

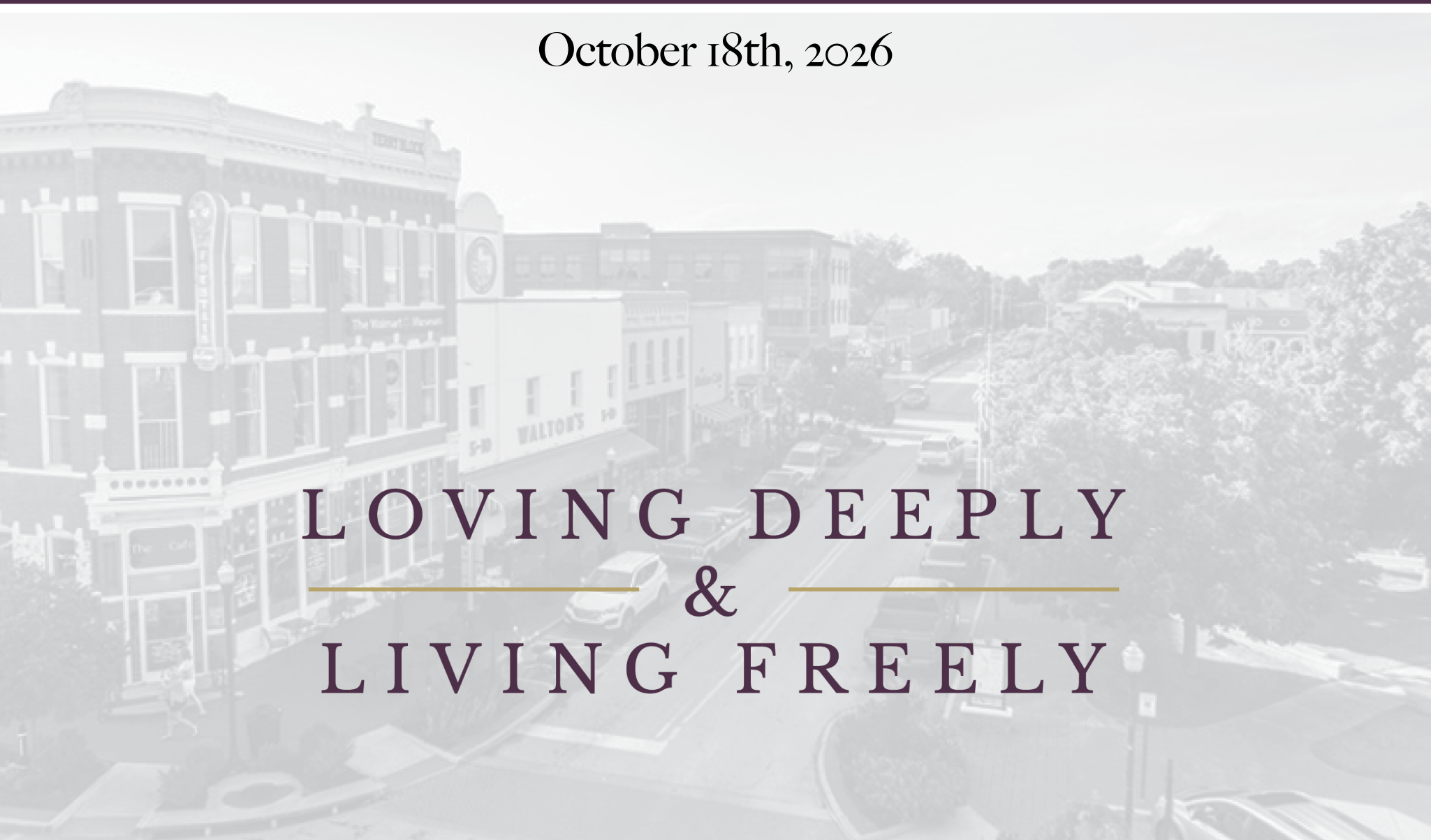


CHRIST CHURCH

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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.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."

- Revelation 22:13-15

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: *O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!*

- Psalm 68:32-35

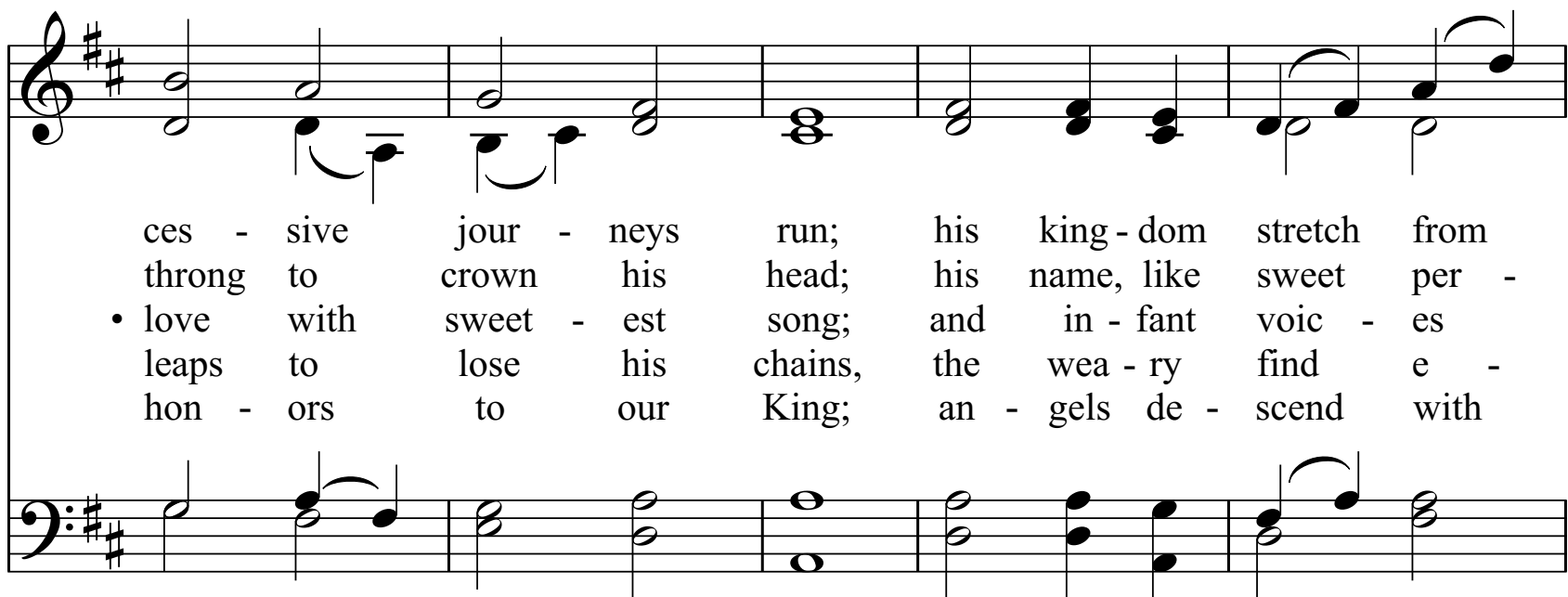
Jesus Shall Reign

Hymn of Praise

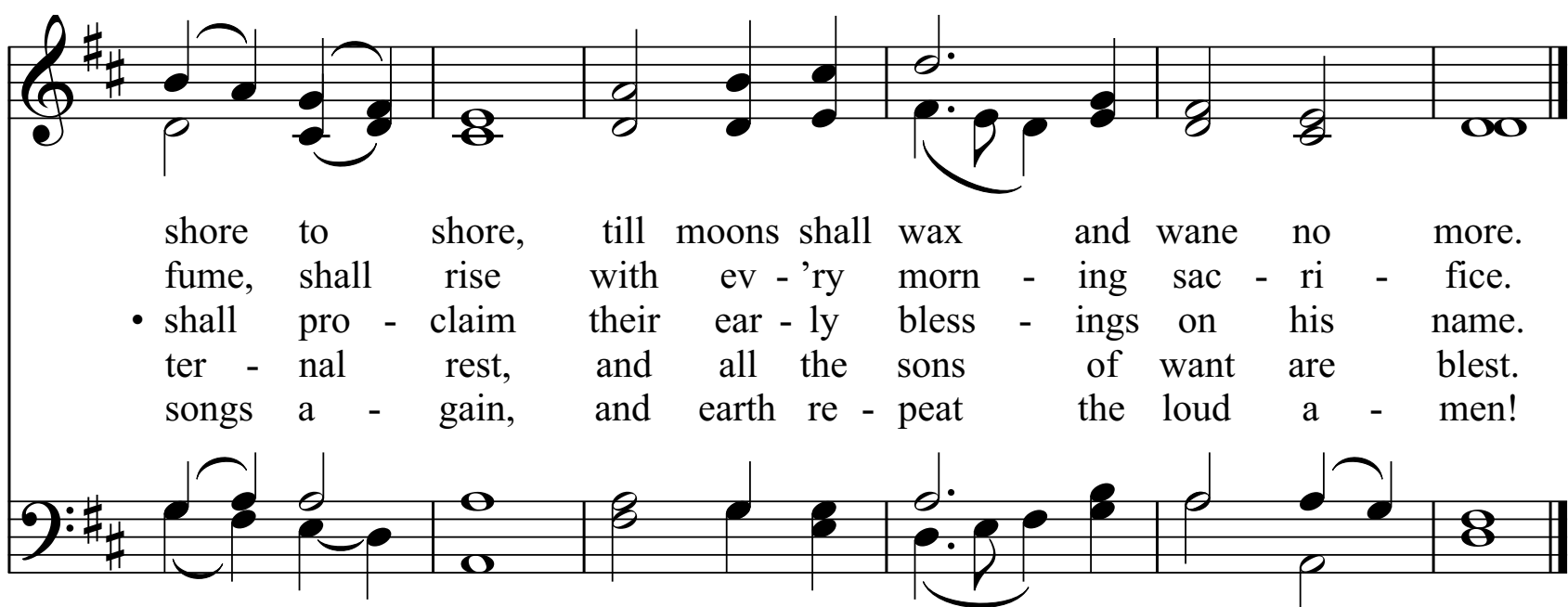
This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



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!

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:

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

- Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

- WSC 60

**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.*

All: Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to You that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed Your word, nor followed Your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for Your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

Psalm 38 (to Ebenezer)

The Psalter, 1912

Ebenezer (Thomas John Williams, 1890)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), a common time signature (C), and various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. There are also rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are as follows:

1. In Your wrath and hot dis - plea - sure chas - ten not Your ser - vant, Lord
2. With my bur - den of trans - gre - ssion, hea - vy la - den, o - ver - borne
3. Dark - ness ga - thers, foes as - sail me, but I an - swer not a word
4. I am prone to halt and stum - ble; grief and sor - row dwell with - in

Let Your mer - cy with - out mea - sure help and peace to me aff - ord
Hum - bled low I make con - fes - sion for my fol - ly now I mourn
All my friends de - sert and fail me, on - ly You my cry have heard
Shame and guilt my spi - rit hum - ble I am sor - ry for my sin

Hea - vy is my tri - bu - la - tion sore my pu - nish - ment has been
Weak and woun - ded I im - plore You, Lord to me Your mer - cy show;
Lord, in You I am con - fi - ding; You will an - swer when I call,
Lord, my God, do not for - sake me; let me know that you are near

bro - ken by Your in - dig - na - tion I am trou - bled by my sin
All my prayer is now be - fore You, all my trou - ble Lord You know
lest my foes, the good de - ri - ding, tri - umph in Your ser - vant's fall
un - der your pro - tec - tion take me; as my Sa - vior now ap - pear

Elder: ...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- 1 Peter 1:18-25

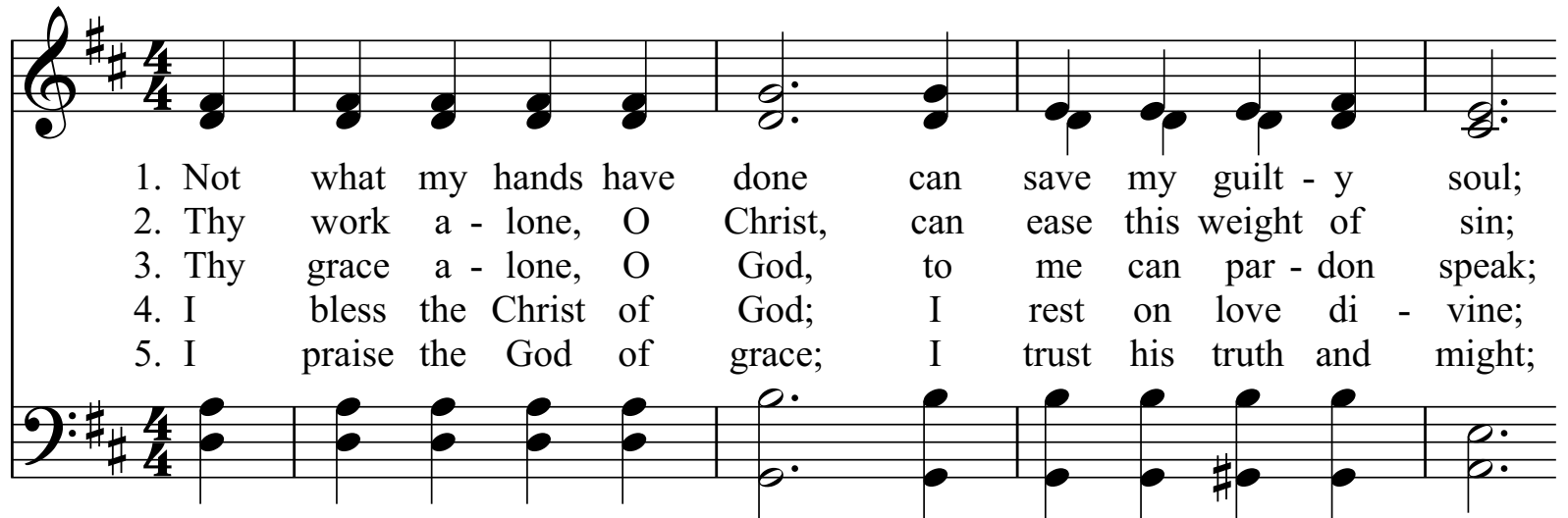
Assurance of Salvation

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

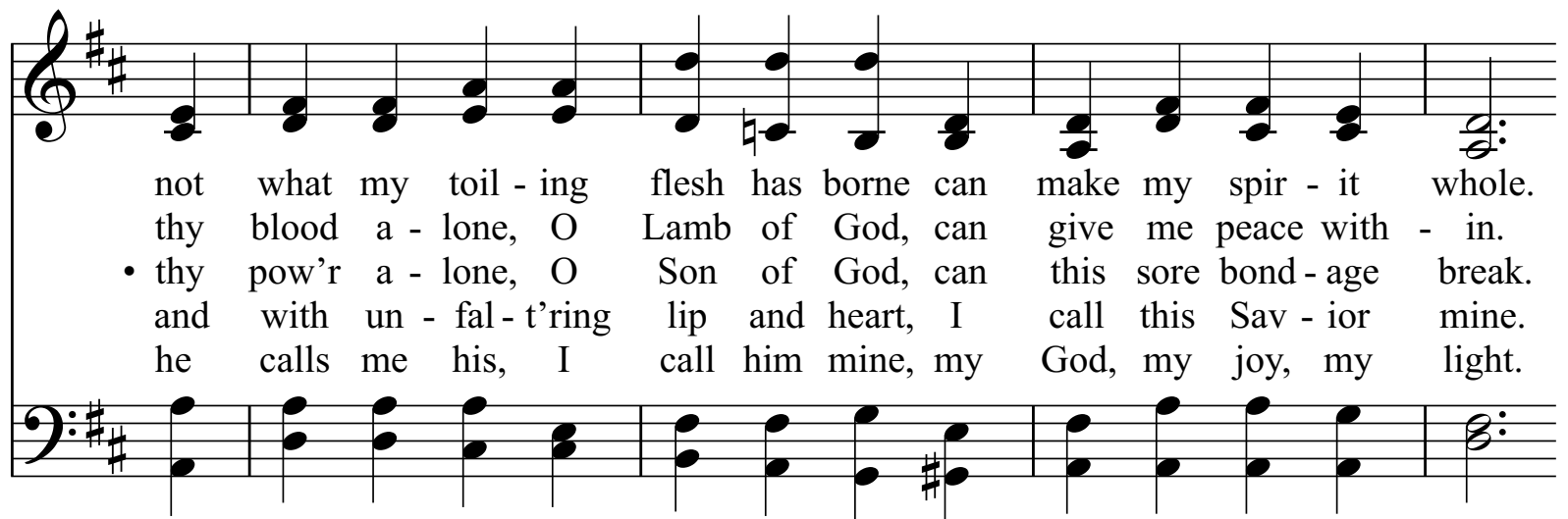
Hymn of Faith

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.

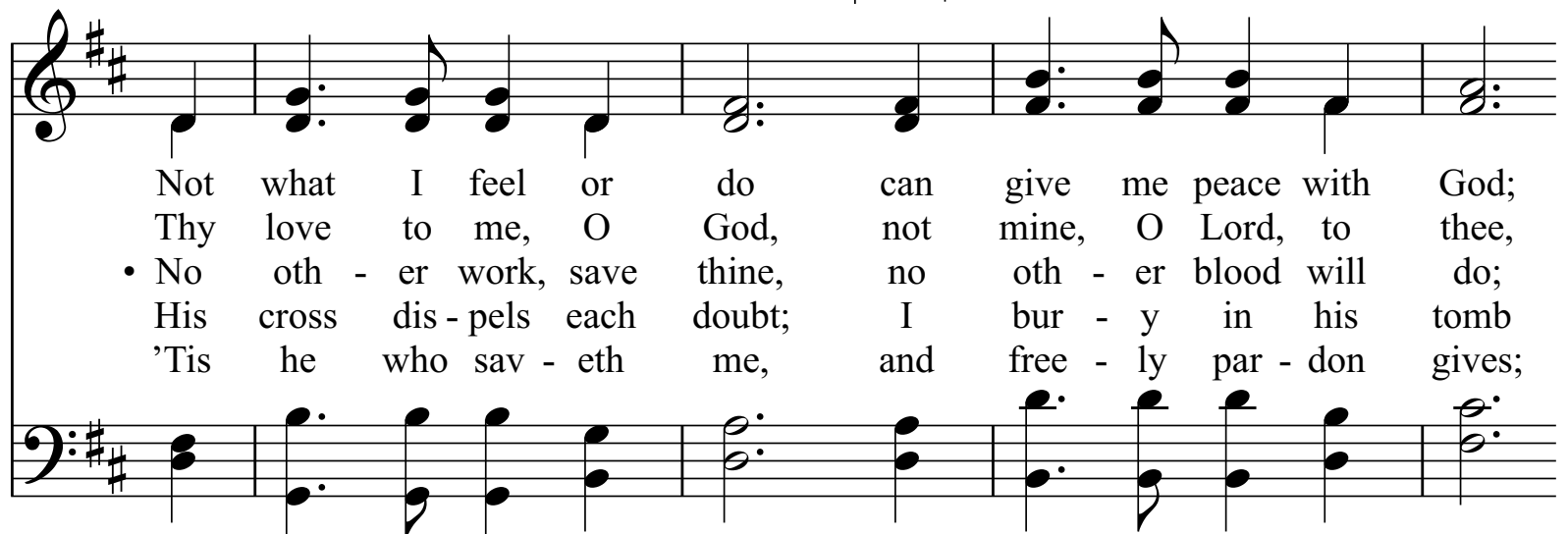
Not What My Hands Have Done



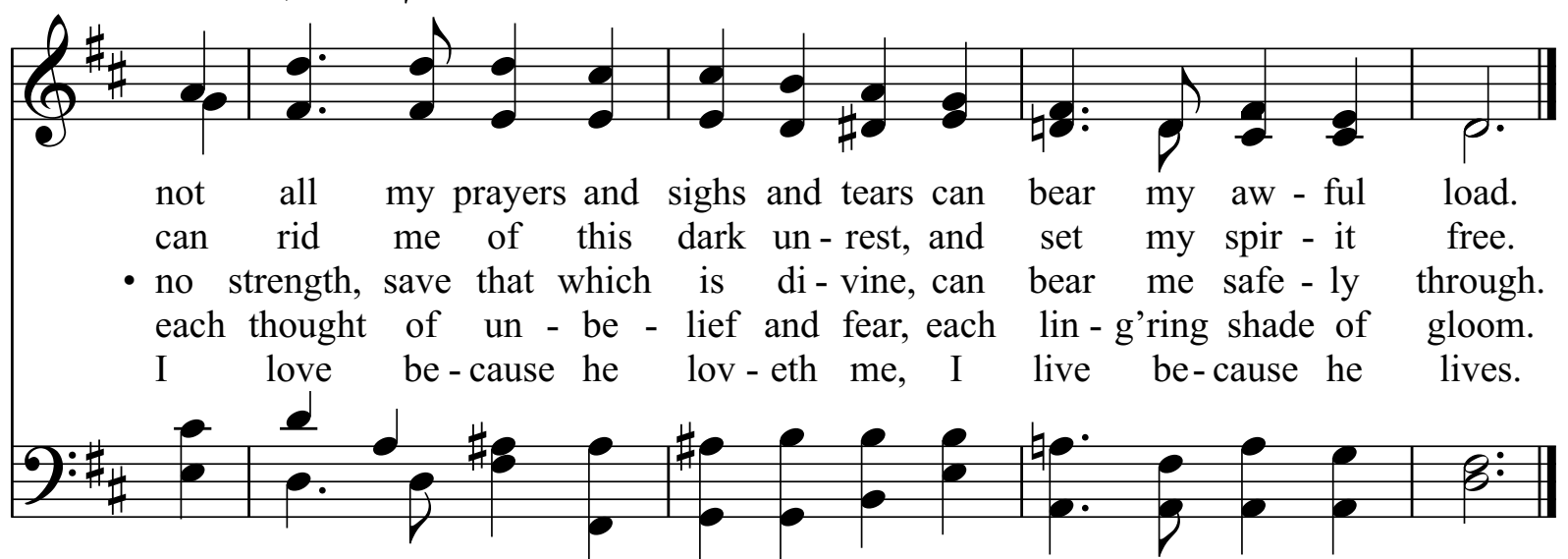
1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;



not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
• thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
• No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
• no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

**Scripture
Reading**

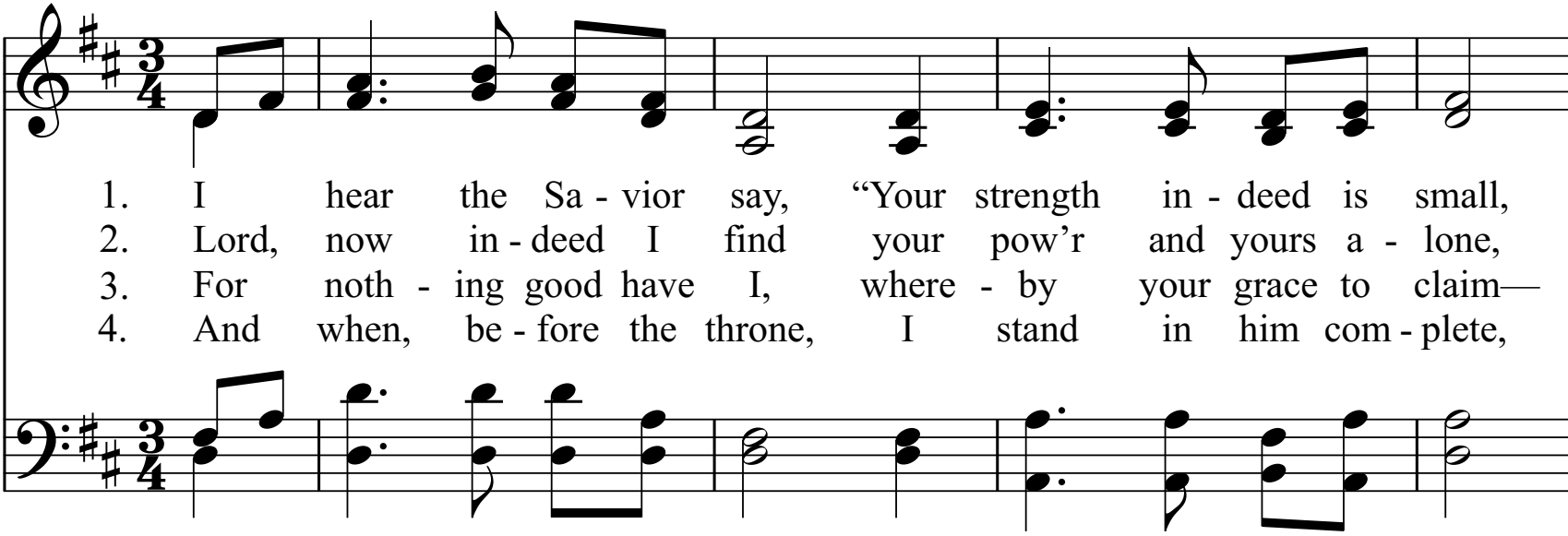
We read from both
Old and New
Testaments
because they are
not two different
books but both are
a part of God's
unfolding plan of
redemption.

**Hymn of
Preparation**

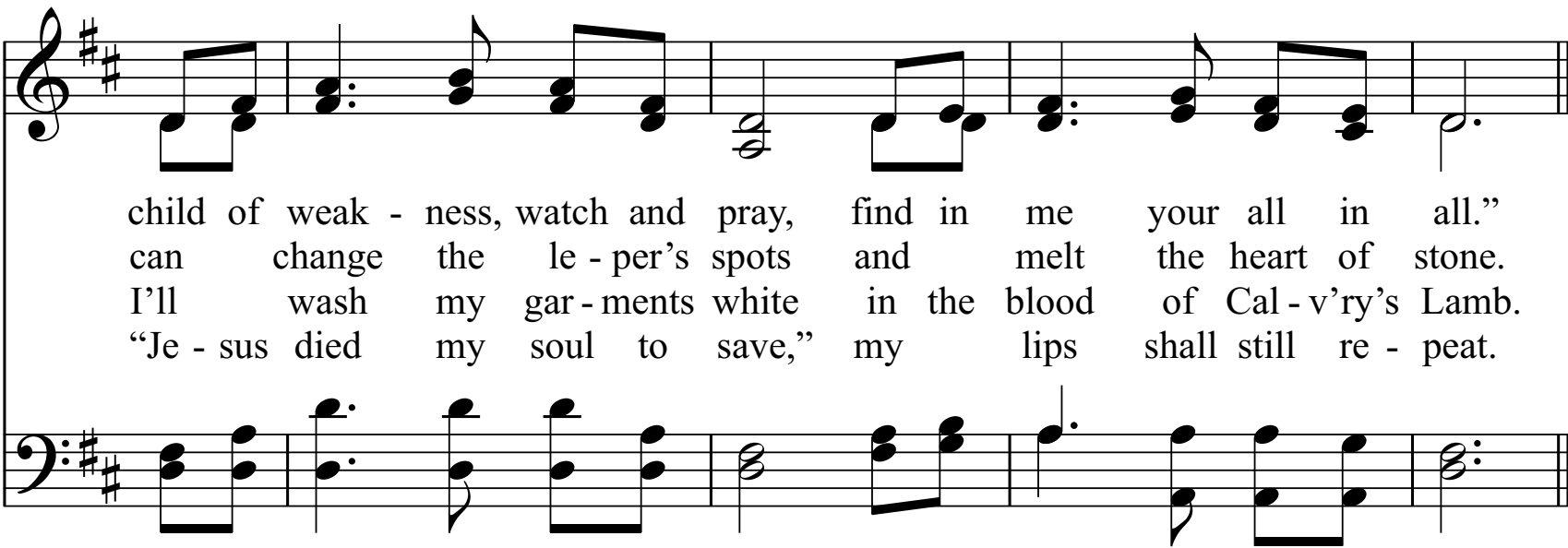
This hymn is
gospel-focused and
sermon-oriented
and planned with
the children in
mind.

New Testament - Mark 11:12-19
Old Testament - Isaiah 44:6-23
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus Paid It All



1. I hear the Sa - vior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r and yours a - lone,
3. For noth - ing good have I, where - by your grace to claim—
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

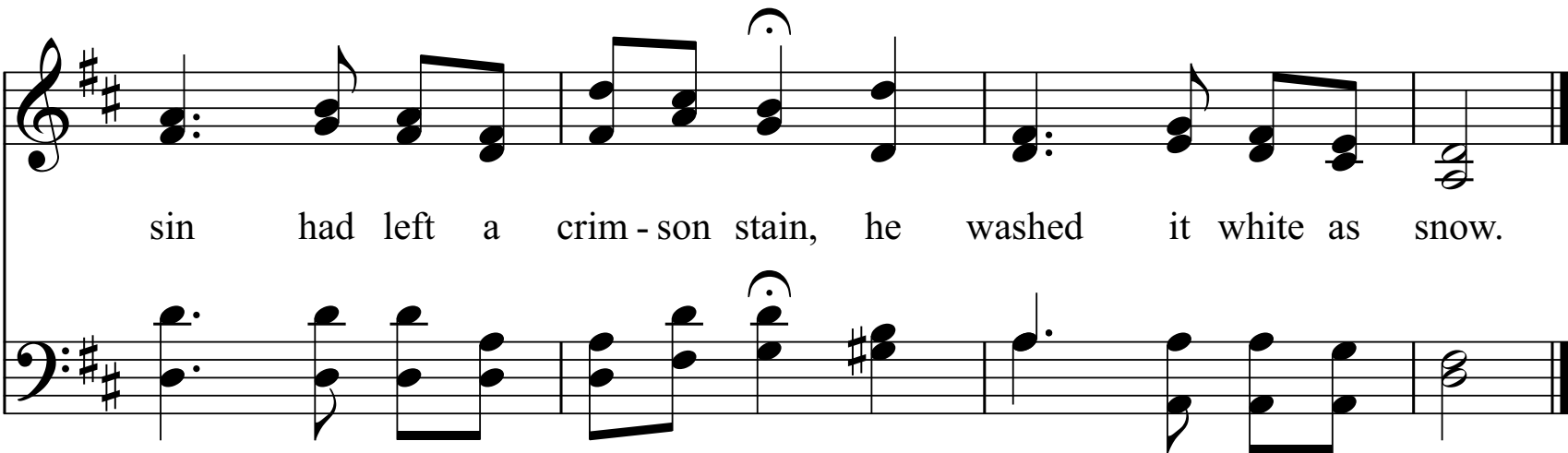


child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Sermon

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

RETURN TO ME

Isaiah 44:6-23

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

For the Children - God, idol(s), remember, return, sing, redeem(s), redemption,
Jesus

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**

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.

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

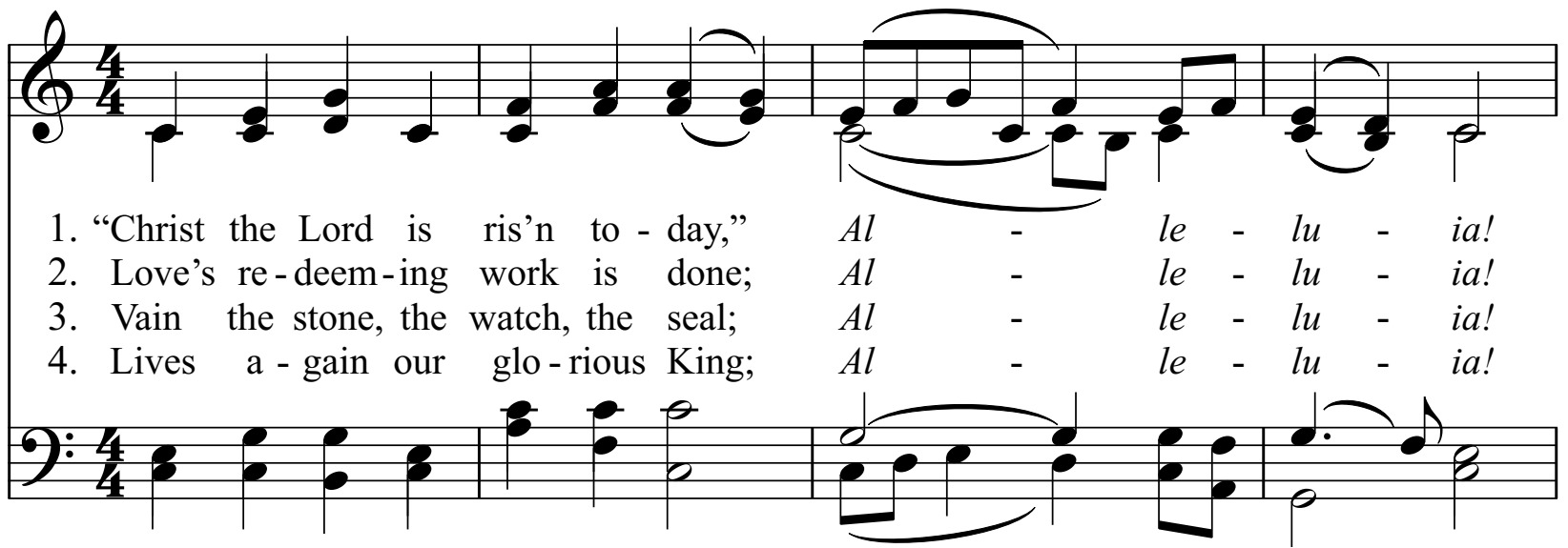
*We are a needy
people, and this
prayer not only
reflects that
neediness but our
dependence upon
the Lord.*

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!

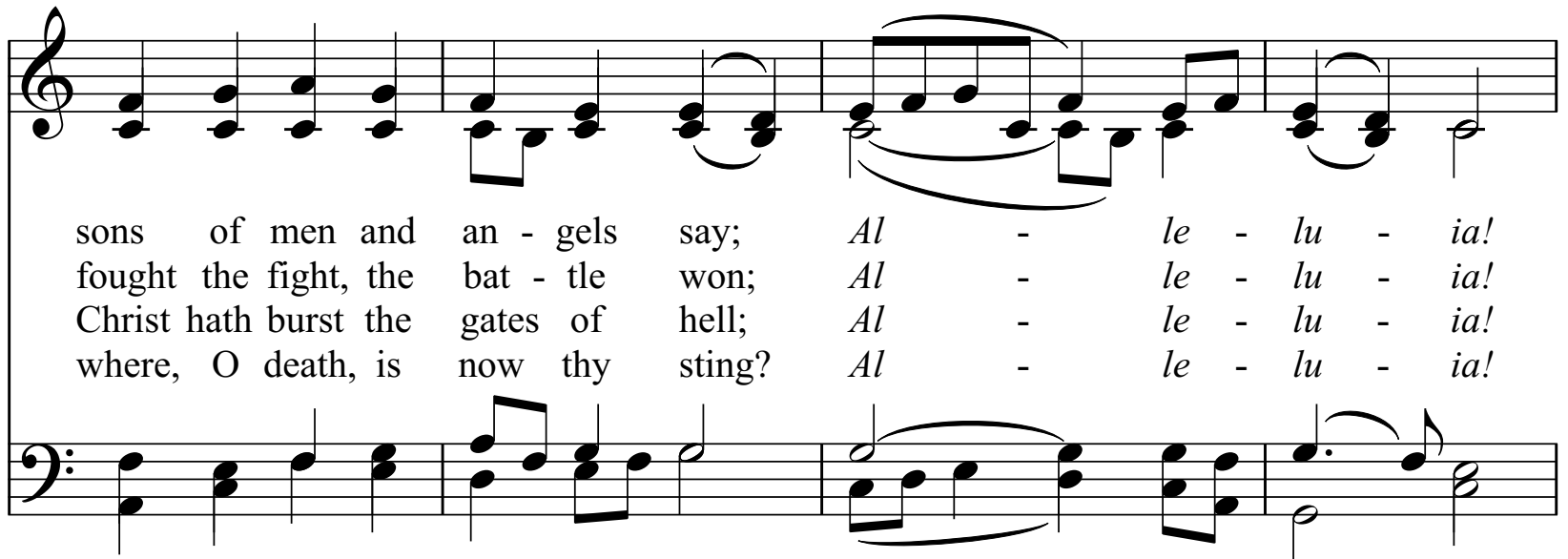
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Offertory/Hymn of Response

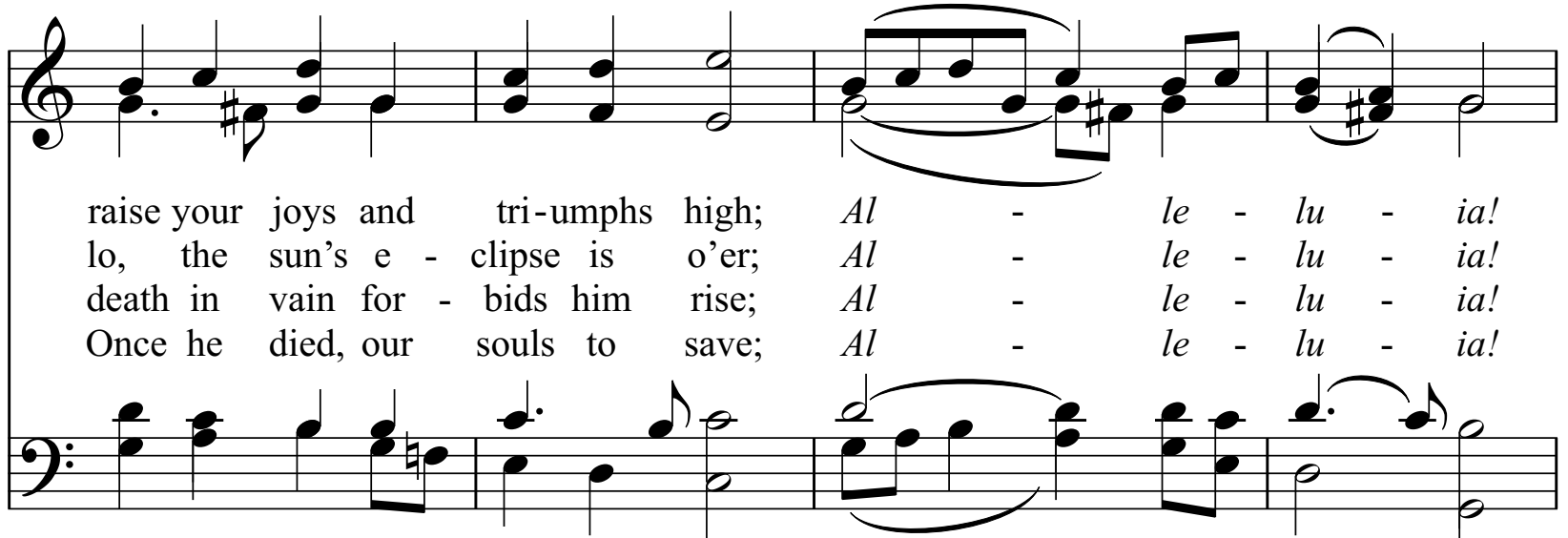
Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.



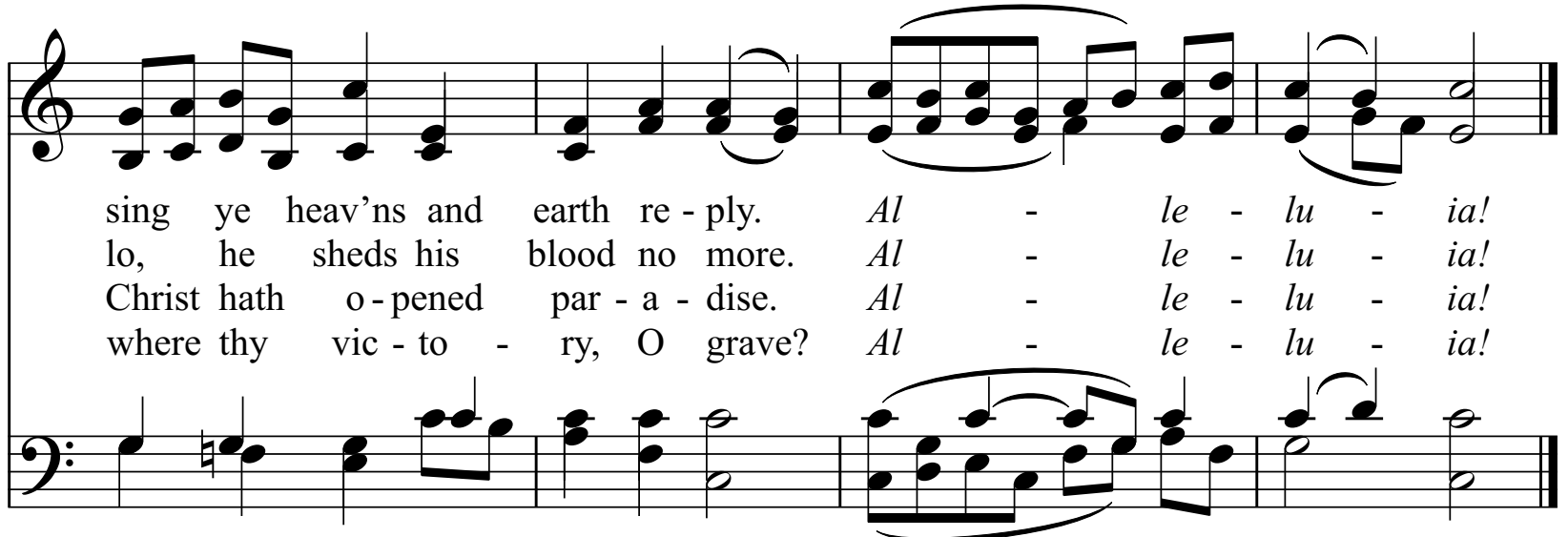
1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!



sons of men and an - gels say; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
Once he died, our souls to save; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!



sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia*!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

5. Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia*!
Foll'wing our exalted head; *Alleluia*!
Made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia*!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia*!
6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia*!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia*!
Thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia*!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia*!

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 himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

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 47

Q: What is forbidden in the first commandment [*you shall have no other gods before Me*]?

A: The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Wednesday

Sing “Not What My Hands Have Done”.

Read Isaiah 44:21-22, 1 Peter 1:18-19, and WSC 47.

What was Israel called to remember?

Why is it good news that God forms His people? What would it mean for them to return to the Lord? How were your transgressions blotted out? How do you need to return to Him?

Prayer prompt: *Praise God for sending His Son Jesus to be your Redeemer.*

Monday

Sing “Jesus Shall Reign”.

Read Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 18:1-3, and WSC 47.

What evidence does the Lord give for His claim to be the only God? Why does He command His people not to fear? What does it mean that He is our Rock? How can remembering this help you trust Him more?

Prayer prompt: *Say a prayer of praise to God and ask Him to help you not to fear because He is your Rock.*

Thursday

Sing “Jesus Paid It All”.

Read Isaiah 44:23, Psalm 69:30-36, and WSC 47.

Who or what is called to sing in Isaiah 44:23? Why would they sing? How does this show creation’s true purpose in contrast to how idols are made (see v. 14)? How does God’s salvation of His people bring Him glory? What is one specific thing the Lord has done for you that you can praise Him for?

Prayer prompt: *Praise Him for those things you named.*

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 38.

Read Isaiah 44:9-20, Habakkuk 2:18-20, and WSC 47.

Why does Isaiah say idolatry is foolish? What is the end result of idolatry? Think about how much effort Isaiah says goes into making idols: how does that help us identify our own idolatry? What specific things are you tempted to trust more than the Lord?

Prayer prompt: *Confess your heart-idolatry and ask the Lord to increase your faith in Him alone.*

Friday

Sing “Christ The Lord Is Risen...”

Read Isaiah 44:6-23 and WSC 47.

How was Israel supposed to be the Lord’s witnesses? How did their idolatry prevent them from doing so?

How can you be His witness? How might your idolatry prevent you from doing so?

Prayer prompt: *Ask the Lord to give you the strength to be His witness through your words and your actions.*

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

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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

RETURN TO ME Isaiah 44:6-23

I. THE INCOMPARABILITY OF GOD (vv. 6-8)

II. THE ABSURDITY OF IDOLATRY (vv. 9-20)

III. THE REMEDY OF REDEMPTION (vv. 21-23)



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