

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*  
*20 January 2013*

## Worship Notes

The call of discipleship is the call to submit to the leading of Christ and to pursue holiness. We will explore this idea in the hymns and readings this morning. The **Call to Worship** from **Psalm 25** speaks of the Lord teaching us His paths and instructing us in the way. We respond by singing **Lead On, O King Eternal** and praying for the day when our struggle with sin is over and we rest in the peace of holiness as we following the light of the cross. We continue with singing the **Psalm for January—Psalm 73: O God, How Good Thou Art** in which we recognize the clarity of the Gospel in the House of Prayer (Worship) even as God guides our feet until He brings us to glory (Discipleship).

The **New Testament Reading** from **II Timothy 3** speaks of the role of the disciple in following Paul's example and continuing in the Gospel that was learned and firmly believed. One manifestation of the Gospel in our lives is the outward expression of living for others. In the **Prayer of Confession** from **I Peter 4**, we are confronted with the necessity in Christ of not living to satisfy our own passions but to live in the Spirit so that we may earnestly love one another, care for their needs, and use our gifts to serve one another to bring glory to God.

During Communion, we will sing **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**, "All to leave and follow Thee... Thou from hence my all shalt be." Actually, just pay attention to all the words of this particular hymn! And we'll conclude with **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**.

We close by singing **May the Mind Of Christ, My Savior** with the prayer that the Word of God would dwell richly and the peace of God rule in our life as we are filled with the love of Jesus to spread the Good News of the Gospel in word and deed.

—Greg Wilbur

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.*

### Announcements, Preparation & Prelude

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

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: "O Splen - dor 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." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

#### Call to Worship—from Psalm 25:I, 4-5, 8-10

Pastor: To You, O LORD, we lift up our souls.

All: Make us to know Your ways, O LORD, teach us Your paths.

Pastor: Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation;

All: For You we wait all the day long.

Pastor: Good and upright are You, O LORD; You instruct sinners in the way.

All: You lead the humble in what is right and teach them Your way.

Pastor: All of Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness

All: for those who keep Your covenant and Your testimonies.

## Hymn of Praise—Lead On, O King, Eternal

Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has  
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall  
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, We fol - low, not with

come; Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our  
cease, And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of  
fears, For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap -

home. Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us  
peace. For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring  
pears. Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us, We jour - ney in its

strong; And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
drums; With deeds of love and mer - cy The heaven - ly king - dom comes.  
light; The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

## Psalm for January—Psalm 73: O God, How Good Thou Art



O God, how good Thou art To all the pure of heart, Though life seems  
Ev - er, O Lord, with Thee, All shall be well with me, Held by Thy  
In earth or Heaven a - bove Who is there that I love Com - pared with  
O it is good that I May still to God draw nigh, As oft be -



vain. Bur - dened with an - xious care, I groped in dark des -  
hand. And Thou wilt guide my feet By Thine own coun - sel  
Thee? My heart may faint with fears, But God my strength ap -  
fore. The Lord Je - ho - vah blessed, My re - fuge and my



pair, Till in Thy house of prayer, All was made plain.  
sweet, Till I, for glo - ry meet, In glo - ry stand.  
pears, And will to end - less years My por - tion be.  
rest, Shall be in praised con - fessed For - ev - er - more.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 73, The Psalter, 1912: Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2012.

*(Please be seated)*

## New Testament Reading—II Timothy 3:10-17

*Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed.*

10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

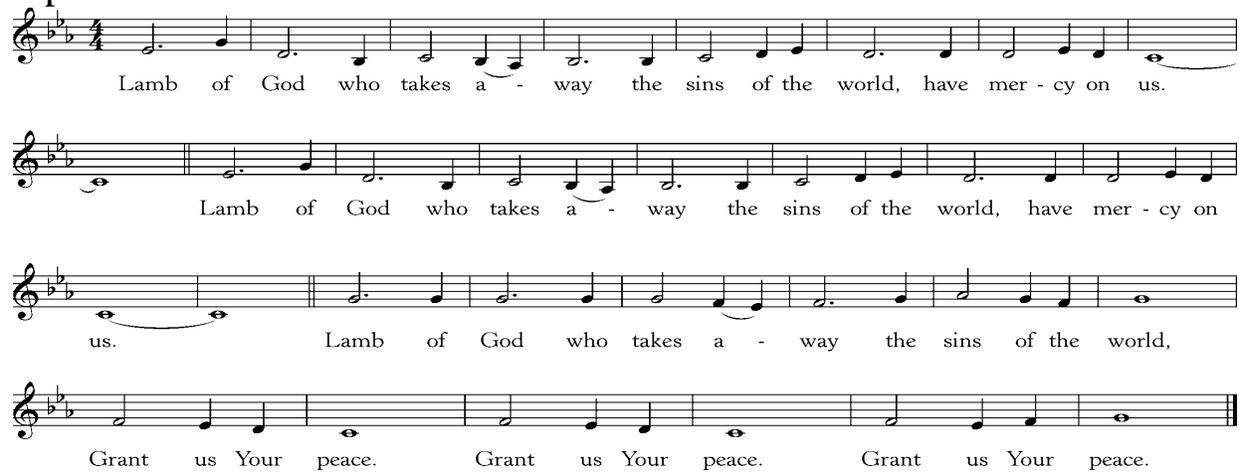
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND 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—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.

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 I Peter 4:I-II

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Since Christ suffered in the flesh, we too should have the same way of thinking so as to live no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

All: For the time is past for us to live how we want to—living in sensuality, according to our passions, indulging our flesh and in lawless idolatry.

Pastor: The world is surprised when we do not join them in the same flood of debauchery and they malign us.

All: But we all will give an account to You who is ready to judge the living and the dead for though judged in the flesh, the preaching of the Gospel was so that we might live in Your Spirit.

Pastor: The end of all things is at hand; therefore, we ask You to make us self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of our prayers.

All: We ask that You will make us earnestly love one another and to cover a multitude of sins in that love.

Pastor: May we show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

All: May we use our gifts to serve one another as good stewards of Your varied grace in the strength that You supply in order that in everything You may be glorified through Your Son.

Pastor: To You belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

## Sung Response—Kyrie



CALL RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon—Romans 7:25-8:1; I Timothy 1:2; I Thessalonians 5:23

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. And now grace, mercy, and peace are yours from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The God of peace Himself will sanctify you completely so that your whole spirit and soul and body may be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Hymn of Praise—O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best;

roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.  
how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, changeth nev - er, nev - er - more;  
'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;  
how he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890.

## The Reading of the Word—Titus 2:11-14, Luke 9:23-24 & Philippians 1:21

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 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.

23 And Jesus said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon—To Be the People of God, Part 3

*To be Disciples of Christ: Living in the Strength of His Glorious Grace*

—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.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." and "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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

# 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.*

## 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 one holy Church—both visible and invisible;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN



MEN



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

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.

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

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

*Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

## Hymn of Communion—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave and fol - low Thee;  
 Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior too;  
 Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;  
 Hast - en on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged by prayer;



Des - ti - tute, des - pised, for - sak - en, Thou from hence my all shalt be:  
 Hu - manhearts and looks de - ceive me; Thou art not, like man, un - true.  
 Life with tri - als hard may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.  
 Heav'n's e - ter - nal days be - fore me, God's own hand shall guide me there.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought or hoped or known;  
 And while Thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love and might,  
 O 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;  
 Soon shall close my earth - ly mis - sion, Swift shall pass my pil - grim days,



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
 Foes may hate and friends may shun me, show Thy face and all is bright.  
 O 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy un - mixed with Thee.  
 Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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## Hymn of Communion—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 For - bid it, Lord that I should boast, save in the  
 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far to small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1824.

# 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—May the Mind of Christ, Vs I-5

May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, Live in  
May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my  
May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my  
May the love of Je - sus fill me As the  
May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and

me from day to day, By His love and  
heart from hour to hour, So that all may  
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be  
wa - ters fill the sea; Him ex - alt - ing,  
brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly

power con - trol - ling All I do and say.  
see I tri - umph On - ly through His power.  
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.  
self a - ba - sing, This is vic - to - ry.  
un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*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—II Timothy I:13-14

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet  
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my  
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - jice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

### HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Chuck Emerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 5:00 p.m., Steffens' house.

Cy Fenton, Sundays after church, Fentons or Hensleys.

Stacy McGuire, Sundays after church, upstairs at Cornerstone.

Greg Wilbur & Matt Michaud, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Wilbur's house.

Jim Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Smith's house.

Today we are leaning into God's Word to explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The questions below are designed to get you into the Bible, into your heart, and into relationship with the community of faith around you.

- In the Scriptures Jesus is described as a Christian's Master or Lord. Do you believe Jesus to be the Master or Lord of your life (see Romans 10:9, I Corinthians 6:19-20)?
- In your own words what does the word "disciple" mean?
- For those looking at your life from the outside, whom would they say you follow? In other words, what do the actions of your life reveal about the devotion of your life?
- As you take brief account of your life, and even consider what others might say, would it be fair to call yourself a disciple of Christ? Why or why not?
- Looking at the pattern of life, where do you see your love for God being shown in your actions? If this question stumps you, take time and consider what changes may need to take place in your life (Luke 6:46-49, I John 2:1-6).
- What about being a disciple of Christ frightens you? What in your life is keeping you from committing your life to following Christ (See Luke 9:23-24, 14:25-33)?

**Where do I go from here?** We all need help learning what it means to be a disciple. Here are a few instructions for going the next step as a disciple of Christ:

- Share as much as you can (honestly) from the answers above with your spouse or friend or HFG. Ask them to pray for you regularly and invite them to speak truth into your life (Ephesians 4:15).
- Commit to place yourself under the tutelage of a Christian who you believe is more mature than you and will help you learn how to follow Christ. If you need help in this, contact the church office. We would love to help.
- Earnestly seek to gather regularly in a HFG with other believers where you can confess your sin, ask questions, pray together, and endeavor to live as a follower of Christ.

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