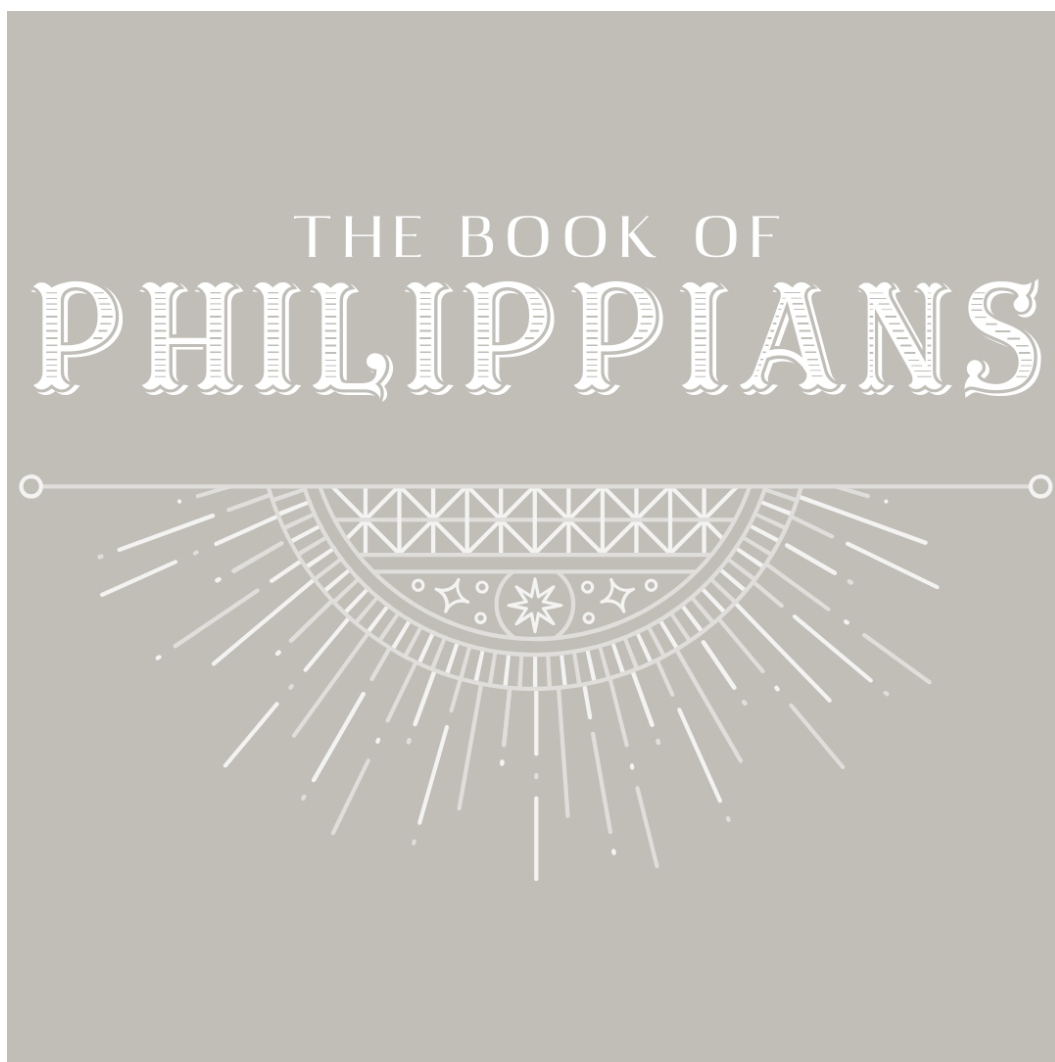




# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*17 May 2020*

## Pastoral Notes

When the calendar turned from April to May and Franklin began to wake up with restaurants and stores reopening, I took the chance to ask a few folks from the Cornerstone family a question, “*What has this season of pandemic and quarantine meant for you?*” The question occasioned puzzled looks for some, frowns from others, and knowing smiles from still others.

As these looks gave birth to conversation, it became clear that each look represented a range of personal stories. The puzzled looks told stories of confusion about the virus, governmental actions, and fretful concern over whether life will ever be the same. The frowns told stories of grief and sadness about cancelled celebrations, missed opportunities, and the loss of life and livelihoods. The knowing smiles told stories of joy and peace about the slower pace of life, lingering time with family, and surprising provisions.

What I loved about many of these conversations was how often they turned spiritual. The confusion and frustration would end on a confident note about the faithfulness of God and the surety of His Word. The stories of grief and sadness would close by expressing certain hope in God’s purposes and promises. And the expressions of joy and rest would wrap up with thanksgivings for God’s goodness and provision.

It is quite clear. In all these varied experiences during quarantine—some good and some not so good—God has been at work in the hearts of His people.

This came home again to me this week when I stumbled across a message from a dear sister in the church. She had written to me several weeks earlier, but her message landed in my spam folder and I hadn’t seen it. On the hunt for a different missing message, I happened upon her beautiful note. What she expressed touched my soul so deeply that I wanted to share a portion of it with you below.

*“I just returned from an evening run through downtown Franklin and wanted to share what the Lord leading me through in prayer. As I entered downtown, it was eerily quiet and shop after shop had a notice of closure or method of modified business due to COVID-19. I began praying for each store and restaurant. As I approached Cornerstone, I began weeping. As the Lord would have it, these lyrics from the hymn “Abide with Me” played:*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.’*

*As I began returning home, I continued praying for each store and restaurant, but also for the entire community of Franklin. I pray that when Cornerstone’s doors reopen, and what a glorious day that will be, that the pews would be filled with new faces from our community. My prayer is this situation we are in will open the eyes of many around us to see Jesus and we can welcome them in at Cornerstone.”*

As our doors reopen for worship today, my prayer is her prayer, and I hope it’s yours, too. Let’s boldly ask our God to use the reopening of Cornerstone as means to reopen our hearts and lives to the power and call of the gospel, renewing our commitment to be agents of grace in a fallen world, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ as far as the curse is found.

## Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

### 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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "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!"

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

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 25:1-5

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

All: Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

All: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

All: For you I wait all the day long.

## Hymn of Praise—Psalm 100: All Earth with Joy

All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices ring -  
En - ter His gates with thank - giv - ing, to His courts come prais -

ing. With glad - ness serve the LORD; come to Him joy - ful - ly  
ing. To Him be thank - ful, and bless His name, your voices

sing - ing. The LORD is God, Know that He made us His  
rais - ing. The LORD is good; His lov - ing - kind - ness en -

own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.  
dures, His faith - ful - ness lasts for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 100; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr, in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

## Old Testament Reading—Proverbs 2:6-15

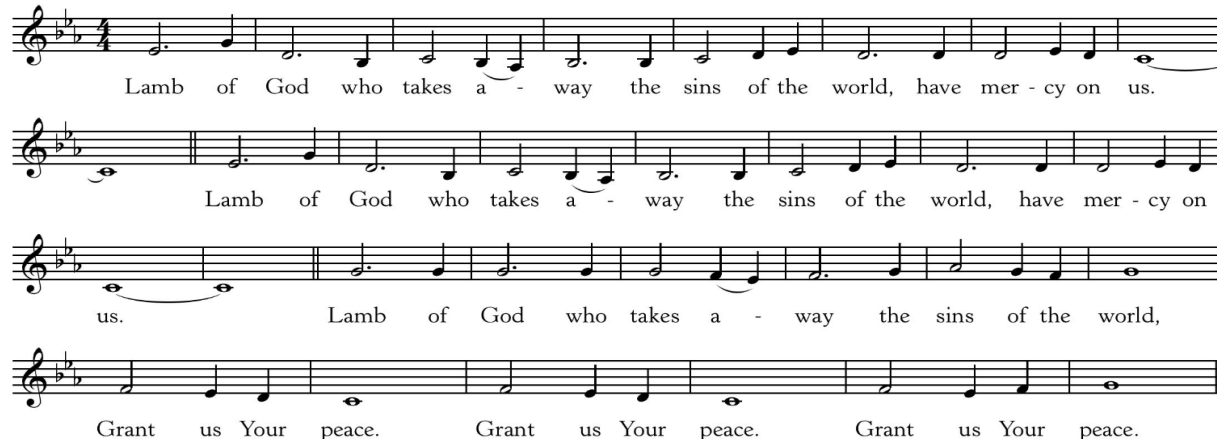
<sup>6</sup>For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
<sup>7</sup>he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
<sup>8</sup>guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;  
<sup>10</sup>for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;  
<sup>11</sup>discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,  
<sup>12</sup>delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,  
<sup>13</sup>who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,  
<sup>14</sup>who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,  
<sup>15</sup>men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

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

### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 25:4-II, 18

Pastor: Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

All: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;  
for you we wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

All: Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember us,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Pastor: The LORD is good and upright; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

All: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Pastor: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All: For your name's sake, O LORD, You pardon our great guilt.

Pastor: You consider our afflictions and our trouble, and you forgive all our sins.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

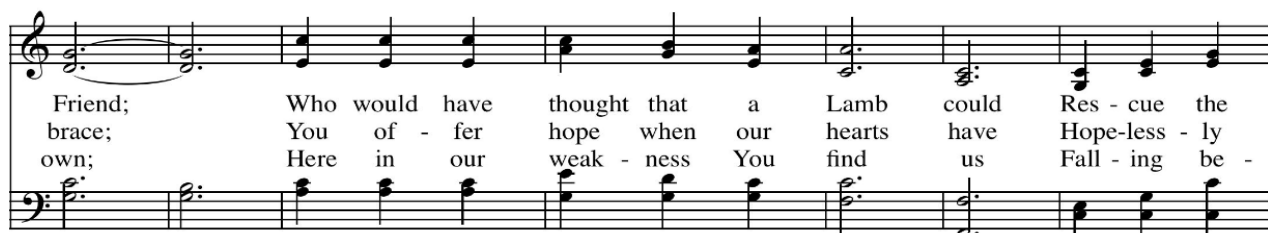
### Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.  
The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

### Hymn of Praise—Wonderful, Merciful Savior




Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re - deem - er and  
Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -  
Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, Faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your



Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could Res - cue the  
brace; You of - fer hope when our hearts have Hope - less - ly  
own; Here in our weak - ness You find us Fall - ing be -



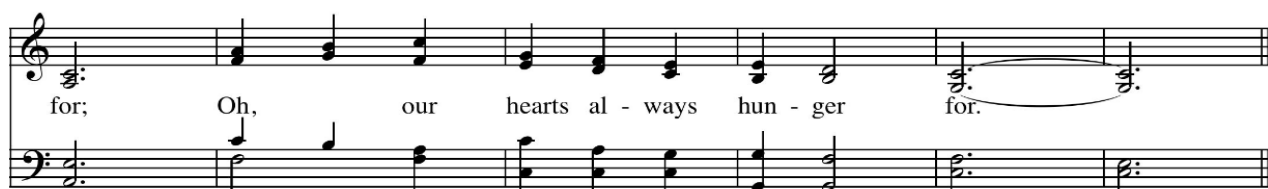
souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.  
lost the way; Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.  
fore Your throne; Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a -



dore, You give the heal - ing and grace Our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for; Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

## Recognition of High School Seniors (8:00am Service)

Ellen Kesler, Reagan Allen, Addy Mitchell, and Abigail Sperry

### Sacrament of Baptism

—Lillie Joy Warburst, Daughter of Jordan & Rachel Warburst

“For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. ‘And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.’ Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.” (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

#### Parental Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child’s, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises for her, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for her salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before her a godly example—praying with and for her, teaching her the good hope of the Gospel, opening to her the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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### The Reading of the Word—Philippians 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 15

*Whatever is Good*

—Nate Shurden, *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 HUNDRETH, 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 voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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

# 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—Come Ye Sinners



Come, ye sin - ners, — poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, — sick and sore;  
Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;  
Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - lydream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, — love and power.  
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. —  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er — come at all. —  
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him. —



I will a - rise and — go to Je - sus, He will embrace me — in His — arms;



In the arms — of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.



## Hymn of Communion—Bread of Heaven



Bread of hea - ven Fill me, now And I will hun - ger no more



Bread of hea - ven Fill me, now And I will be re - stored Nev - er



hun - gry Nev - er thirs - ty Nev - er want - ing more Bread of



hea - ven Fill me, now And I will be re - stored

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### 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—Glory Be to God the Father

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry  
Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain! Glo - ry  
Glo - ry to the king of an - gels, Glor - y to the Church - 's king, Glo - ry  
"Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Ho - nor,  
be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
to the king of na - tions! Heaven and earth, your prais - es bring; Glo - ry,  
rich - es, power, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo - ry,  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal ag - es run!  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the King of glo - ry bring!  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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# 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 Thessalonians 3:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians 1:10-11)

Women

Men

May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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