

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

12 February 2017

During Epiphany we celebrate the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem and the recognition that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies of being a light to the nations and his coming is for all peoples.

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you *are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Nate Shurden

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

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

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 96:I-9

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

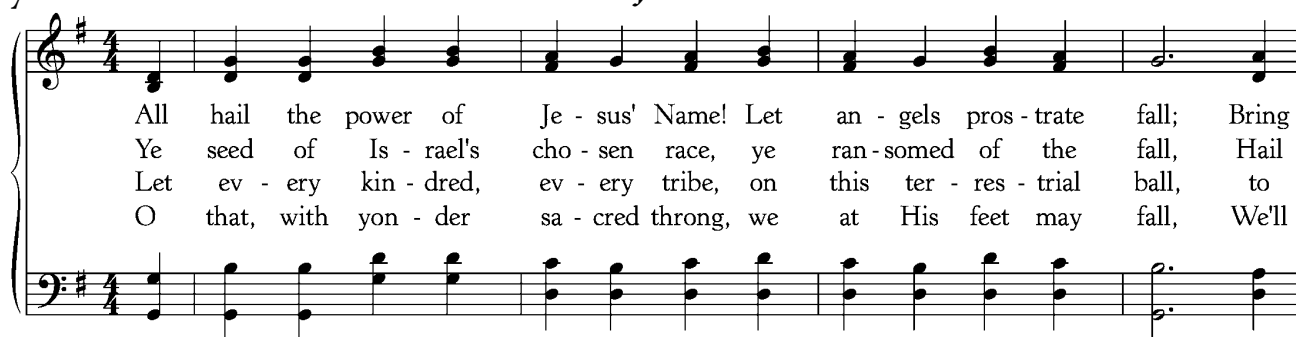
All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

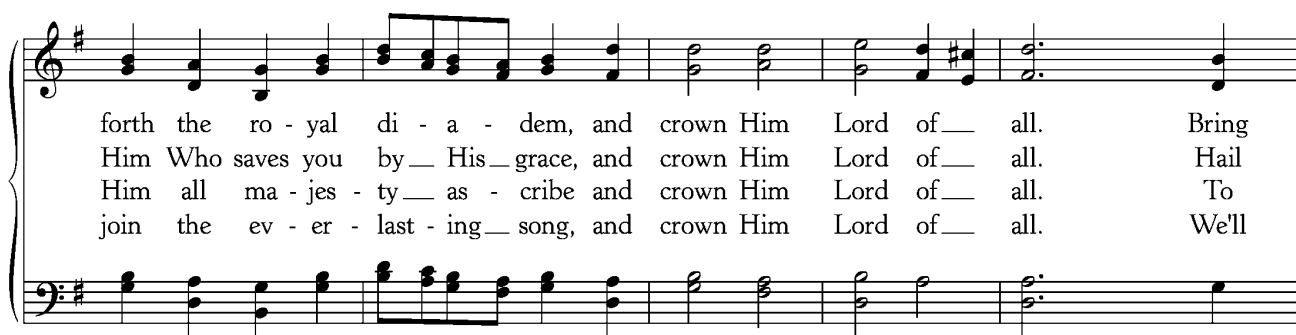
All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

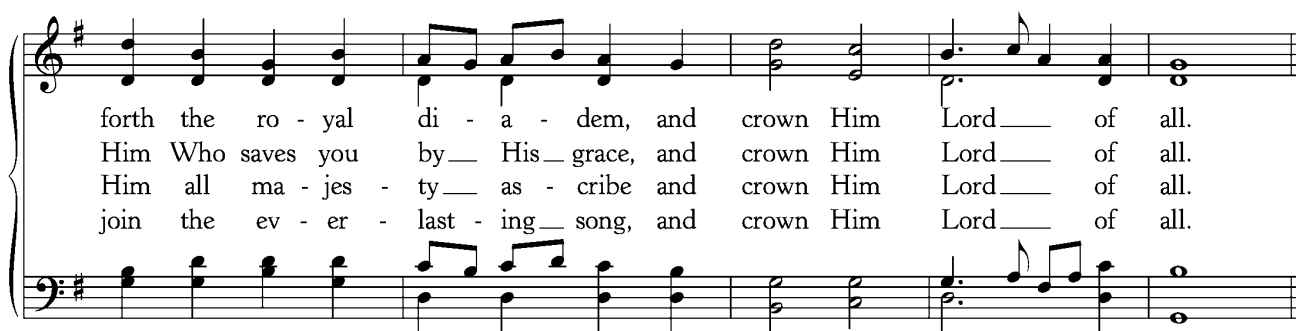
Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, Hail
Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to
O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall, We'll



forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of__ all. Bring
Him Who saves you by__ His__ grace, and crown Him Lord of__ all. Hail
Him all ma - jes - ty__ as - cribe and crown Him Lord of__ all. To
join the ev - er - last - ing__ song, and crown Him Lord of__ all. We'll



forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord__ of all.
Him Who saves you by__ His__ grace, and crown Him Lord__ of all.
Him all ma - jes - ty__ as - cribe and crown Him Lord__ of all.
join the ev - er - last - ing__ song, and crown Him Lord__ of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 4 John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.

Hymn of Praise—O Worship the King, Vs I-5



O wor-ship the King, all glor-ious a-bove, O grate-ful-ly
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the
The earth with its store of won-ders un-told, Al-might-y, Your
Your boun-ti-ful care, what tongue can re-cite? It breathes in the
Frail child-ren of dust, and fee-ble as frail, In You do we

sing His power_ and His love; Our Shield and De-fend-er, the
light, Whose can-o-py space, His char-iots of wrath the deep
power has found-ed of old; Es-tab-lished it fast by a
air, it shines_ in the light; It streams from the hills, it de-
trust, nor find_ You to fail; Your mer-cies how ten-der, how

An-cient of Days, Pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise.
thun-der-clouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
change-less de-cree, And round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
scends to the plain, And sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew_ and the rain.
firm to the end, Our Mak-er, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend.

Text: From Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806,
Arr. In William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.

+++Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated+++

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 115:1-8, 16-18

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
2 Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”
3 Our God is in the heavens, he does all that he pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
8 Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.
16 The heavens are the LORD’S heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

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—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 Redeem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Redeem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 31:7, 9-10, 23-24

Pastor: O Lord, we come confessing. We rejoice in Your steadfast love,
because You have seen our afflictions;

All: You know the distress of our souls.

Pastor: Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress;

All: Our eyes are wasted from grief; our souls and bodies also.

Pastor: For our lives are spent with sorrow, and our years with sighing;

All: Our strength fails because of our iniquity, and our bones waste away.

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful.

All: But He abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

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.

+++Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated+++

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.

Election of Church Officers

The Reading of the Word—Habakkuk 2:6-20

- 6 Shall not all these take up their taunt against him,
with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,
“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—
for how long?—
and loads himself with pledges!”
- 7 Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.
- 8 Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.
- 9 “Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high,
to be safe from the reach of harm!
- 10 You have devised shame for your house
by cutting off many peoples;
you have forfeited your life.
- 11 For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.
- 12 “Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!
- 13 Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?
- 14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
- 15 “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,
in order to gaze at their nakedness!
- 16 You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!
The cup in the LORD’s right hand will come around to you,
and utter shame will come upon your glory!
- 17 The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.
- 18 “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?
For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols!

19 Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!
Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.
20 But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sung Response—One Thing Have I Desired



One thing have I de - sired of the Lord, One thing will I seek af - ter;
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To be - hold the
beau-ty of the Lord, to in - quire in his tem - ple. To in - quire in his tem - ple.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 27:4; Music: INQUIRE, 2017.

Sermon—Faith Amidst the Questions, Pt 3

The Return of the King

—Tony Giles, *Assistant Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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—Fairest Lord Jesus

Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture, Son of
Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in the
Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, and all the
Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of

God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

TEXT: MUNSTER GESANGBUCH, 10/1; MUSIC: ST. ELIZABETH, SILESIAN FOLK SONG, 1042.

Hymn of Communion—Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,
Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the le - per's spots And melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
I'll lay my tro - phies down All down at Jesus' feet.
Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: John T. Grape, 1865.

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.

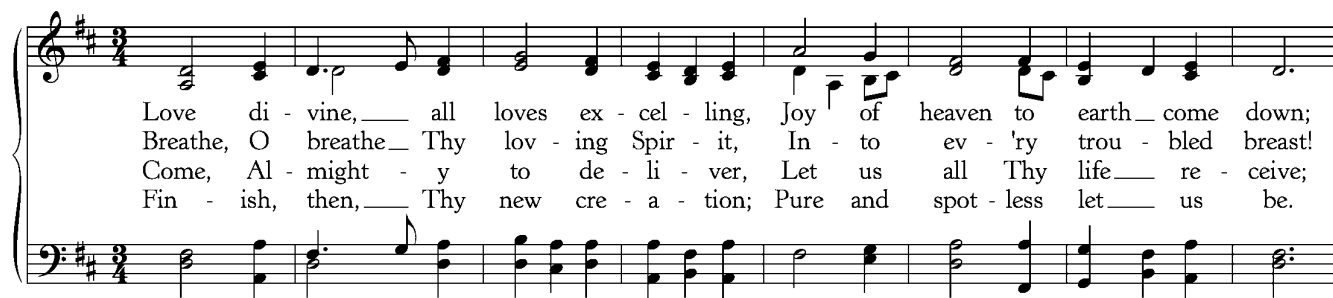
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

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.*

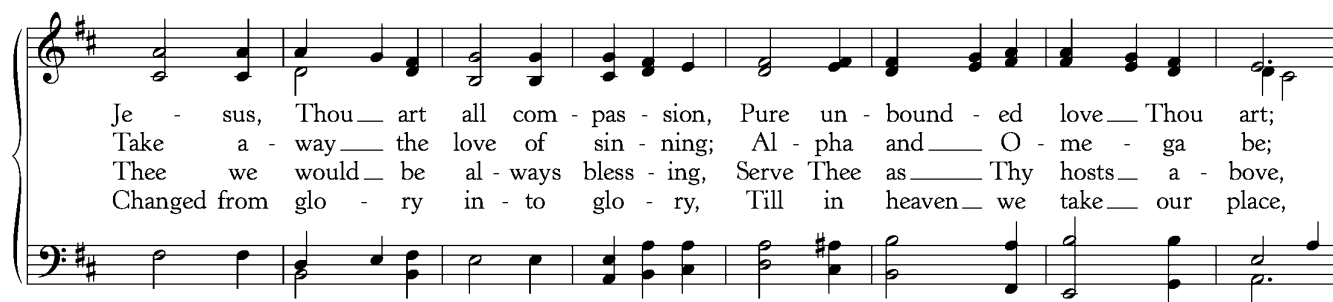
Hymn of Praise—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth — come down;
Breathe, O breathe — Thy lov - ing Spir - it, In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!
Come, Al - might - y to de - li - ver, Let us all Thy life — re - ceive;
Fin - ish, then, — Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let — us be.



Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All thy faith - ful merc - ies crown!
Let us all — in Thee in - her - it; Let us find the prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly — re - turn and nev - er, Ne - ver more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see — Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored — in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou — art all com - pas - sion, Pure un - bound - ed love — Thou art;
Take a - way — the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and — O - me - ga be;
Thee we would — be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as — Thy hosts — a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven — we take — our place,



Vis - it us — with Thy — sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End — of faith, — as its — Be - gin - ning, Set our hearts — at lib - er - ty.
Pray — and praise — Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — Thy per - fect love.
Till — we cast — our crowns be - fore — Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard, 1831.

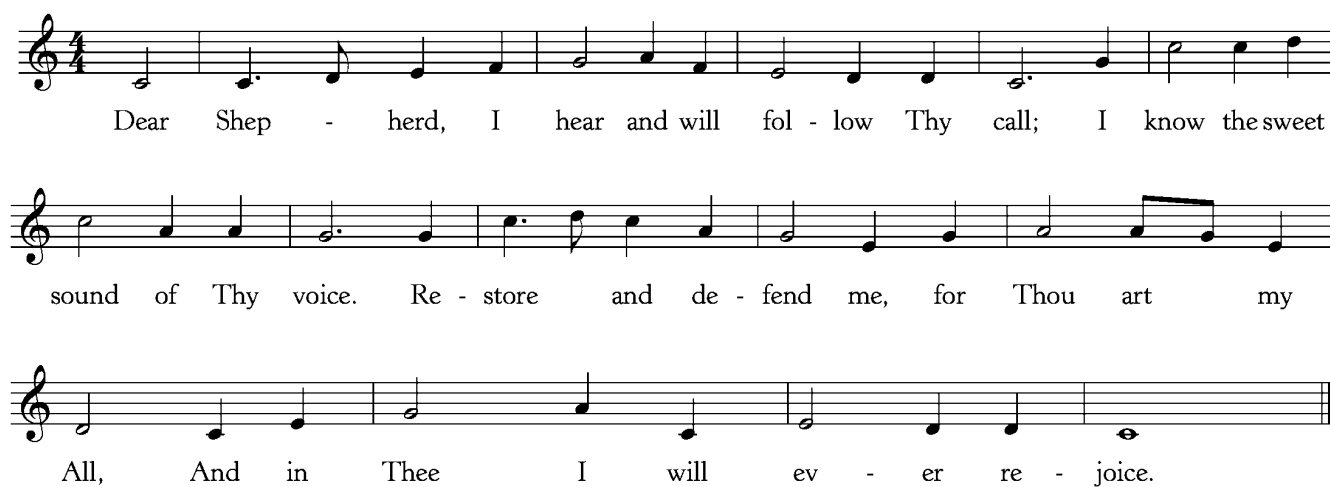
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs 11



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 - joice.

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas & Twelve Days**—Celebration of the Incarnation & the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church

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First and Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Cornerstone.

1. "I guess the only time most people think about injustice is when it happens to them."
(Charles Bukowski) Do you agree or disagree? Why?
2. What kinds of injustice, extortion, oppression or dehumanization trouble you? Can you give current examples in the world? In your community?
3. Read Habakkuk 2:14 and Psalm 72:19. What would it look like if Franklin or Nashville were filled with the knowledge of the glory of God? Be as specific as you can. See 2 Corinthians 4:6.
4. Read Habakkuk 2:20, Psalm 11:4 and Zechariah 2:13. Why is silence an appropriate response to the King?
5. Read Psalm 46. What is the context? What are the circumstances? How does verse 10 sound (now) in light of context and circumstances? Is this different than the way we tend to read verse 10?
6. Take some time to pray for "the return of the King" and "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Be specific about what wrongs you want to see "made right."

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