

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Ordinary Time—Sundays of Pentecost*

*16 June 2013*

## Worship Notes

As we move into the passage in Luke II just after the Lord's Prayer, we find Jesus' instruction on what our attitude and approach to prayer should be—to speak boldly to our gracious Father who freely gives us all things. The **Call to Worship** from **Psalm 105** invites us to seek the Lord and His presence continually and to remember His wondrous works. **Give Thanks to God the Lord** reminds us of the works of the Lord for which we owe Him great gratitude and thanksgiving—"Rejoice all you who seek the Lord, come glory in His name."

**Psalm 63: O God Thou Art My God Alone** recognizes God as the object of our longing even as He shows the footsteps of His grace in our lives.

The **New Testament Reading** from **Romans 8** addresses our position as children of God and fellow heirs with Christ. For the Spirit intercedes in our weakness to the Father. Our **Confession of Sin** comes from James, Jonah, John Philipians and Psalms and highlights the loving care of our Father who supplies our every need. We continue by singing **Before the Throne of God Above** and His love that lives and pleads for us.

The **Hymns for Communion** are **O Love of God**, that sings of the gracious love of the Father, and **Approach My Soul**, the **Mercy Seat** as a reminder of the work of Christ as our mediator. We conclude by singing **What Wondrous Love is This** as praise and wonder at the gift of the Lamb slain on our behalf who redeems us from sin and death and supplies our need in glory in Christ Jesus.

—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.*

### Prelude

### Announcements & Preparation

### Sung Response—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I

Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, And in our souls take up Your rest; Come,

with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, To fill the hearts which You have made.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 105:1-6

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

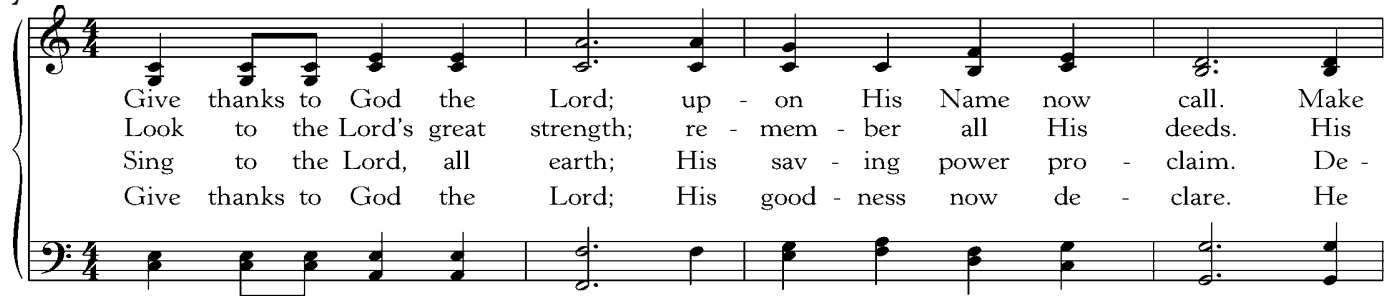
All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

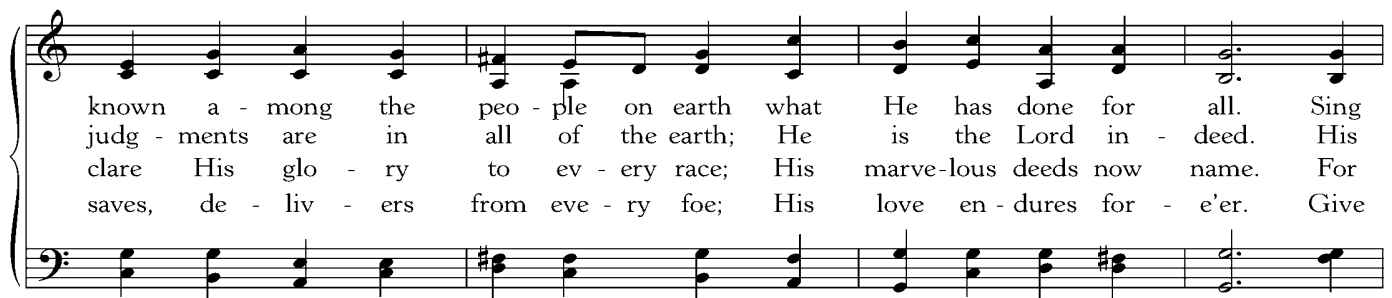
All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

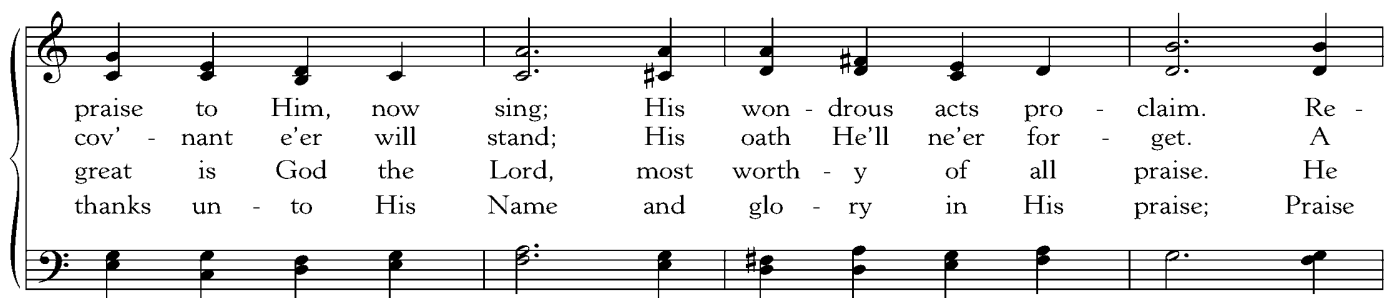
## Hymn of Praise—Give Thanks to God the Lord



Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make  
Look to the Lord's great strength; re - mem - ber all His deeds. His  
Sing to the Lord, all earth; His sav - ing power pro - claim. De -  
Give thanks to God the Lord; His good - ness now de - clare. He



known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing  
judg - ments are in all of the earth; He is the Lord in - deed. His  
clare His glo - ry to ev - ery race; His marve - lous deeds now name. For  
saves, de - liv - ers from eve - ry foe; His love en - dures for - e'er. Give



praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re -  
cov' - nant e'er will stand; His oath He'll ne'er for - get. A  
great is God the Lord, most worth - y of all praise. He  
thanks un - to His Name and glo - ry in His praise; Praise



joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.  
thou - sand gen - er - a - tions pass; God's word con - tin - ues yet.  
made the heav - ens and the earth; fear Him and give Him praise.  
to the God of Is - ra - el for ev - er - last - ing days.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

## Hymn of Praise—Psalm 63: O God, Thou Art My God Alone



O God, Thou art my God a - lone; Ear - ly to Thee my soul shall cry;  
Yet, through this rough and thorn - y maze, I fol - low hard on Thee, my God;  
Bet - ter than life it - self Thy love, Dear - er than all be - side to me;



A pil - grim in a land un - known, A thirst - y land whose springs are dry.  
Thy hand, un - seen, up - holds my ways; I safe - ly tread where Thou hast trod.  
For whom have I in Heav'n a - bove, Or what on earth, com - pared to Thee?



O that it were as it hath been! When, pray - ing in the ho - ly place,  
Thee, in the watch - es of the night, When I re - mem - ber on my bed;  
Praise with my heart, my mind, my voice, For all Thy mer - cy I will give;



Thy power and glo - ry I have seen, And marked the foot - steps of Thy grace.  
Thy pres - ence makes the dark - ness light, Thy guard - ian wings are round my head.  
My soul shall still in God re - joice; My tongue shall bless Thee while I live.

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*(Please be seated)*

## New Testament Reading—Romans 8:14-17, 26-32

*As fellow heirs with Christ, the Father graciously gives us all things.*

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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—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 James 1:17, Jonah 2:8, John 3:1, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 14:2-3

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Every good and perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from You, the Father of Lights.

All: We too often pay regard to vain idols  
and forsake our hope of Your steadfast love and perfect gifts.

Pastor: See what kind of love You have given to us, that we should be called Your children.

All: We know that You will supply our every need  
according to Your riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
Yet we still are anxious about our daily bread.

Pastor: You look down from heaven to see if there are any who understand and who seek after You.

All: We have all turned aside, together we have become corrupt.

Pastor: But as our Father, there is no shadow of turning in You.  
And You have adopted us as Your children.

### Sung Response—Kyrie



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

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 1:7-10

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

## Hymn of Praise—Before the Throne of God Above

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
 When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -  
 Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea. A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ev - er lives and pleads for  
 in, Up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my  
 ness, The great un - change - a - ble I AM, The King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His  
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 grace, One in Him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His

heart. I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
 free. For God the just is sat - is - fied To look on Him and par - don  
 blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Sav - ior and my

part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 me. To look on Him and par - don me.  
 God! With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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## The Reading of the Word—Luke II:5-13

5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the

one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 52

*Learning to Pray: Ask, Seek, Knock*

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

## Profession from God’s Word—from John 15:7-11, 16

*Abide in Christ*

Abide in Christ, and His words will abide in you,

ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

By this the Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be disciples.

As the Father has loved Christ, so has He loved you.

Abide in His love.

If you keep His commandments, you will abide in His love,

just as Christ has kept the Father's commandments and abides in His love.

These things He has spoken to you,

that His joy may be in you,

and that your joy may be full.

You did not choose Christ,

but He chose you and appointed you that we should go and bear fruit

and that our fruit should abide,

so that whatever we ask the Father in His name, He will give it to you.

## Sung Response—Our Father

Our Fath-er who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be Thy Name. Thy king-dom come  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav'n. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give our sins as we for-give those who have sinned a- gainst  
us. And lead us not in- to temp- ta- tion. De-liv-er us from ev- il.

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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

*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—O Love of God

O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er  
O heaven - ly love, how pre - cious still, In days of wear - i - ness and  
We read thee best in Him who came To bear for us the cross of  
O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er  
new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all  
ill, In nights of pain and help - less - ness, To heal, to com - fort, and to  
shame; Sent by the Fa - ther from on high, Our life to live, our death to  
new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all





thought. O love of God, how deep and great! Far deep - er than man's deep - est  
 bless! O wide em - brac - ing, won - drous love! We read thee in the sky a -  
 die. We read thy power to bless and save, E'en in the dark - ness of the  
 thought. O love of God, our shield and stay Through all the per - ils of our



hate; Self fed, self kin - dled, like the light, Change-less, e - te - rnal, in - fi - nite.  
 above, We read thee in the earth be - low, In seas that swell, and streams that flow.  
 grave; Still more in res - ur - rec - tion light, We read the full - ness of thy might.  
 way! E - ter - nal love, in thee we rest For - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest.

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### Hymn of Communion—Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat



Ap - proach, my soul, the mer - cy seat, Where Je - sus an - swers prayer; There  
 Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan sore - ly pressed, By  
 O won - drous love! to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame, That



hum - bly fall be - fore His feet, For none can per - ish there. Thy pro - mise is my  
 war with - out and fears with - in, I come to Thee for rest. Be Thou my Shield and  
 guil - ty sin - ners, such as I, Might plead Thy gra - cious name. "Poor tem - pest - toss - ed



on - ly plea, With this I ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est bur - dened  
 hid - ing Place, That, shel - tered by Thy side, I may my fierce ac -  
 soul, be still; My pro - mised grace re - ceive;" 'Tis Je - sus speaks: I



souls to Thee, And such, O Lord, am I. And such, O Lord, am I.  
 cu - ser face, And tell him Thou hast died! And tell him Thou hast died!  
 must, I will, I can, I do be - lieve. I can, I do be - lieve.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: APPROACH MY SOUL, Gregory Wilbur, 2011. ©2011 Greyfriars Press

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Hymn of Promise—What Wondrous Love is This

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What won - drous love is this, O my  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free I'll sing

soul! What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful  
sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the  
on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni -

curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
theme, I will sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *Southern Harmony*, 1835.

## 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—Psalm 70:4

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!” *Amen.*

### 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 system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

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.

This morning we wrap up our study on prayer by considering the brief parable at the conclusion of this section. In this parable, Jesus encourages us to be bold and persistent in our requests to the Father, because He loves to give good gifts to His children.

- Can you summarize the teaching of the parable in a sentence or two?
- According to the teaching of this passage, what confidence do you have to ask God for anything at any time? Do you truly feel this confidence?
- Why is God interested in us praying persistently? Why doesn't God just give us good gifts without us having to ask or just making us ask one time?
- Take a moment and remember when God answered one of your prayers. Give God thanks for that answered prayer. Share it with your family or HFG.
- Take a moment and remember when God did NOT answer one of your prayers. Based on the teaching of this passage, what do you know about God's intentions for not answering your prayer?

*“What do children ask for? Everything and anything. How often do little children ask? Repeatedly. Over and over again. How do little children ask? Without guile. Jesus tells us watch little children if we want to learn how to ask in prayer.”—Paul Miller*

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