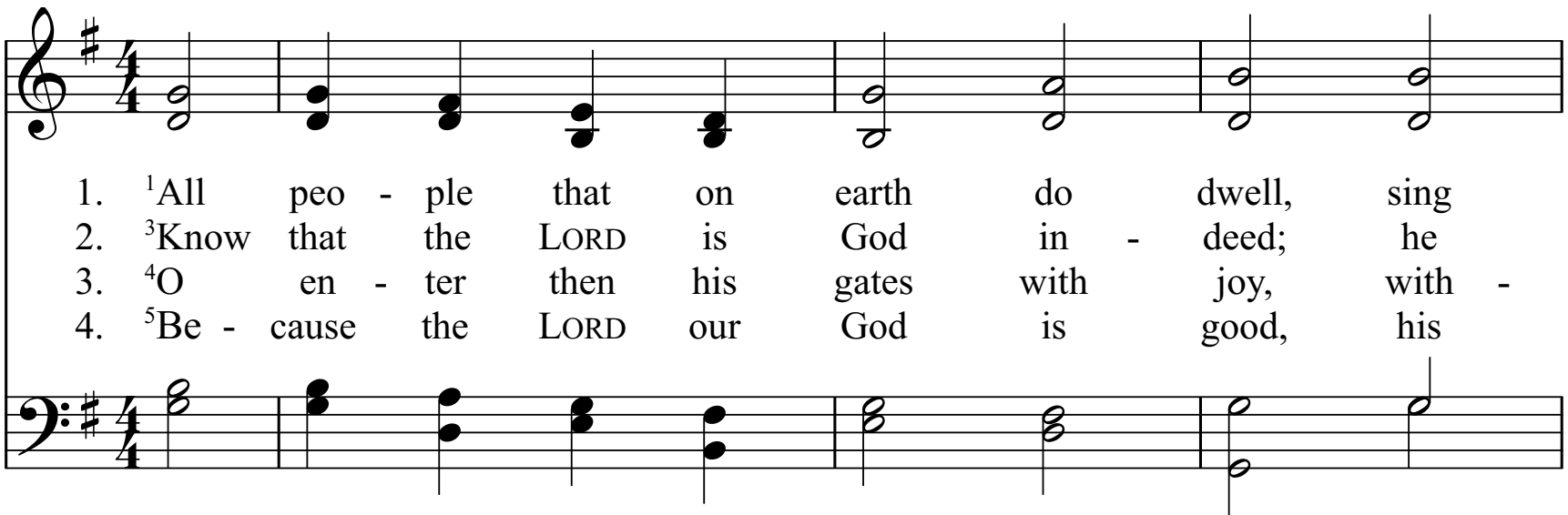
Pastor: *Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

- Psalm 147:7-11

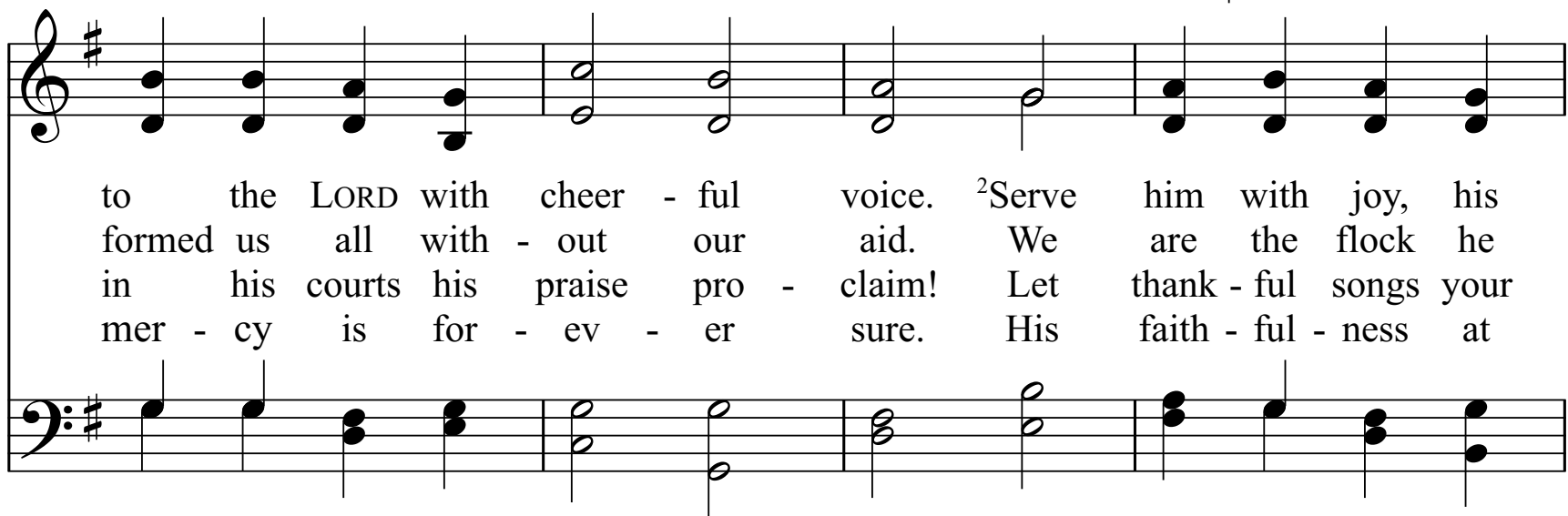
Psalm 100B

Hymn of Praise

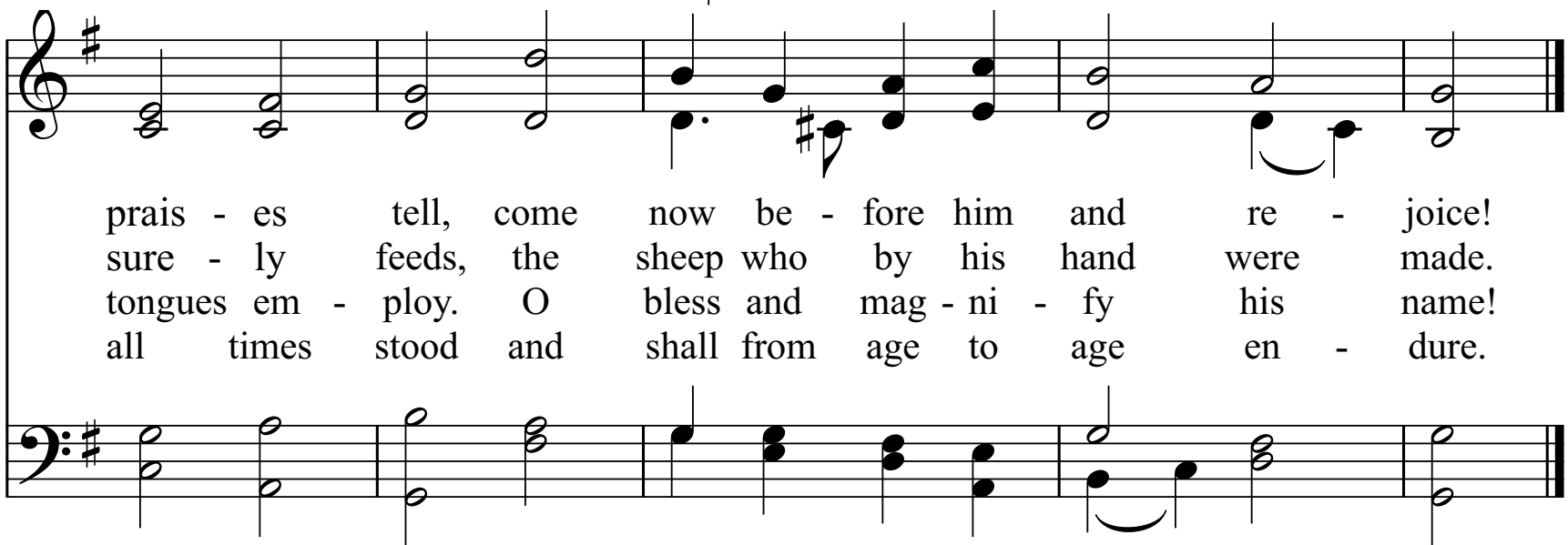
This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



1. ¹All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. ³Know that the LORD is God in - deed; he
3. ⁴O en - ter then his gates with joy, with -
4. ⁵Be - cause the LORD our God is good, his



to the LORD with cheer - ful voice. ²Serve him with joy, his
formed us all with - out our aid. We are the flock he
in his courts his praise pro - claim! Let thank - ful songs your
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at



prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - joice!
sure - ly feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.
tongues em - ploy. O bless and mag - ni - fy his name!
all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

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: *Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.* - John 3:36b

Elder: Jesus, Lamb of God,

Congregation: Have mercy on us

Elder: Jesus, Bearer of our Sins,

Congregation: Have mercy on us

Elder: Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

Congregation: Grant us peace. Amen

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

**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.*

A D Raines

Jonah's Prayer

William Marion Runyan

Jonah 2:2-9

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

I called to Yah - weh from deep in dis - tress____ He an - swered me from the
My sin had dri - ven me far from Your pre - sence; my sin - king soul did the
Up from the pit You de - liv - ered my weak soul; from Your great tem - ple You

bel - ly of hell; All of Your waves and Your bil - lows con - sumed me
wa - ters sur - round. But yet in hope did I look to Your tem - ple,
heard my faint cries. Those who serve i - dols for - sake all Your mer - cy.

by Your own hand in - to dark - ness I fell Great is my thank - fulness!
as to the roots of the mounts I went down rise
But with thanks giv - ing my prai - ses will

Great is my thank - fulness! Morning by mor - ning new songs I will sing; Yahweh a - lone is the

God of sal - va - tion! Great is my thank - ful - ness, Lord un - 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: *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life...*

- John 3:36a

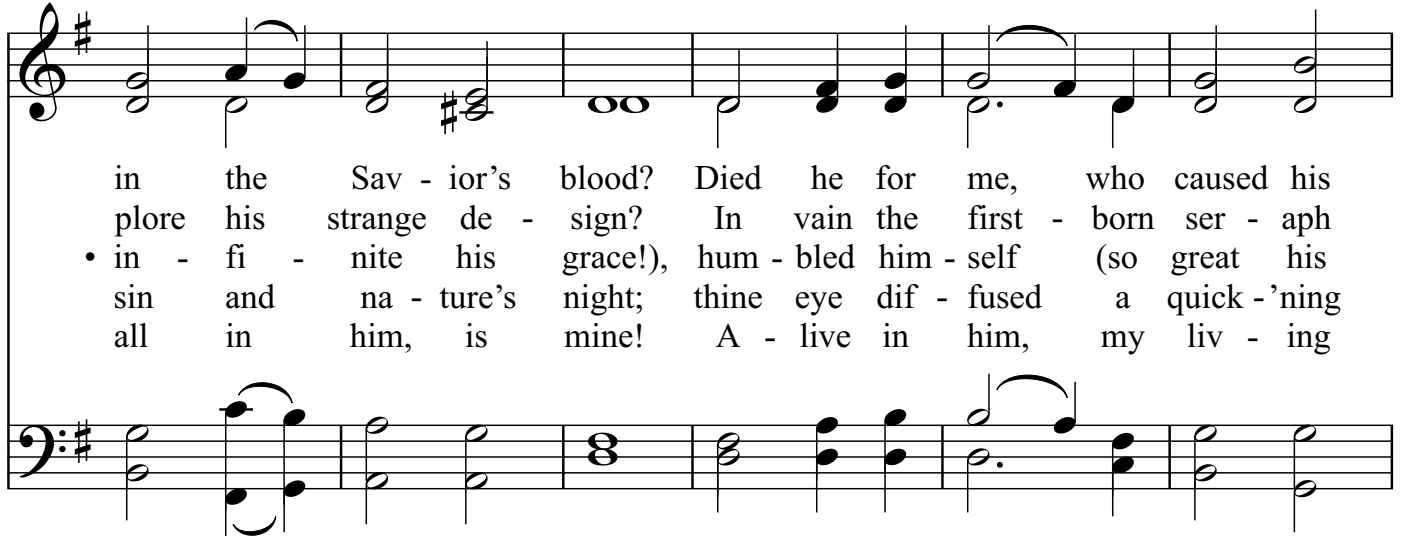
Hymn of Faith

*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.*

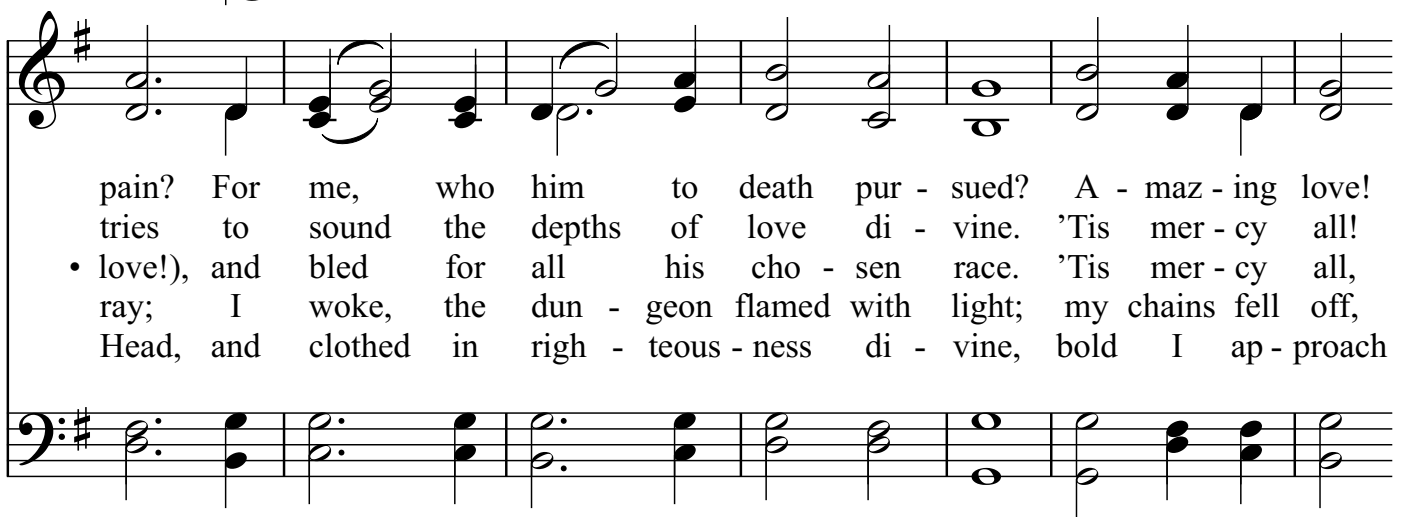
And Can It Be That I Should Gain



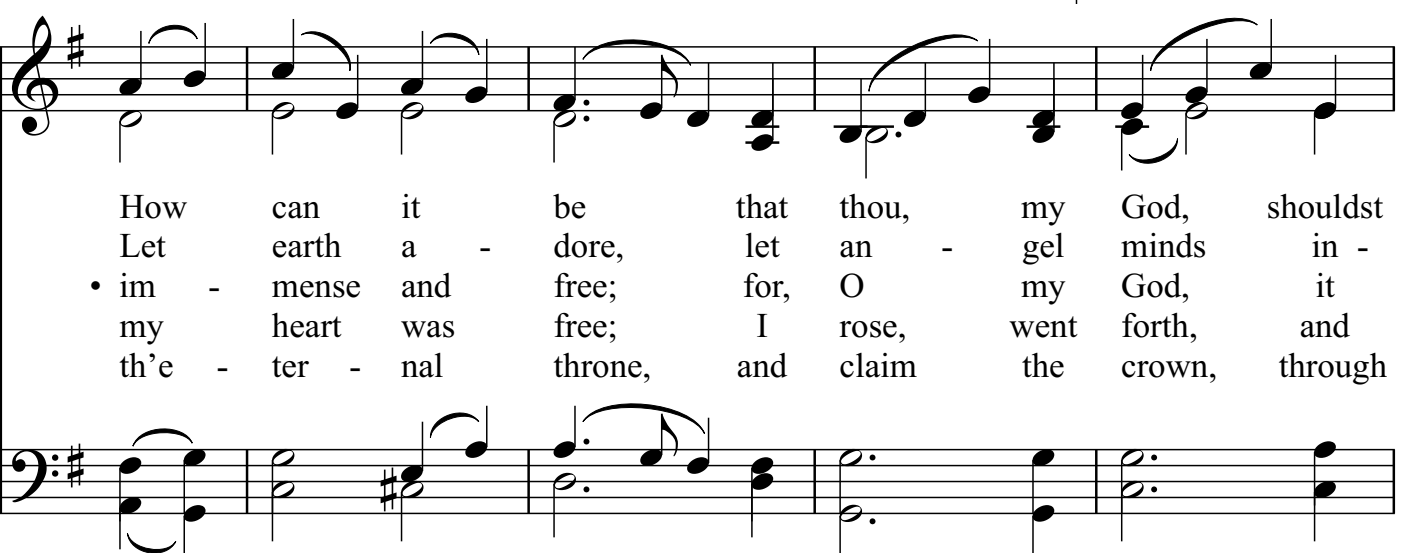
1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
• love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach



How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
• im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through



die for me?
quire no more.
• found out me.
fol - lowed thee.
Christ, my own.

Refrain:

Amazing love;
how can it be
That Thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?

**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 10:1-12
Old Testament - Isaiah 40:12-31
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Sermon

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

BEYOND COMPARE

Isaiah 40:12-31

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

**For the Children - assume, assumption, answer, faint, weary, strength,
God, 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.

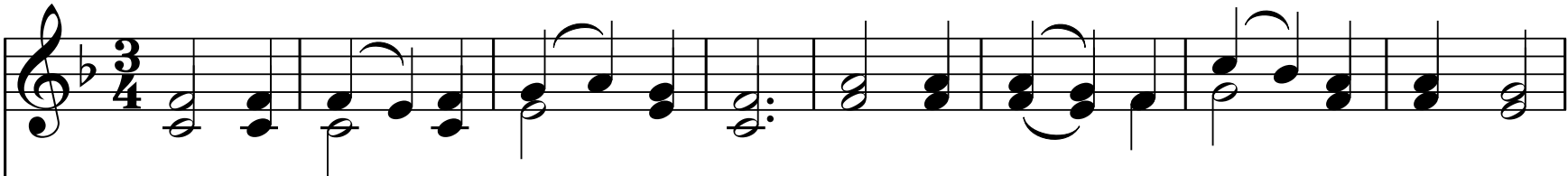
The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your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

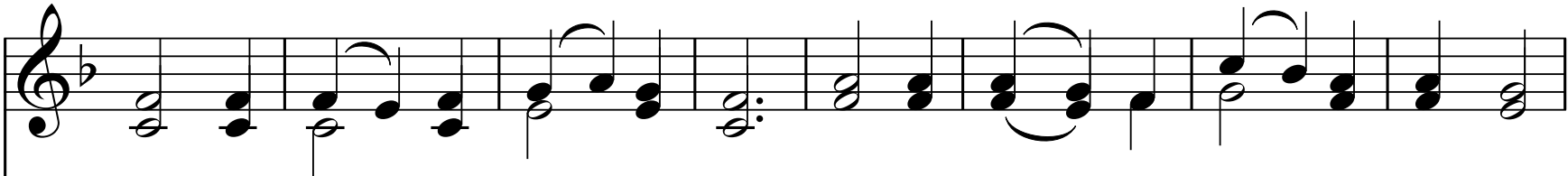
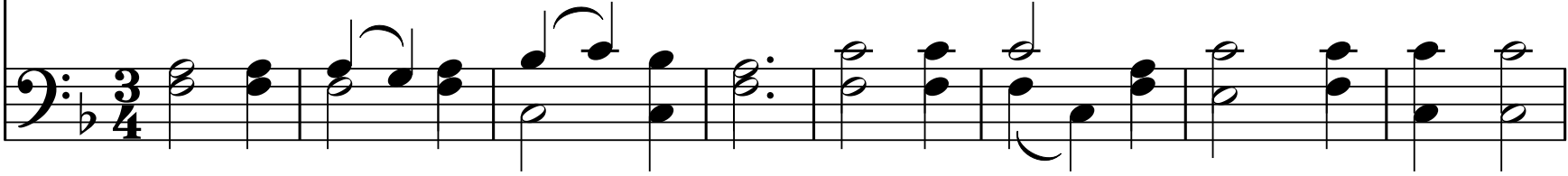
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

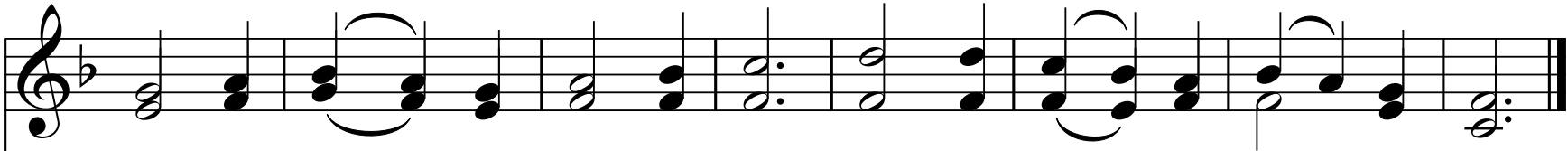
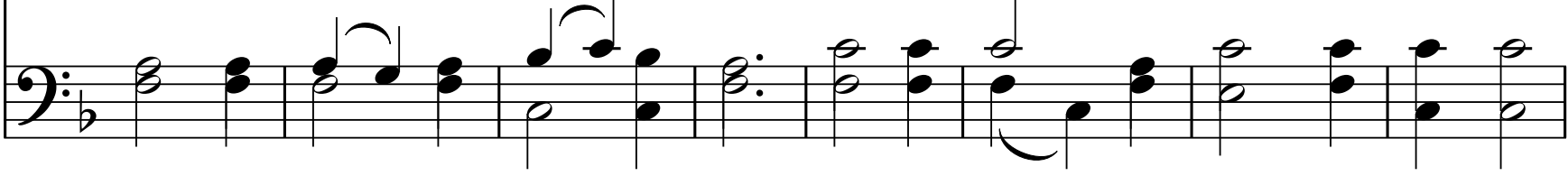
Offertory/Hymn of Response
Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.



1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;

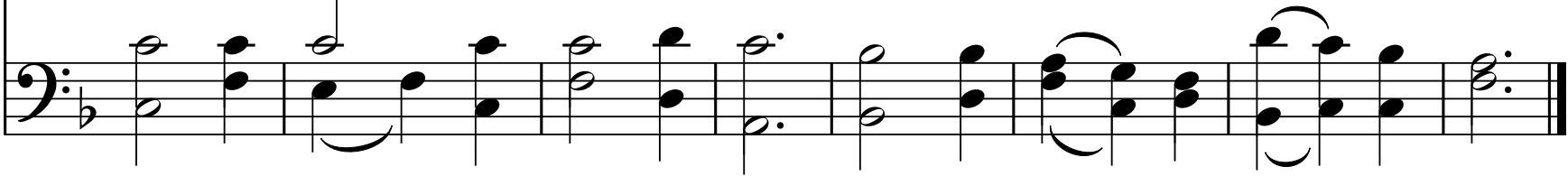


all on earth your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

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: *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen...Grace be with all of you.*

- Hebrews 13:20-21,25

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: WLC 6

Q: What do the Scriptures make known of God?

A: The Scriptures make known what God is, the persons in the Godhead, his decrees, and the execution of his decrees.

Wednesday

Sing “And can it Be”.

Read Isaiah 40:18-20, Psalm 115, and WLC 6.

Why is it foolish to make idols? What kinds of idolatry are people tempted toward today? Which of these do you struggle with? How do these false gods lead us astray?

Prayer prompt: *Confess the ways that you have trusted things besides God to give you peace or success.*

Monday

Sing Psalm 100.

Read Isaiah 40:12-14, Job 38:1-18, and WLC 6.

How do these verses show God’s power in creation? What attributes do they describe? How does this strengthen our faith in Him?

Prayer prompt: *Use topics from your discussion to praise God.*

Thursday

Sing “Holy, Holy, Holy”.

Read Isaiah 40:21-26, Psalm 104, and WLC 6.

Where do we learn about God? What does it mean that God calls the stars by name? To what do people compare God in our culture? How do those comparisons fail? Who or what are you tempted to fear more than God?

Prayer prompt: *Pray that you would have a holy fear of God and not be afraid of anything or anyone else.*

Tuesday

Sing “Jonah’s Prayer”.

Read Isaiah 40:15-17, Psalm 50, and WLC 6.

Why is it good news that the Lord is greater than the nations? Is Isaiah saying that He doesn’t care about what they do? Why/why not? How is God different from us? How can you honor Him with thanksgiving?

Prayer prompt: *Pray that knowing more about God’s power would increase your faith.*

Friday

Sing “Holy God, we Praise Your Name”.

Read Isaiah 40:27-31, Psalm 103, and WLC 6.

How does God give strength to His people? What makes you spiritually weary? How has the Lord renewed your strength? How do you need Him to renew it right now?

Prayer prompt: *Pray for each other and others you know that need to experience spiritual renewal.*

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Walker - Bentonville

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

BEYOND COMPARE Isaiah 40:12-31

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