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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.

…as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

- Romans 9:33

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.

Pastor: *Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

- Psalm 96:7-9

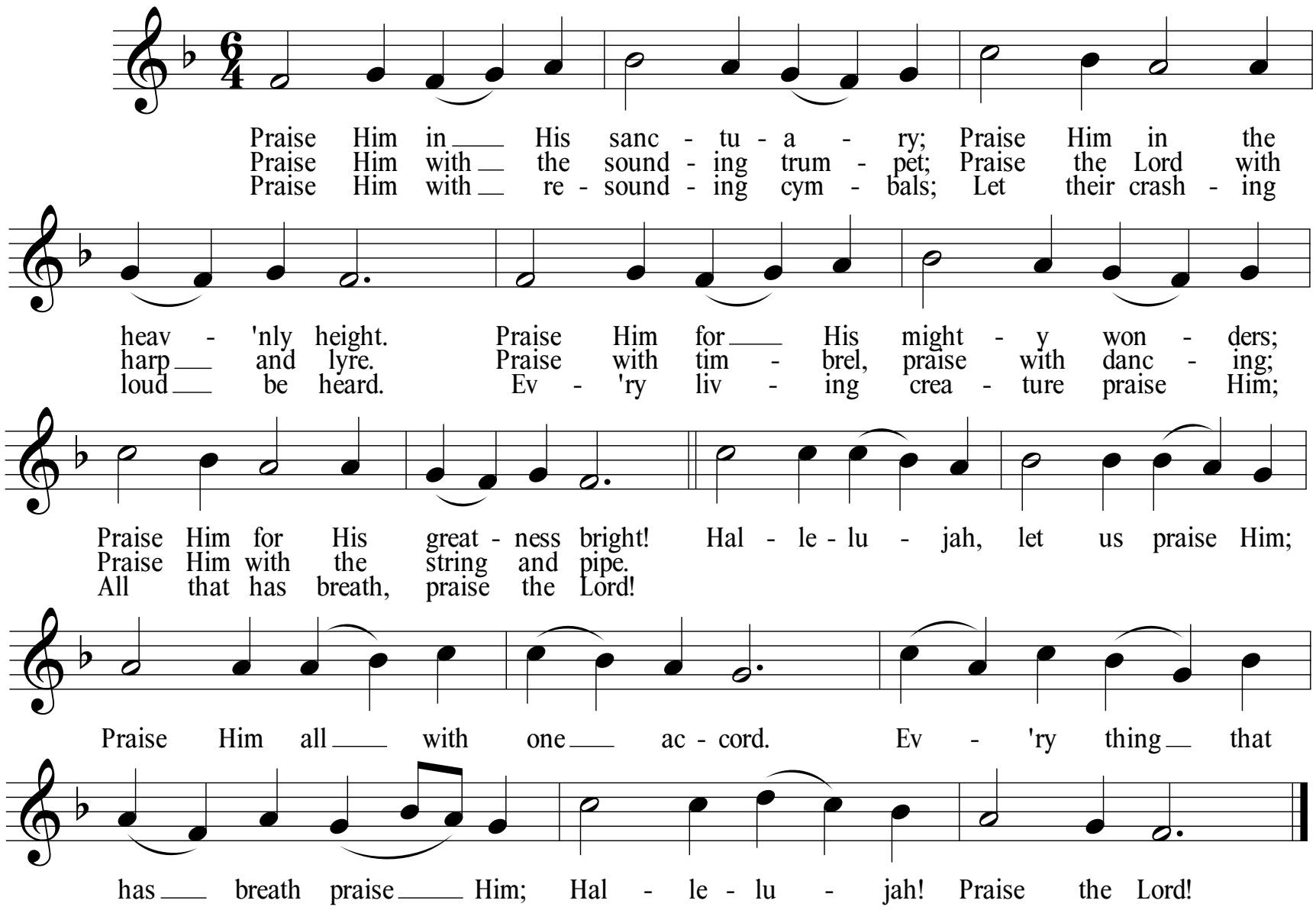
Invocation

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

Hymn of Praise

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

Psalm 150
Praise Him!



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 covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.* - Deuteronomy 5:21

The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his. - WSC 80-81

All: **Almighty God, in love You spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more, that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what You intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in Your goodness that we will always be thanking You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

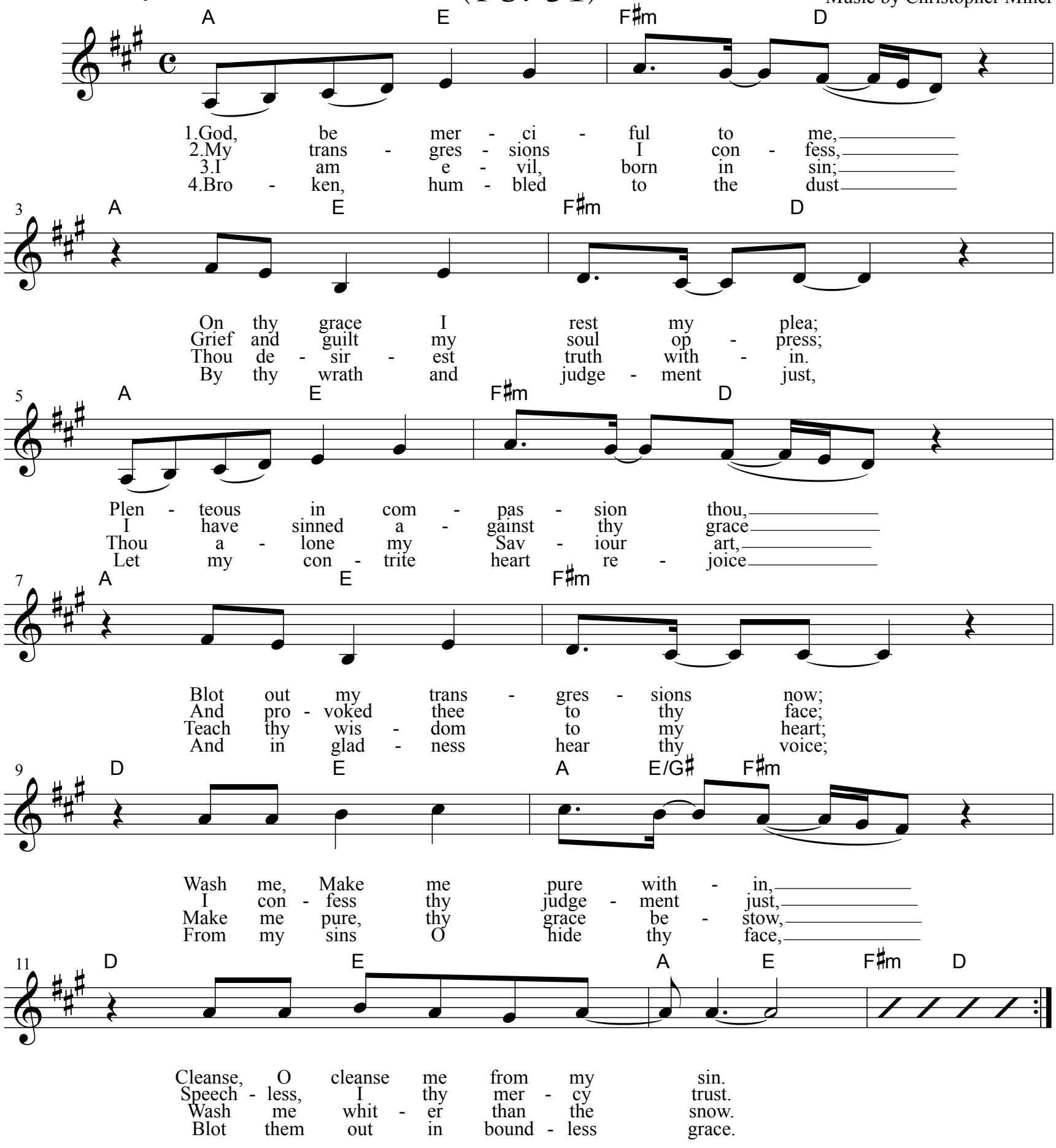
Hymn of Confession/ Lament

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.

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME
(PS. 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key



5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from thee,
Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return O God to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

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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: *The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.* - Psalm 34:22

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.

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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.

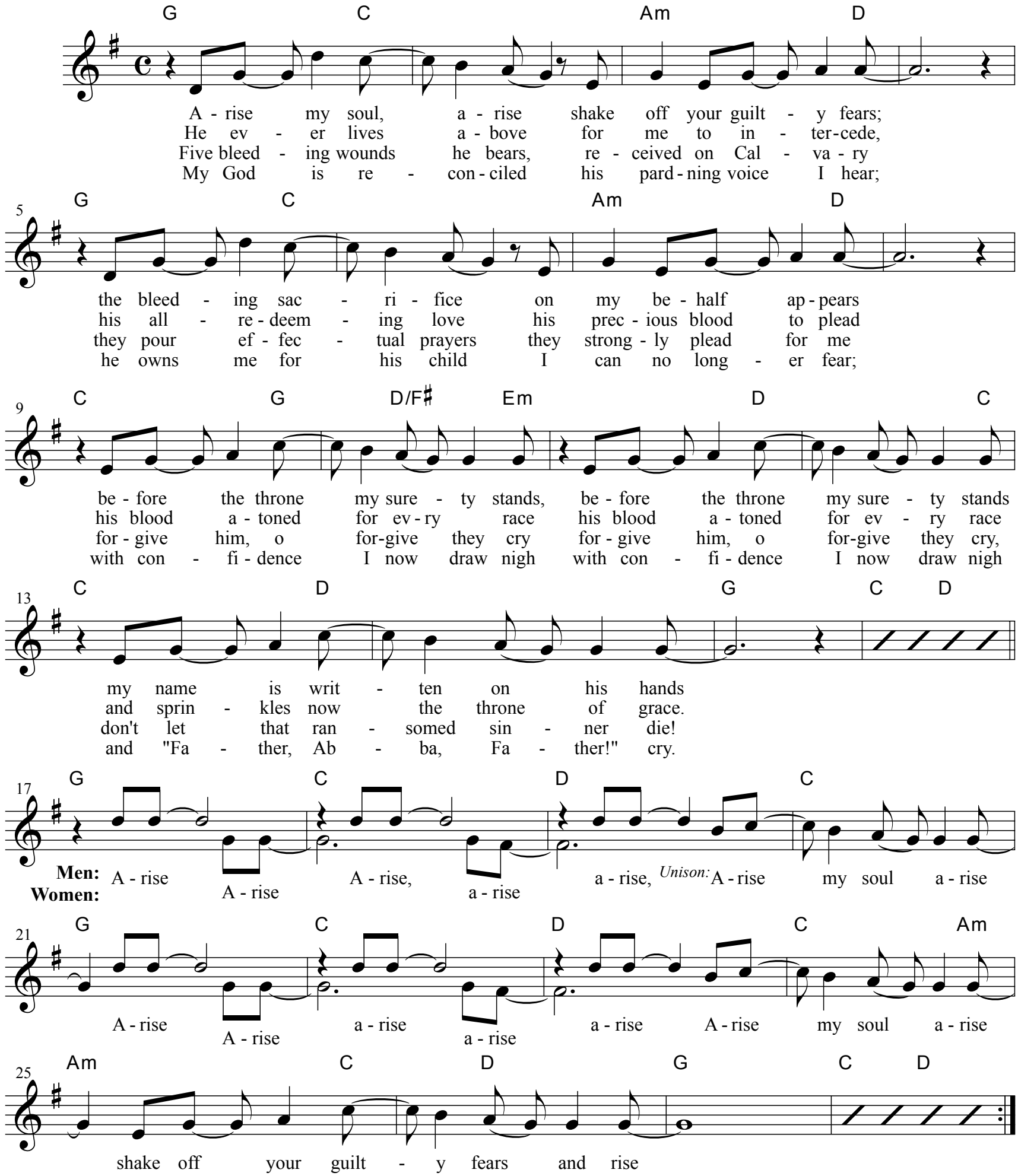
Hymn of Preparation

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

New Testament - Mark 12:35-44
Old Testament - Isaiah 49:14-50:3
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Words by Charles Wesley
alt. by Kevin Twit
Music by Kevin Twit



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

REMEMBERED AND RESTORED

Isaiah 49:14-50:3

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

For the Children - remember(ed), forgot(ten), forsake(n), restore(d), mighty, reject(ed), promise(s), 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: We believe in one God:

The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church, we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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.

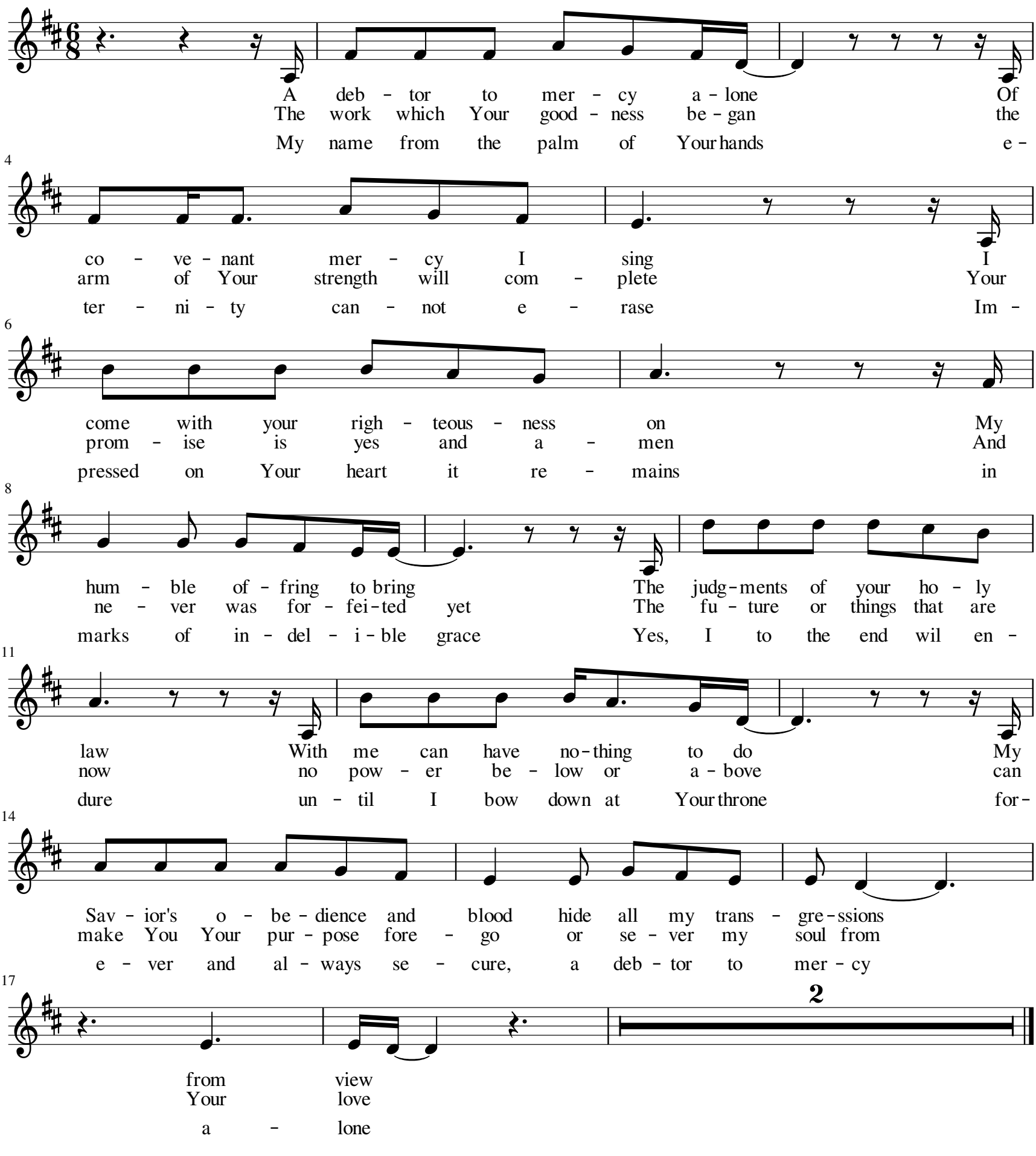
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

A Debtor To Mercy Alone

Augustus Toplady — Bob Kauflin



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen, 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: *Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.* - Ephesians 6:23-24

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 34

Q: What is adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Monday

Sing Psalm 150.
Read Isaiah 49:14-16, John 20:24-29, and WSC 34.
Why did God's people say that He had forsaken them? How did the Lord answer this claim? What does it mean that He engraved them onto His hands? How is this even more true in Christ? What doubts can you bring to the Lord?
Prayer prompt: *Praise God for His faithful love. Confess your unbelief and ask Him to assure you in spite of your doubts.*

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 51.
Read Isaiah 49:17-21, Zechariah 10:6-12, and WSC 34.
Where would the "children" return from? Why would this be such an amazing thing? What oath does God make? How does that strengthen this promise? Where do you fit into this promise?
Prayer prompt: *Thank the Lord for including you in the restoration of His people and pray for more people to join His church through faith in Christ.*

Wednesday

Sing "Before The Throne…"
Read Isaiah 49:22-26, Luke 11:21-23, and WSC 34.
What concern is the Lord addressing through these verses in Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus's teaching about the strong man? How did Jesus bind His enemies? What benefits did this bring you? How does this demonstrate God's character?
Prayer prompt: *Pray for the Lord to use civil rulers to bless His church as more people are brought into His kingdom.*

Thursday

Sing "Arise, My Soul, Arise".
Read Isaiah 50:1-3, John 1:1-14, and WSC 34.
How does the Lord address Judah's claim of being forsaken in Isaiah 50? What was the real cause of their exile? Why had they not yet been restored? How was this pattern repeated during Christ's earthly ministry? Have you received Christ? What does it mean to be children of God?
Prayer prompt: *Confess how you have rejected God's call and pray for faith to respond properly.*

Friday

Sing "A Debtor To Mercy Alone".
Read Isaiah 49:14-50:3, Romans 10:8-13, and WSC 34.
What things make you feel forgotten by God? When is it hard for you to wait for Him? What reasons do we have to believe in and wait for Him? Have you professed your faith in Christ? What does it mean that those who wait and believe will not be put to shame?
Prayer prompt: *Pray that you would have further assurance of your salvation. If you have never professed faith, pray that God would grant you that gift.*

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

REMEMBERED AND RESTORED
Isaiah 49:14-50:3

INTRODUCTION

I. REMEMBERED (49:14-16)

II. RESTORED (49:17-26)

III. REJECTED (50:1-3)

CONCLUSION

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