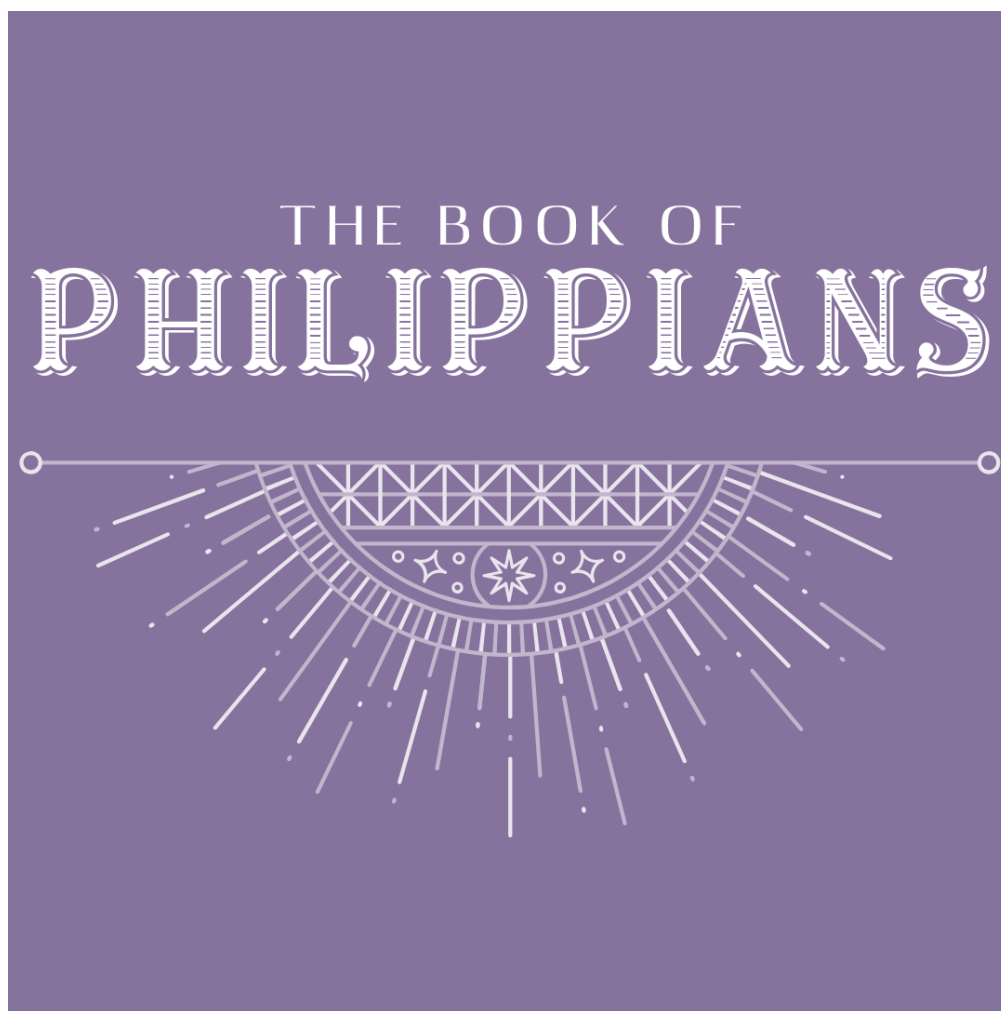




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First Sunday of Lent

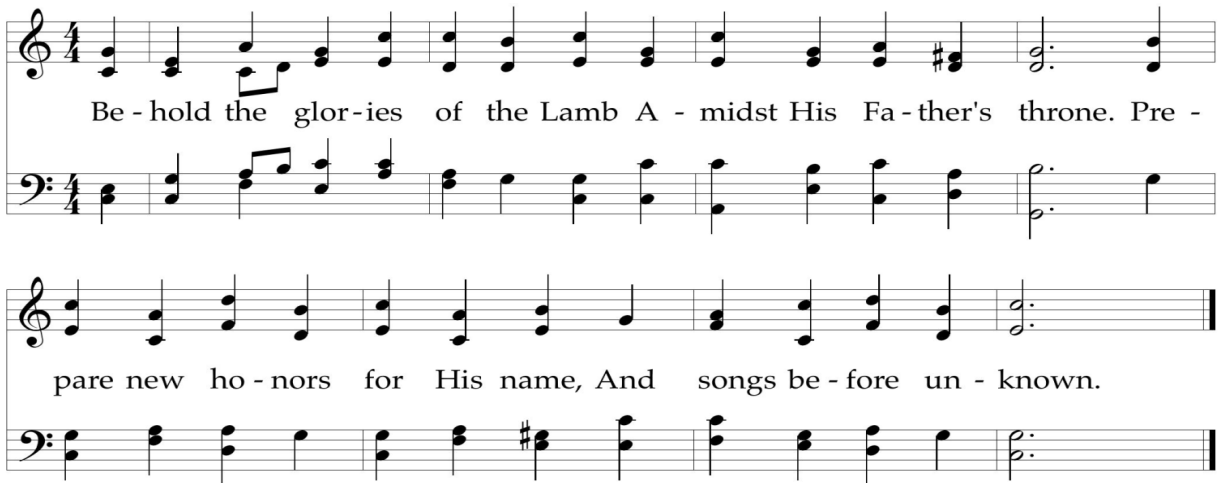
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GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I



Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre -
pare new ho - nors for His name, And songs be - fore un - known.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

Call to Worship—Psalm 30:I-3, 10-12

Pastor: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

All: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

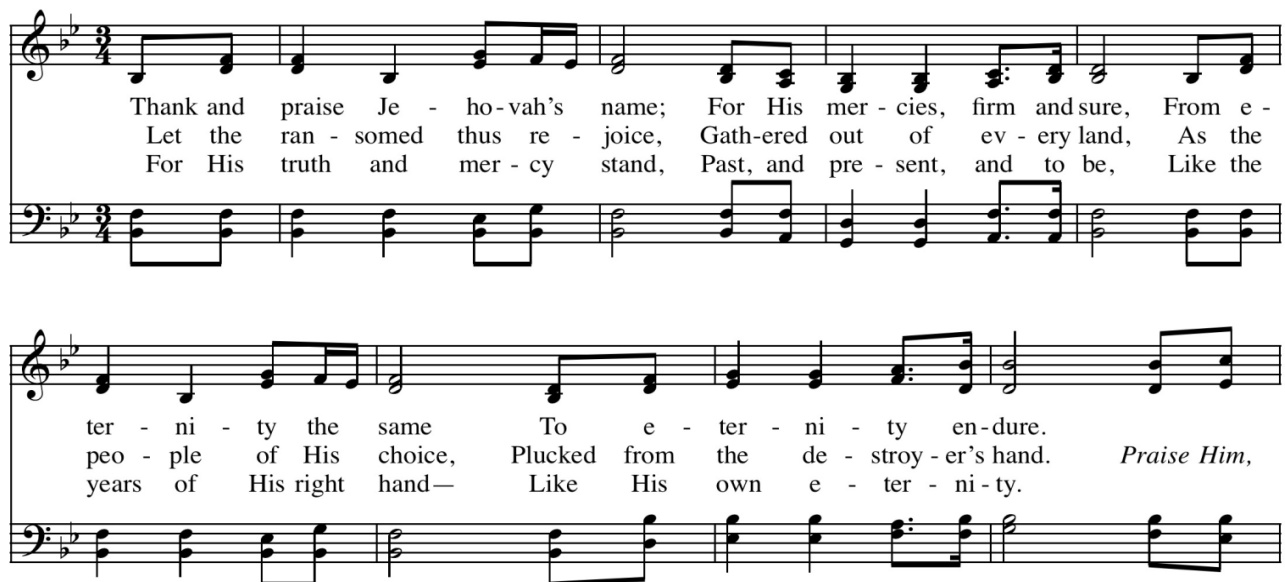
Pastor: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

All: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

All: that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Hymn of Praise—Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name



Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name; For His mer - cies, firm and sure, From e -
Let the ran - somed thus re - rejoice, Gath - ered out of ev - ery land, As the
For His truth and mer - cy stand, Past, and pre - sent, and to be, Like the
ter - ni - ty the same To e - ter - ni - ty en - dure.
peo - ple of His choice, Plucked from the de - stroy - er's hand. Praise Him,
years of His right hand— Like His own e - ter - ni - ty.

ye who know His love; Praise Him from the depths be - neath; Praise Him

in the heights a - bove; Praise your ma - ker all that breathe.

Text: James Montgomery, 1822; Music: Gregory Wilbur, Greyfriars Press, 2016. Used by permission.

Hymn of Praise—The Church's One Foundation, Vs 1-2, 4-5

The Church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord: She is His new cre -
E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her char - ter of sal -
'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war, She waits the con - sum -
Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com -

a - tion By wa - ter and the word; From heav'n He came and sought her To
va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth: One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par -
ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more, Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her
mu - ion With those whose rest is won. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord,

be His ho - ly bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
long - ing eyes are blest, And the great Church vic - tor - ious Shall be the Church at rest.
give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and low - ly On high may dwell with Thee.

Text: Samuel Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

New Testament Reading—I John 4:13-21

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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 Preparation—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 4:1-4, 14-16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing that you have made us to be one body, in one Spirit,
called to one hope.

But our pride and impatience have spawned only dissension and division.

All: **We have not been strong in the strength of your might
and have not readied ourselves for the daily work of reconciliation.**

Pastor: We have neglected the grace given to us by Christ's gift
and have failed to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: **Forgive us for being tossed to and fro by selfish whims,
for building our own kingdoms
rather than living in submission to Christ's Kingdom.**

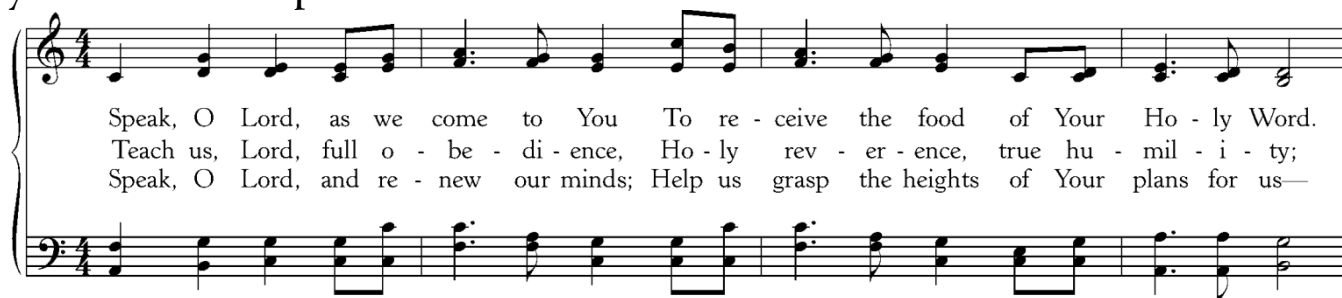
Pastor: Help us to speak the truth in love, and walk in it.
Rescue us and fill us with the Spirit, that Christ may be formed with us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

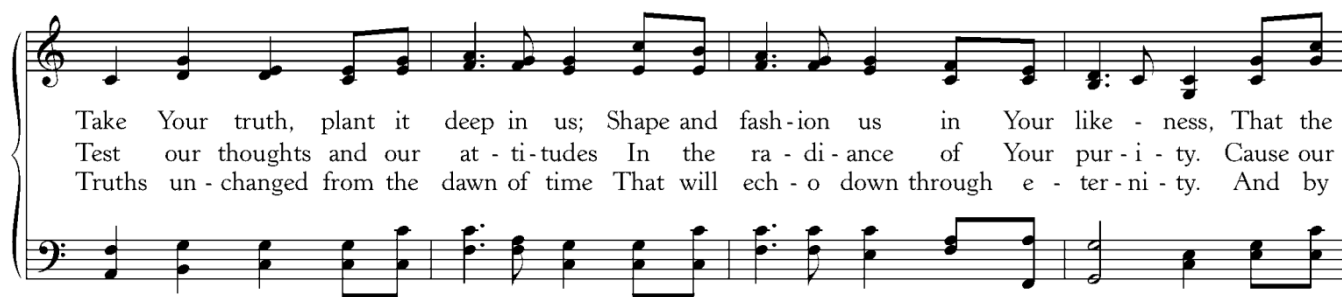
Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

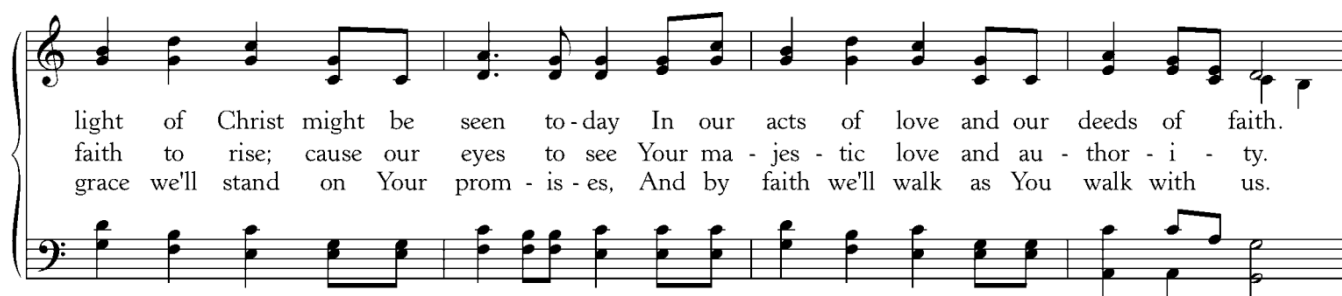
Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 2:I-II

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 6

The Key to Unity

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High

Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O
in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,
We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,
name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!
blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

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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—Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
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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

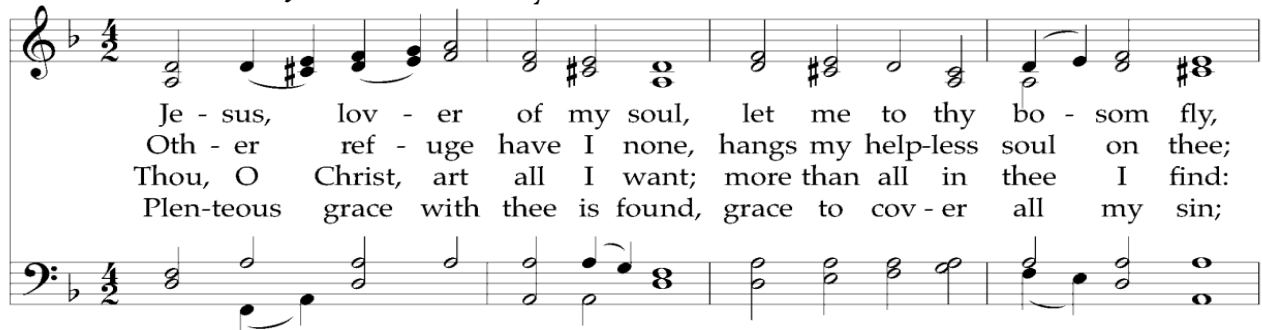
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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.

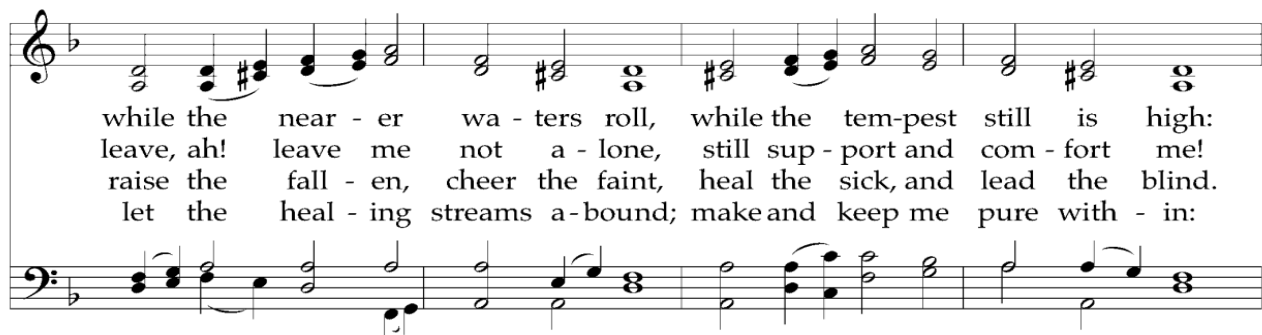
If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

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—Jesus, Lover of My Soul



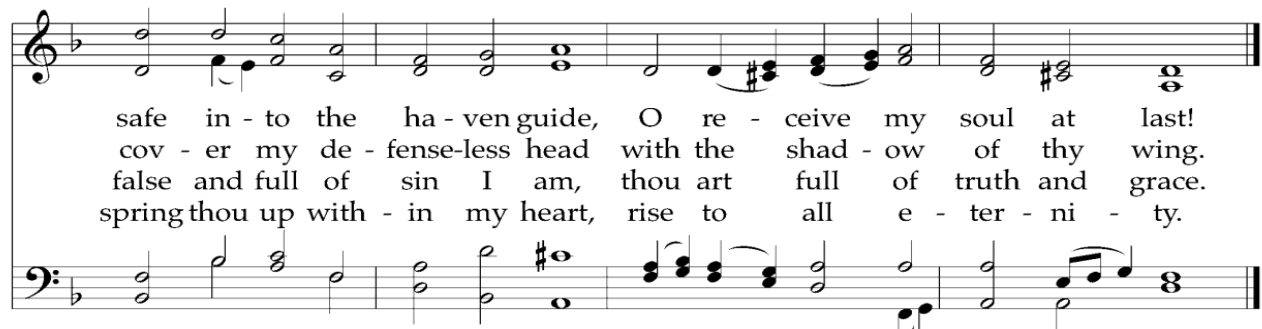
Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help-less soul on thee;
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem-pest still is high:
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
let the heal - ing streams a-bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
thou of life the foun-tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
cov - er my de - fense-less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1879.

Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -
- ing when I rise give me Je - - - sus.

Chorus
Give me Je - - - sus, give me Je - - - sus. You can
have all this world, but give me Je - - - sus.

2. And when I am a-lone, oh, and when I am a-lone, and
3. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and

when I am a-lone give me Je - - - sus.
when I come to die give me Je - - - sus.

Text and Music: African-American Spiritual.

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 Promise—O Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, Show me the liv - ing way, That
The life that Thou a - lone— can give, Im - part in—love to me, That

in the tu - mult and— the— strife, I may not go a - stray. Teach
I may in Thy pre - sence live, And ev - er— be like Thee. Teach

me Thy truth, O— Christ, my— Light, The truth that makes me free That
me Thy truth, O— Christ, my— Light, The way that makes me free That

in the dark - ness and— the— night, My trust shall be in Thee.
in the dark - ness and— the— night, My life shall be in Thee.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano staves.

Text: George L. Squier, Anonymous; Music: FOREST GREEN

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—2 Corinthians 13:11, 14

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

Sung Response—May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The music is in 3/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: "May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Fa - ther's bound - less love, With the Ho ly Spir it's fa - vor rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in un ion with each oth - er and the Lord, And pos - sess in sweet com - mun ion joys which earth can - not af - ford." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: BENEDICTION, Gregory Wilbur, 1993. ©1993 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Prayer Focus—Mike Fennema (Stephanie) is the church planter and pastor of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church (SHPC) in Spring Hill, TN. SHPC is a church plant of Cornerstone, along with Parish Presbyterian Church and Zion Presbyterian Church. It is a growing community seeking to equip believers to be maturing disciples of Jesus who are using their gifts in multiplying churches. SHPC currently meets for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 am at Concordia Arts Academy (4615 Thompson's Ridge Rd, Thompson's Station, TN 37179). Sunday School precedes the worship service and begins at 9:00 am. Men's and women's discipleship groups meet on a weekly basis. Mike has asked that Cornerstone pray for SHPC in the following ways:

- Continued to grow in grace and our understanding of the gospel.
- Help in discovering our gifts and having the courage to use them together as a body.
- Building of gospel relationships with other churches in Spring Hill.
- Developing the future leaders for the future of SHPC.
- Bring new families and visitors to our church, particularly through evangelism.

Today's message, "The Key to Unity" is taken from Philippians 2:1-II. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- The believers in Philippi are experiencing opposition for their faith, and it's causing division in the church. What four realities/reasons does Paul set forward in v. 1 for the establishing and maintaining of unity in the midst of opposition? Of those realities/reasons, which one stands out to you the most?
- Roger Ellsworth says that Paul's simple formula of priority for JOY is JESUS, OTHERS, and YOU. Why is the ordering so important for the experience of joy?
- To live out the order above, humility is key. In vs. 5-8, Paul unfolds the humility of Jesus Christ from birth to death and calls us to have such a mind among ourselves. Practically speaking, what would it take for the mind of Christ to be your mind on a daily basis?
- What does the exaltation of Jesus Christ in vs. 9-II teach us about God's commendation of Christ's humility and sacrifice for others? What encouragement does that provide you in the daily work of service and sacrifice for others?

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