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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

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GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O
Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 27:I, 4, 8, II, I4

Pastor: The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The LORD is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Pastor: One thing we ask of the LORD and that we will seek after:

that we may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives,

All: That we may gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

Pastor: You have said, "Seek my face."

All: Our hearts say to you, "Your face, LORD, do we seek."

Pastor: Teach us Your way, O LORD, and lead us on a level path.

All: Wait for the LORD, be strong and let your hearts take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 His love shall nev-er end. Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
 Sing-ing for-ev-er-more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on His throne. Hark!
 Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave, And
 Crown Him the Lord of love, be-hold His hands and side, Rich
 Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po-ten-tate of time, Cre-

How the heav'n-ly an-them—drowns all mus-ic but its own. A-
 rose vic-tor-ious in the—strife for those He came to save. His
 wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, in beau-ty glor-i-fied. No
 a-tor of the roll-ing—spheres, in-eff-a-bly sub-lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And
 glo-ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high, Who
 an-gel in the sky can ful-ly bear that sight, But
 hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy

hail Him as thy match-less King through all e-ter-ni-ty.
 died e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys-ter-ies so bright.
 praise and glor-y shall not fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 102:12-22

- 12 But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations.
- 13 You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.
- 14 For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust.
- 15 Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
- 16 For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory;
- 17 he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.
- 18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
 so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:
- 19 that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
- 20 to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,
- 21 that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise,
- 22 when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;
try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.
See if there be some wick - ed way in me;
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;
cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1936; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2018. © 2018 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Romans 6:1-2, 11-14, 23

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

All: We must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

All: We will not present our members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness,
but we will present ourselves to God
as those who have been brought from death to life.

Pastor: For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

All: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on Colossians 1:19-22

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Hymn of Praise—And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain An in - terest in the
 He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove So free, so in - fi -
 Long my im - pri - soned spir - it lay, Fast bound in sin and
 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain - For me, who
 nite His grace - _Emp-tied Him-self, so great His love, And bled for
 na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray - _I woke, the
 Him, is mine; A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in

Him to death pur sued? A - ma - zing love! How can it be, That
 A - dam's help - less race: 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free, For
 dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I
 right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, And

Thou, my God, should die for me? A - ma - zing love! How
 O my God, it found out me!
 rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.
 claim the crown, through Christ my own. A - ma - zing love!

can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?
 How can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Text: Charles Wesley, 1738; Music: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—For Freedom Set Free, Part I

My Chains Fell Off: When the Truth Sets You Free

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady bass line and a melody in the treble.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
 and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
 from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN



MEN



earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise



You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!



We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Luke 2:14; Music: FRANKLIN GLORIA, Gregory D Wilbur, 2012 ©2012 Greyfriars Press.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—The King Shall Come, Vs I-3, 6-7

The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And
Not as of old a lit - tle child To
O bright - er than that glor - ious morn Shall
And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And
light tri - um - phant breaks; When beau - ty gilds the
bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy
east - ern hills, And life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
beau - ty comes, And we His face shall see.
ov - er wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray, Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: Greek Hymn, Tr John Brownlie, 1859-1925; Music: MORNING SONG, Kentucky Harmony, 1816.

Hymn of Communion—Light of The Anxious Heart

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Light of the anx - ious heart, Je - sus, Thou dost ap - pear, To
Joy - ous is he with whom, God's Word, Thou dost a - bide, Sweet
Bright - ness of God a - bove, Un - fath - om - a - ble grace, Thy
bid the gloom of guilt de - part, And shed Thy sweet - ness here.
Light of our e - ter - nal home, To flesh - ly sense de - nied.
pres - ence be a fount of love With - in Thy cho - sen place.

Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Tr. by John Henry Newman, 1801-80;
Music: SELMA, Robert Archibald Smith, 1780-1829

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Hymn of Praise—As With Gladness Men of Old, Vs I-4

As with glad - ness, men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold
As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly cra - dle bed
As they off - ered gifts most rare At that cra - dle rude and bare;
Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the nar - row way;

As with joy they hailed its light Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright
There to bend the knee be - fore Him Whom Heaven and earth a - dore;
So may we with hol - y joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last

So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
All our cost - liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1860; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—**from Galatians 6:14, 18**

May we boast only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to us, and we to the world. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Sung Response—**What Child is This, Vs 3**

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear 8-measure phrase. The lyrics are: "So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, ome, peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by: joy, joy for Christis born, the babe, the son of Mar - y."

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1865; Music: GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English

Prayer Focus—Timothy Tan is a pastor of the Nashville Presbytery church plant, Crossroads of the Nations (COTN) in Cool Springs. COTN is a church made up of diverse ethnic heritages including Anglo, African American, Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, Singaporean, Hong Kong, Vietnamese, Filipino, Korean and Peruvian and has two weekly worship services

- Pray for seasoned Christians to lead and walk with a young flock.
- Pray for volunteers from outside COTN to co-labor our daily ministries.
- Thankful for God steadfast hands in guiding us as we do our best to be the church that love each other so that the world may know we belong to Christ.
- Pray for the leadership and congregants as we are going through a season of reorganization.

Today's message, "My Chains Fell Off: When the Truth Sets You Free" is taken from John 8:31-36. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- For Jesus, ultimate bondage is enslavement to sin. Do you agree? Why?
- What is the truth that frees us? How does this truth free us?
- What does it mean to "abide" in the truth? Why is abiding in the truth the proof of true discipleship?
- The Jews thought themselves to be free when they were enslaved. What false ideas about freedom did they believe? How are you prone to believing those same false ideas?
- Where do you see confusion in the culture today around the idea of freedom? How does the Christian message offer a way forward?
- Based on today's message, what would it mean for you to live with greater freedom in the gospel this year? Be as specific and practical in your answer as possible.

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