# CHRIST CHURCH
BENTONVILLE

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WELCOME TO

# CHRIST CHURCH

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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.*

*In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

- 1 Peter 1:6-9

**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.*

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.

**Invocation**

*This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.*

Pastor: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits… Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!*
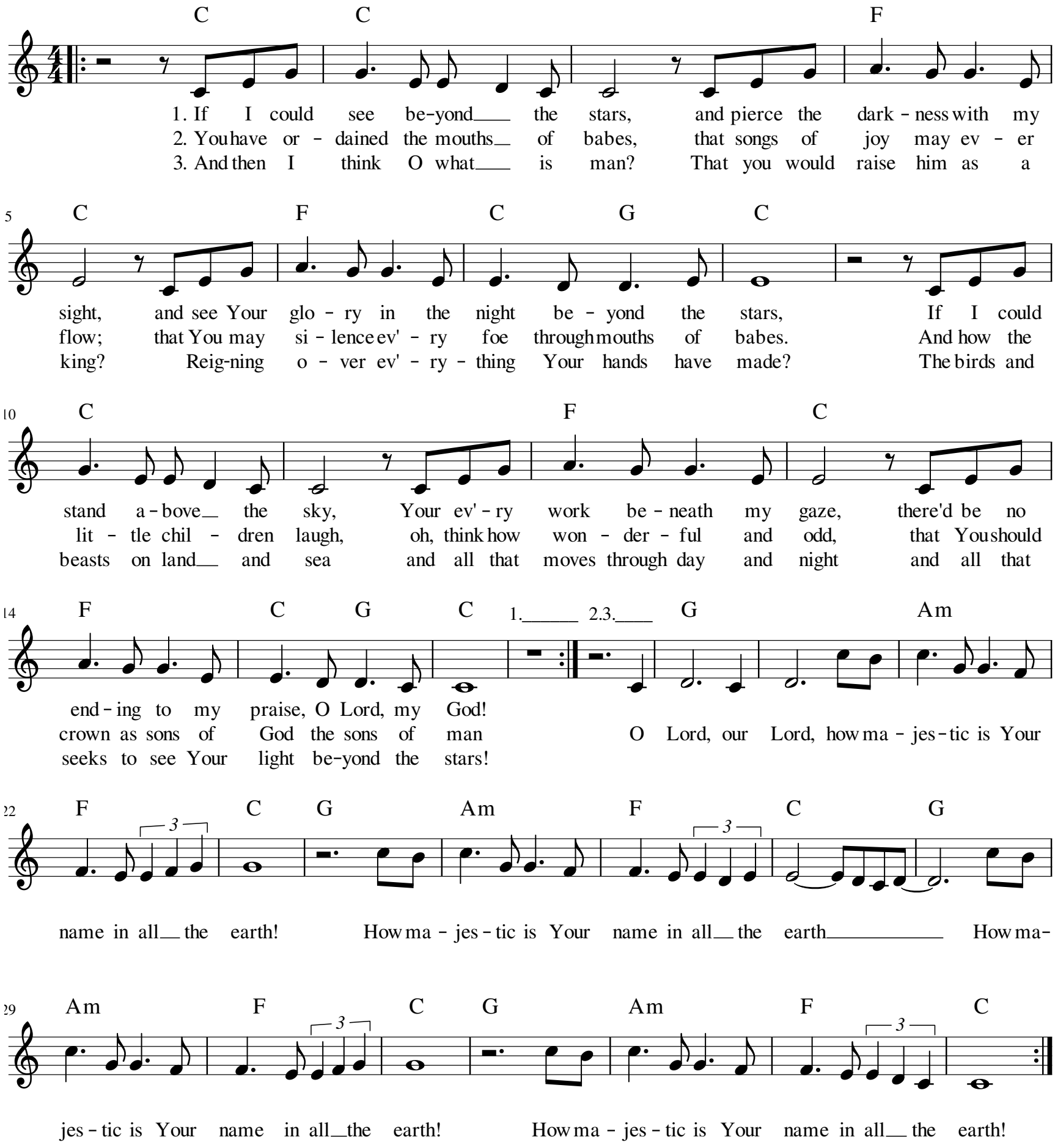
- Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

**Hymn of Praise**

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

# Beyond the Stars (Psalm 8)

Philip Moyer — Nathan Alberson




**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: *And you shall not steal.* - Deuteronomy 5:19

The Eighth Commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

The Eighth Commandment forbids whatsoever does or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate. - WSC 74-75

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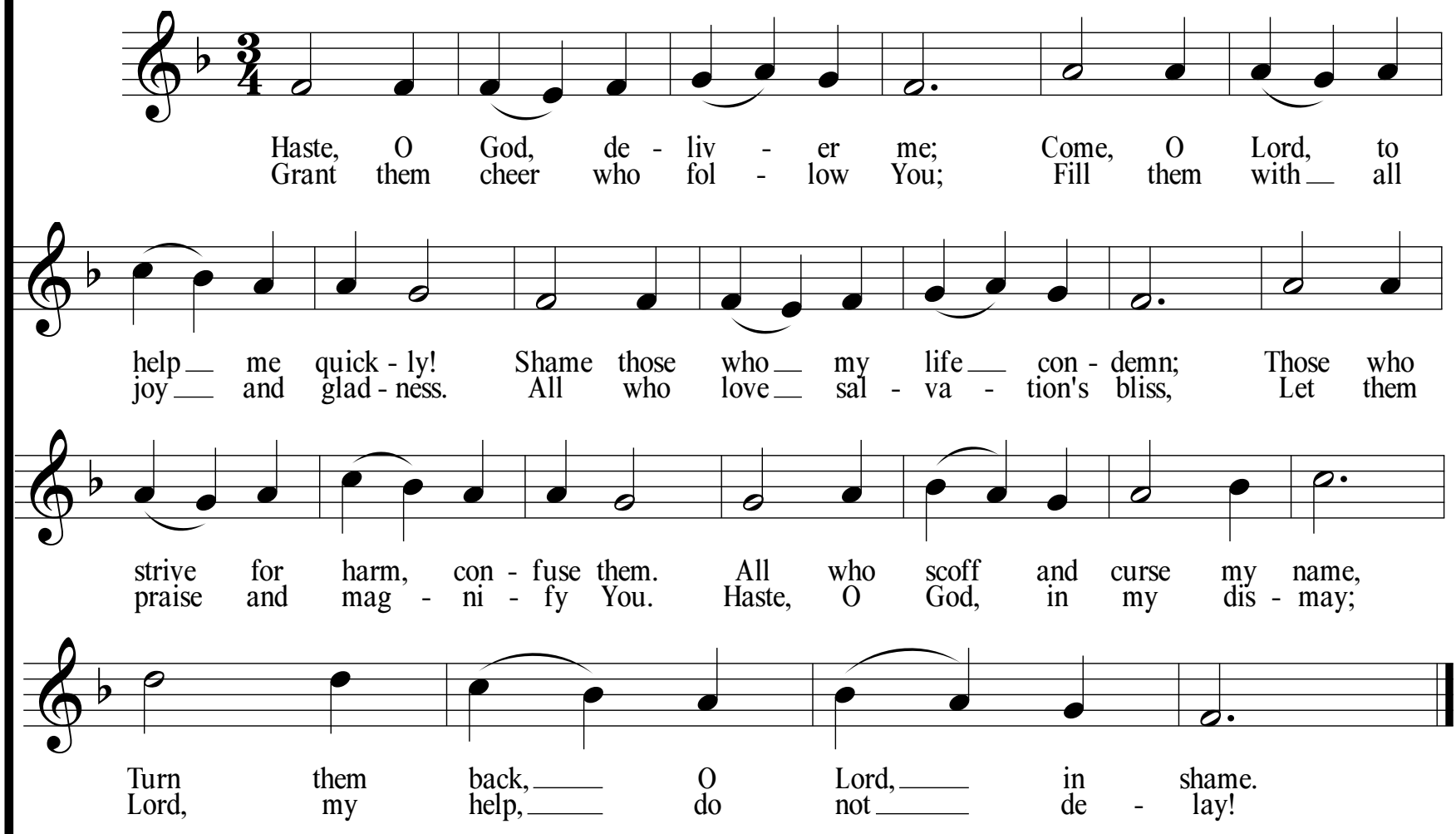
**All:** **Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. In His name we pray, 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.*

## Psalm 70 - Haste, O God, Deliver Me!




**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: *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

- Ephesians 2:13-16

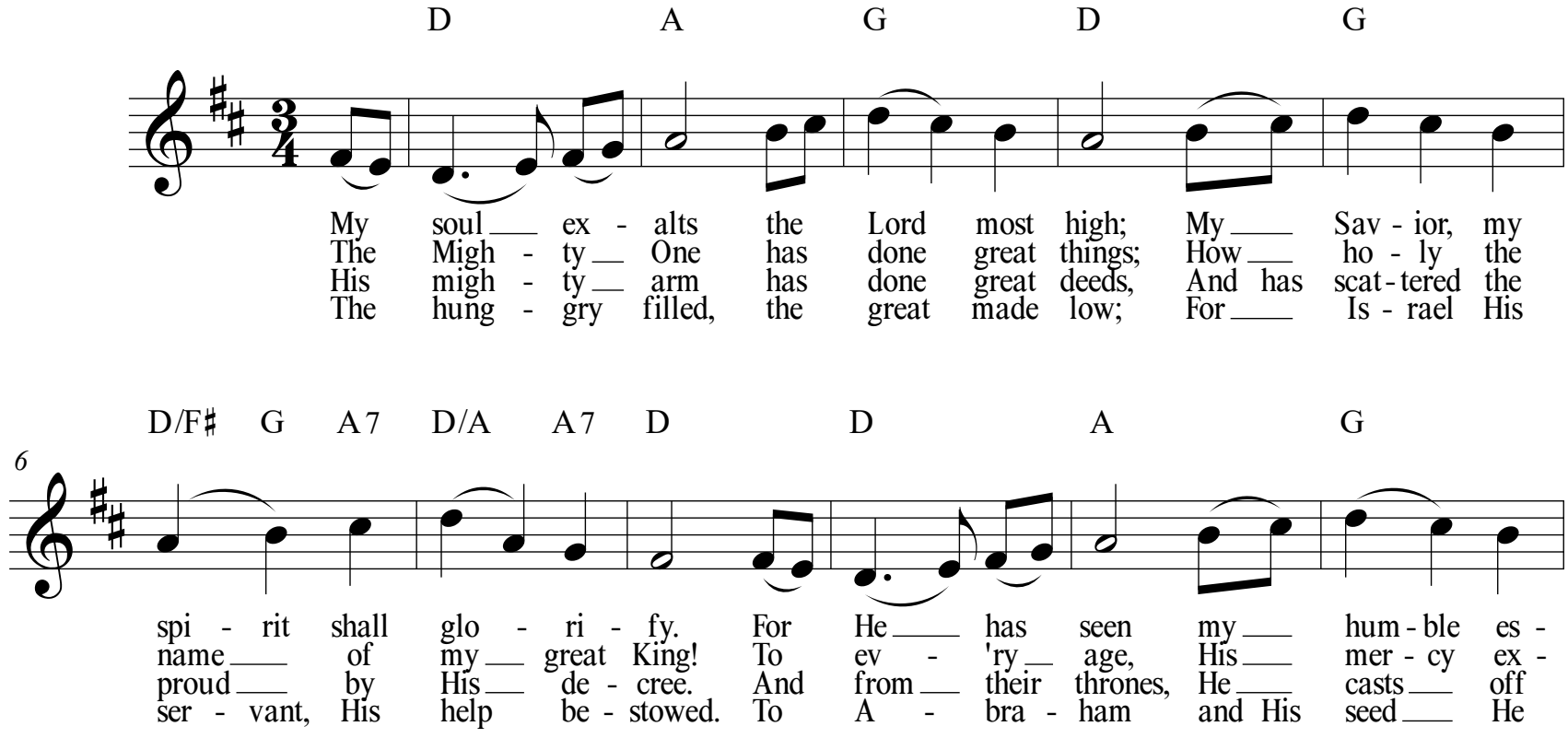
**Hymn of Faith**

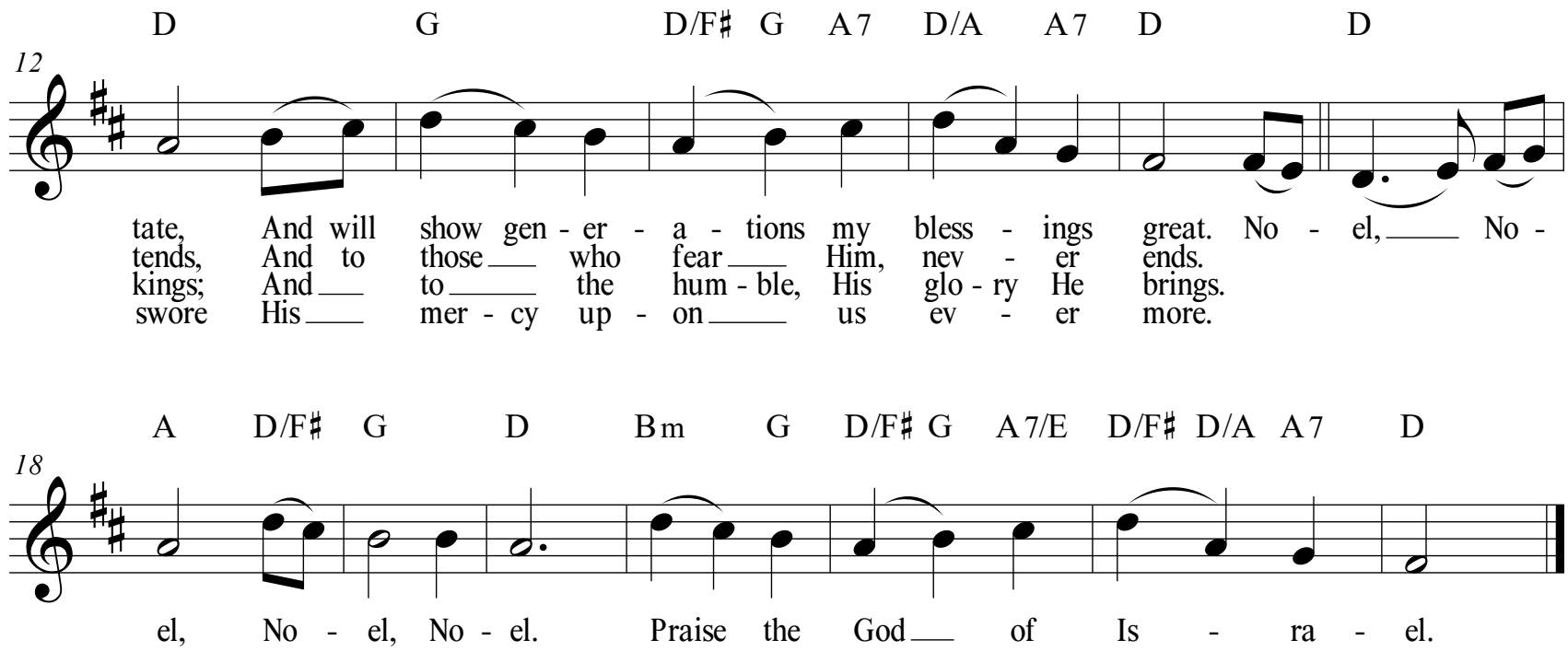
*This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.*

# My Soul Exalts the Lord Most High
# Luke 1:46-55

David P. Regier

THE FIRST NOEL




**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 12:18-27
**Old Testament** - Isaiah 47-48
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.*

# THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE

1.The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His
3.Love has re - deemed His sheep with blood; And love will
own e - ter - nal - ly; Nor earth, nor
bring them safe to God; Love calls them
hell, can it re - move; Long as He
all from death to life; And love will
lives, His own He'll love.
fin - ish all their strife.

2.His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be Their ev - er -
4.He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, Nor aught from
last - ing Sur - e - ty; 'Twas love that
Him can Zi - on wean; Not all the
took their cause in hand, And love main -
wan - derings of her heart Can make His
tains it to the end. Love
love for her de - part.
can - not from its post with - draw; Nor
death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can
turn the Sur - ety's heart a - way; He'll
love His own to end - less day.

3.Love has re -

5.At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less
bliss, His own shall prove The blaz - ing
glo - ry of that love Which ne - ver
could from them re - move. Which ne - ver
could from them re - move.

# LISTEN TO ME

## Isaiah 47-48

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

**For the Children - Babylon**, **nation**, **fall**, **Israel**, **people**, **listen**, **God**, **Christ**

**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.*

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.*

# Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords' loud clash - ing nor roll of stir - ring drums,
thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry Smart, 1836

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

**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!**

**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.*

Pastor: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

**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 54**

**Q**: What is required in the third commandment [*You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain*]?
**A**: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

**Monday**

Sing Psalm 8.
Read Isaiah 47:1-7, Revelation 18:1-8, and WSC 54.
What is the Lord saying will happen to Babylon? How would they treat Judah? How was Babylon proud? How do the Lord's words show His sovereignty? How does Babylon in Isaiah point to God's final judgment? How might Isaiah 47:1-7 warn people or nations today? How might it comfort God's people today?
Prayer prompt: *Pray for God to teach you humility and for the persecuted church around the world.*

**Tuesday**

Sing Psalm 70.
Read Isaiah 47:8-15, Revelation 18:9-19, and WSC 54.
What does the Lord say is wrong with Babylon? How would He judge them? What were they relying on? Why would these things fail them? How are we tempted to trust in similar things? What is our hope of deliverance?
Prayer prompt: *Confess how you have trusted other things and thank the Lord for salvation through Christ.*

**Wednesday**

Sing Luke 1:46-55.
Read Isaiah 48:1-5, Exodus 32:9-14, and WSC 54.
How had God's people broken the third commandment? How did they have false confidence? What things had the Lord declared of old? Why did He do so before they happened? How have you broken the third commandment? What false confidence do you need to give up? What things from the past should strengthen your faith in the Lord?
Prayer prompt: *Confess these things and ask the Lord to increase your faith.*

**Thursday**

Sing "The Love Of Christ Is Rich And Free".
Read Isaiah 48:6-11, 1 Peter 1:6-8, and WSC 54.
Why were the people supposed to declare what they had seen God do? What new things would He do? How would they be refined? What does it mean that God did this for His own name, sake, and glory? How has the Lord worked to refine you?
Prayer prompt: *Pray for the Lord to continue refining you and that He would help you declare all that you have seen Him do.*

**Friday**

Sing "Lead On, O King Eternal".
Read Isaiah 48:12-22, Revelation 18:4-5 and 20-24, and WSC 54.
How does the Lord establish His power in these verses? What does He say would have happened if His people had obeyed Him? What deliverance does He promise would come? Why does Isaiah close with a warning against wickedness? What does it mean to come out of Babylon? How can we?
Prayer prompt: *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to treasure and obey God's word.*

# 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

# LISTEN TO ME
# Isaiah 47-48

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. BABYLON MUST FALL (Ch. 47)**

**II. THE PEOPLE OF GOD MUST LISTEN (Ch. 48)**

**CONCLUSION**

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## MEETING SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 5:00PM

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