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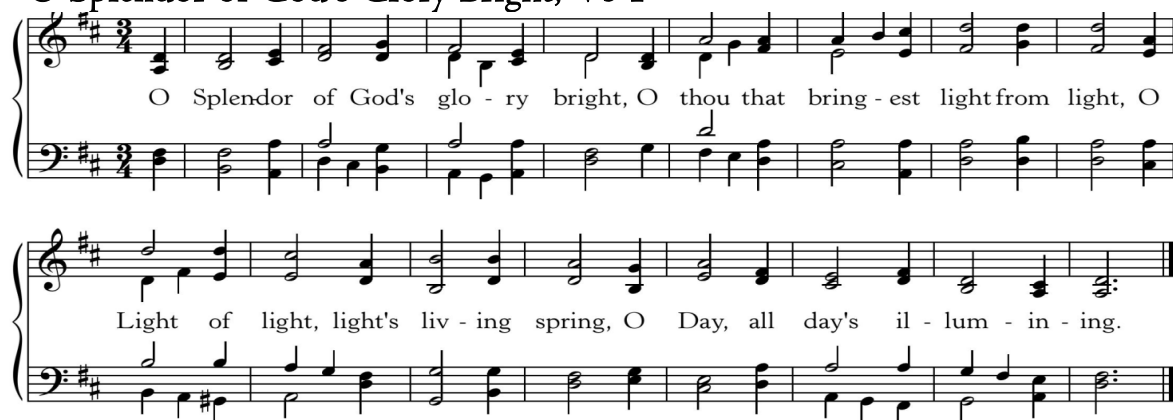
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GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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—Psalm 103:17-23

Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

All: to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Pastor: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

All: and his kingdom rules over all.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Hymn of Praise—O For a Thousand Tongues, Vs I & 2

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

System 1:

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that
 He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he
 He speaks and, list' - ning to his voice, new
 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

System 2:

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free; his blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 loos - en'd tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your

System 3:

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - jice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

Hymn of Praise—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -

ces - i - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of
 wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the
 dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O help us to

Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 tree, And with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: ST. DENIO, Traditional Welsh Melody.

New Testament Reading—I John 5:I-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 2:1-7 & Romans 6:12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We once walked in the path of this world following the pattern of it and the spirit of the age.

All: **And we were dead in trespasses and sins.**

Pastor: We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the desires of the mind.

All: **We were by nature children of wrath like the rest of mankind.**

Pastor: But You, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which You loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,

All: **You made us alive together with Christ.**

Pastor: By grace You saved us and raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Him.

All: **In the coming ages You will show the immeasurable riches of Your grace**

in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Give us the grace and faith to not let sin reign in our mortal bodies,
to not obey its passions.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from I Peter I:18-21

Know that 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.

Hymn of Praise—Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted



Come, ye souls - by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make o -
Bless - ed are__ the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that
Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, Light to new - ly



sor - row down; By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed,
bed - ience sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it,__
hear His voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him,
o - pened eyes, Or full springs in des - erts drear - y__



Through the cross be - hold__ the crown; Look to
While His wis - dom guides your feet Safe to
And in Him__ a - lone__ re - jice; His com -
Is the rest__ the cross__ sup - plies; All who



Je - sus; mer - cy flows__ through Him a - lone.
glor - y, where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
mand - ments then be - come__ their hap - py choice.
taste__ it shall to rest__ im - mor - tal rise.

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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—For Freedom Set Free, Part 2

Slaves of God: When Obedience Becomes Your Happy Choice

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.

And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

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

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

MEN

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

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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—There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's
 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his
 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup -
 Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its

veins; And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y
 day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a -
 ply, Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I
 power, Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no

stains. Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains; And
 way. Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way; And
 die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Re -
 more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till

sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.
 there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
 deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
 all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

Hymn of Communion—Trust And Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glo - ry He sheds on our way!
 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay;
 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of His love un - til all on the al - tar we lay;
 Then in fel - low-ship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way;

While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 For the fa - vor He shows, for the joy He be - stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 What He says we will do, where He sends we will go; nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

Text: John H. Sammis, 1887; Music: TRUST AND OBEY, Daniel B. Towner, 1887.

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—In Christ Alone

In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a - lone, Whotook on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His

cease! My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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—I Peter 1:8-9

⁸Though 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, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep__ you. The Lord make His face shine up - on__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to__ you. The Lord turn His face__ to - ward__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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Prayer Focus—Richie Sessions is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus minister for Vanderbilt University. RUF is the campus ministry organization of the Presbyterian Church in America. RUF has experienced rapid growth the past few years, and currently has 140 chapters at different college campuses spread over 37 states, Mexico, Columbia and the Czech Republic. More than just a ministry on the university, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university. It strives to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life. Please pray for the Vanderbilt RUF in the following ways:

- Pray for Richie and interns Blair, Grace Anne, Jamison and Joshua as they meet with students.
- Pray that Large Group (Wed. at 8:00) would be a welcoming place where students can worship and hear the gospel.
- Pray for the RUF student leaders, that they would be unified in the RUF mission to reach students for Christ and equip them to serve.
- Pray for the Sessions family.

Today's message, "Slaves of God: When Obedience Becomes Your Happy Choice" is taken from Romans 6:15-23. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- It has been said that the freedom to choose what one wants is the last virtue in America. Reflecting on today's message, how is this idea of freedom incomplete or shortsighted?
- According to Paul, being a Christian means we're dead to sin and slaves of righteousness. If that's the case, why do we still find sin so appealing and righteousness difficult after becoming a Christian? Does this ever change? If so, how?
- It has been said that Christian freedom has more to do with the change in masters than the change in the slave. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- The Bible assumes that every choice is a direction, and so real freedom is not simply the ability to choose but choosing the right direction. How can you illustrate this? How does Jesus Christ illustrate this on the cross?
- How do you personally need to apply today's teaching?

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