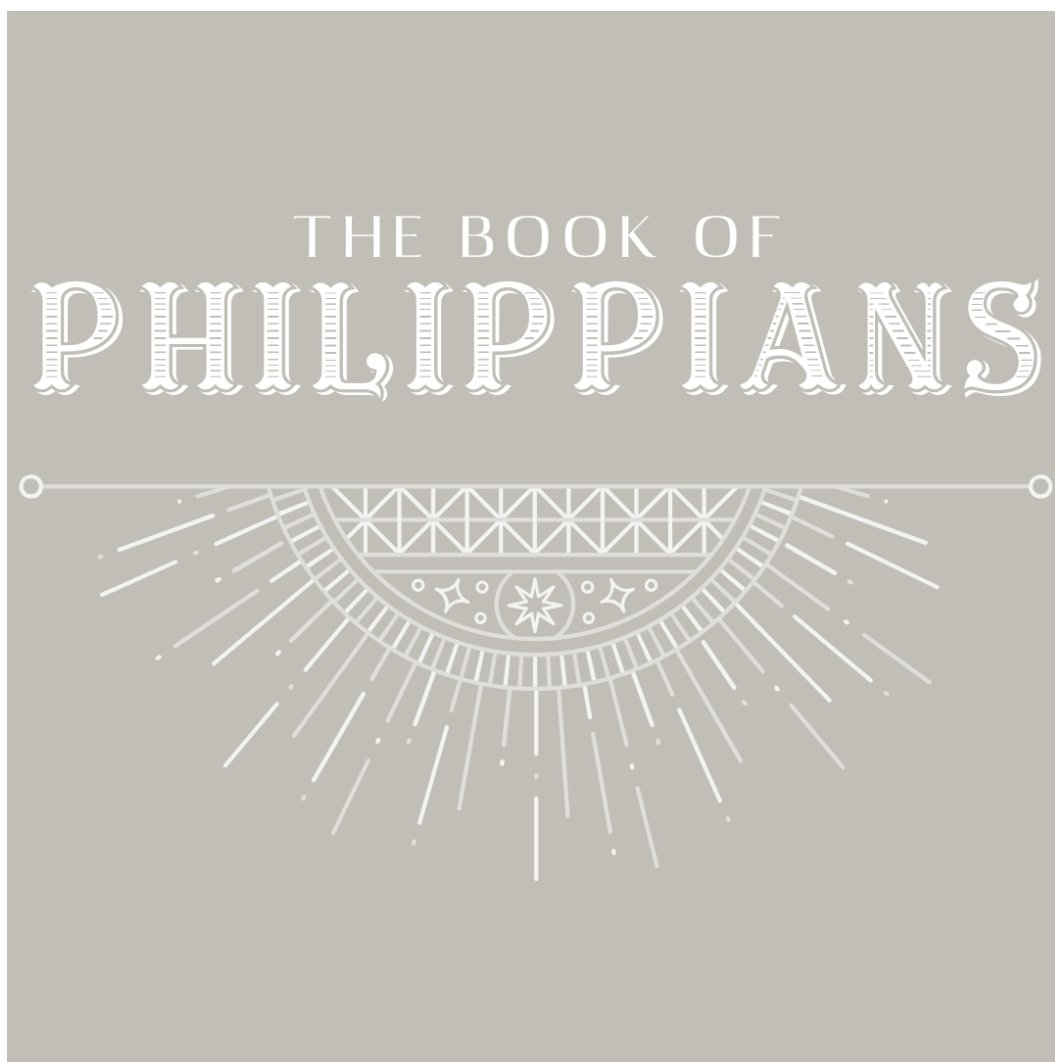




CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

03 May 2020

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.

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I

I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first two lines of text, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 78:I-7

Pastor: O my people, give ear to My teaching; listen to the words of My mouth!

All: Things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

Pastor: Tell of the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.

All: We will not hide them from our children, but will tell them to the coming generation.

Pastor: You, O Lord, have established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel and have commanded us to teach it to our children that the next generation might know them, and that children yet unborn shall arise and tell them to their children.

All: So that they should set their hope in You and not forget Your works,
but keep Your commandments.

Hymn of Praise—Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee!
Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee,
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

The musical score is written in G minor and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first five lines of text, and the second system covers the next five lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near, join - ing in
 Hast thou not seen, how thy de - sires e'er have been, grant - ed in
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do, if with his
 How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his
 let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for

glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 what he or - dain - eth?
 love he be - friend thee.
 wings to o'er - shade thee!
 aye we a - dore him.

Text: Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680, Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668.

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 4:7-16

7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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—Lamb of God

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,
 Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John 1:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Titus 3:1-3

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to be submissive to rulers and authorities and to be obedient and ready for every good work.

All: Far too often, we only want to submit to authority that we respect or rulers with whom we agree. We think we are free to disobey.

Pastor: We are to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

All: Instead, we defend our actions by maligning others, by blaming others, and encouraging quarrels that help our cause.

We fail to be gentle and to treat others more kindly than ourselves.

Pastor: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures.

All: We passed our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hymn of Praise—O Lord, How Joyful Tis to See

O Lord, how joy - - - ful 'tis to see The breth - ren
How sweet with - in Thy ho - ly place With one ac -
The world with - out may rage, but we Will on - ly
O may we love, the house of God, Of peace and

join in love to Thee! On Thee a - lone
cord to sing Thy grace. Be - sieg - ing Thy
cling more close to Thee. With hearts to Thee,
joy, the blest a - bode. O may no an - - -

their heart re - lies Their on - ly strength Thy grace sup - plies.
at - ten - tive ear With all the force of fer - vent prayer!
more whol - ly giv'n More weaned from earth, more fixed on Heav'n.
gry strife des - troy That sac - red peace, that ho - ly joy.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr by John Chandler, 1837, based on Psalm 133; Music: American Folk Melody

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 4:1-7

Therefore, my brothers,¹ whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 I3

Sweet Communion

—Ben Griffith, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

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—He is Risen!, Vs 4

O! Let the na - tions sing the fame Of Christ the Lamb who once was
slain! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Now we a - wait the com - ing
day, When all those raised in Christ will say: Give Him glo - ry! Give Him
glo - ry! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piece concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

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.

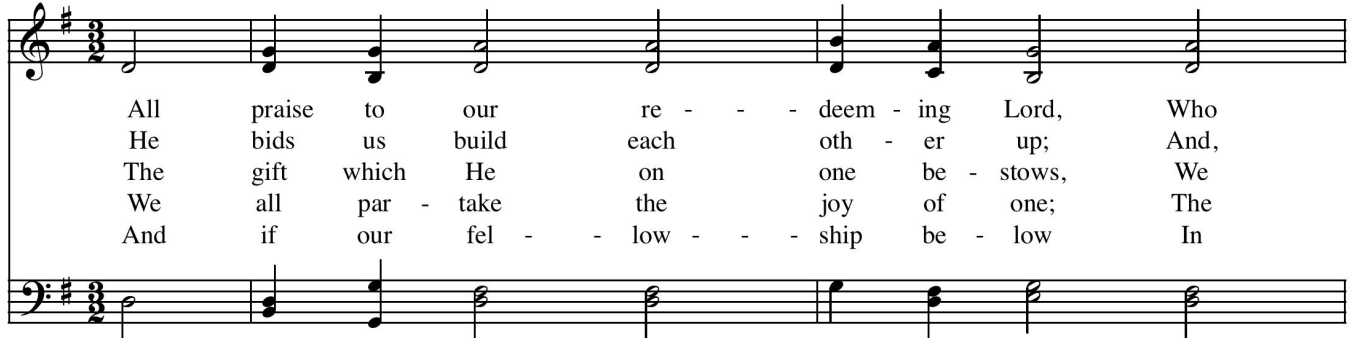
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

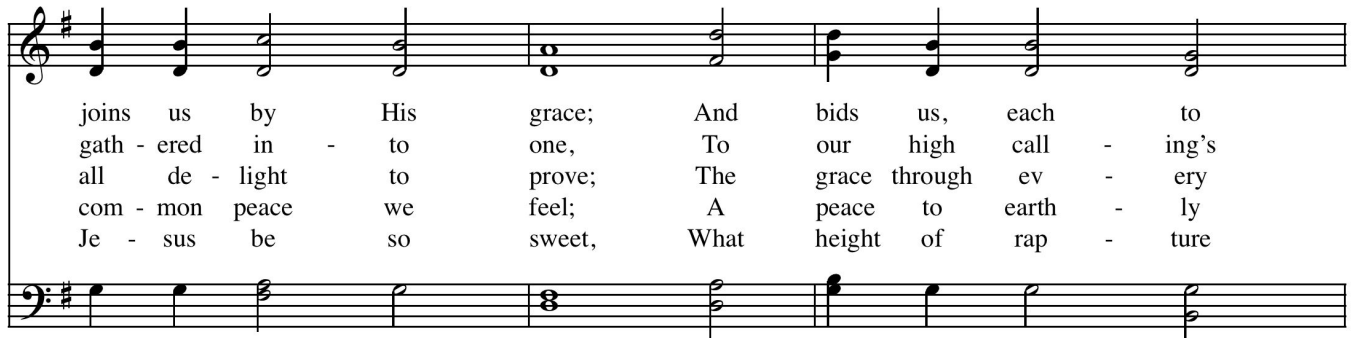
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

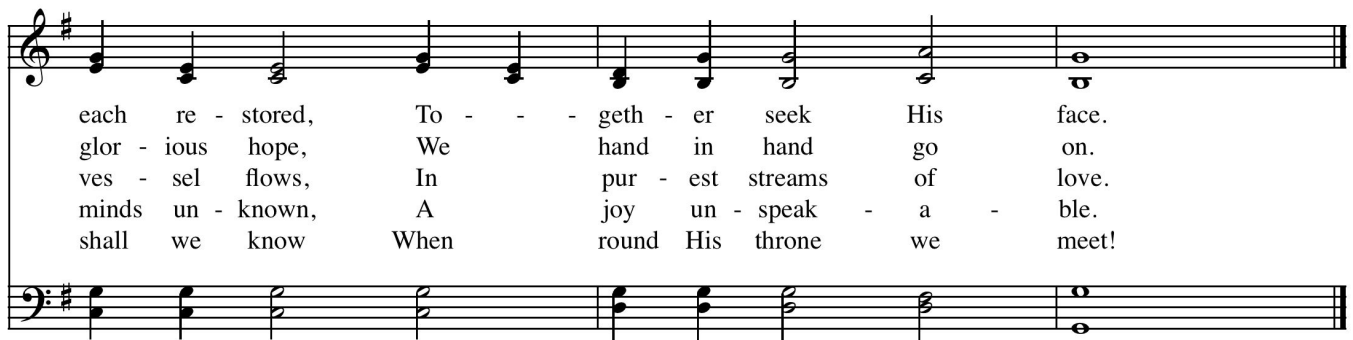
Hymn of Praise—All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord



All praise to our re - - deem - ing Lord, Who
He bids us build each oth - er up; And,
The gift which He on one be - stows, We
We all par - take the joy of one; The
And if our fel - - low - - ship be - low In



joins us by His grace; And bids us, each to
gath - ered in - to one, To our high call - ing's
all de - light to prove; The grace through ev - ery
com - mon peace we feel; A peace to earth - ly
Je - sus be so sweet, What height of rap - ture



each re - stored, To - - geth - er seek His face.
glor - ious hope, We hand in hand go on.
ves - sel flows, In pur - est streams of love.
minds un - known, A joy un - speak - a - ble.
shall we know When round His throne we meet!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: AZMON, Carl Glaser, 1484-1829; Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

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 I Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *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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