



10:45 service + March 19, 2017 + 3rd Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4; Psalm 103:4

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

All: *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*

Liturgist: who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,
who redeems our life from the pit
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.


All: *Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

We praise God

Behold Our God

Text and tune: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and
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Verse



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave: Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

Chorus



Be - hold our God seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him.

Be - hold our King: no - thing can com - pare, come let us a - dore Him!

Bridge



Repeat 5x

Men: You will reign for - ev - er! You will reign for - ev - er! (to chorus)
Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth! Let Your glo - ry fill.

We pray for God to help us worship

Liturgist: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!*

He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:16

Liturgist: Christ was made like us in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1-2 of "Psalm 32" (below)

All: *God our Creator,
we confess that we have all sinned and come short of your glory.
We have neglected the worship you deserve,
but we have given our worship to created things.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
but we have treated them unjustly.
We have not trusted your promise and power to save us,
but we have lived in fear as if you are no hope at all,
as if you were not a God of steadfast love and mercy.
Father, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Father, we are sorry for all the ways that we have dishonored you.
Have mercy upon us, and forgive us all of our sins.
By your Holy Spirit, renew in us the likeness of Christ,
so that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways,
and become all that you have created and redeemed us to be.

All (sing): stanza 3 of "Psalm 32" (below)

Psalm 32

Text: The Psalter 1912, alt.
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler 1601



1. How blest are they whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n, whose sins are whol - ly
2. While I kept guil - ty sil - ence, my strength was spent with grief: your hand was heav - y
3. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in - crease from year to year, but those who trust the



cov - er'd be - fore the sight of heav'n. Blest they to whom the LORD God does
on me; my soul found no re - lief. But when I owned my tres - pass and
LORD God know love in - stead of fear. Then in the LORD be joy - ful, in



not im - pute their sin, who have a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
did not hide my sin, then you for - gave my guilt, LORD, re - stored my life with - in.
song lift up your voice; be glad in God, you right - eous: re - joice, O saints, re - joice!

God declares our forgiveness

from Romans 8:31-32; Colossians 1:12-14

Liturgist: If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? God the Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

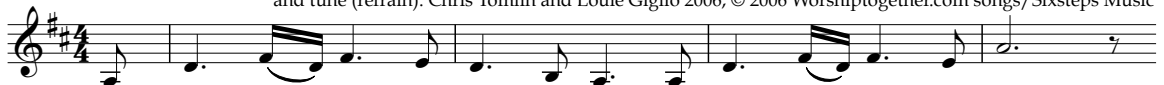
For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

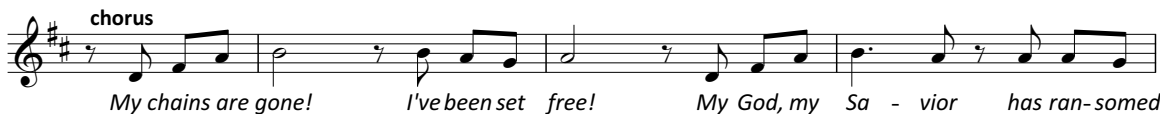
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1. A - ma - zing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me. His Word my hope se - cures.
4. The earth shall soon be pure like snow when all will be re - fined



I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see. **(to vs. 2)**
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be lieved. **(to chorus)**
 He will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures. **(to chorus 2x)**
 and God who called me here be - low will be for - ev - er mine.



me! And like a flood his mer-cy reigns, un-end-ing love, a-maz-ing grace!

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

God instructs us in scripture reading

Isaiah 24-27
(pew Bible pp. 585-588)

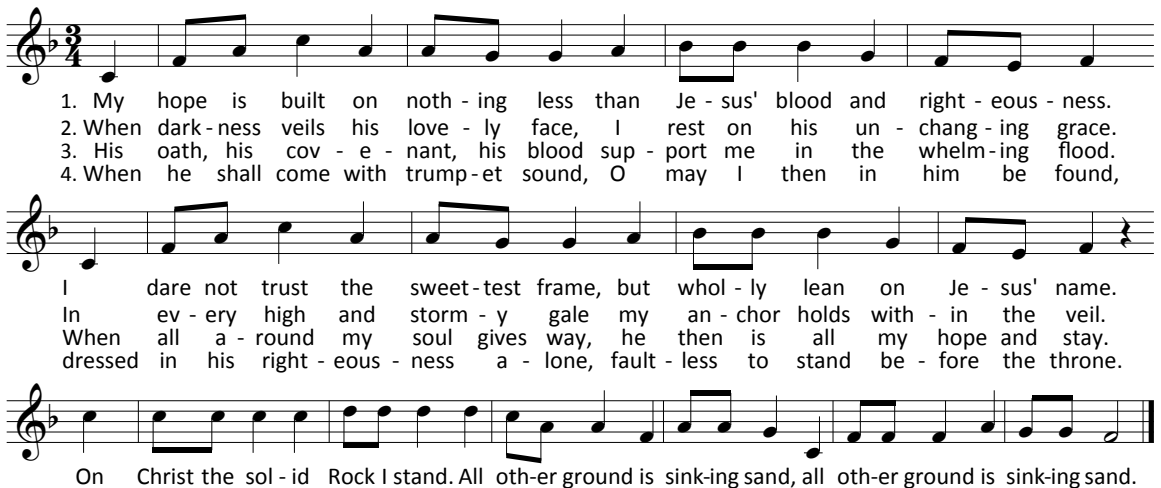
God instructs us in preaching

“God’s Big Story”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

The Solid Rock
Text: Edward Mote 1834
Tune: William B. Bradbury 1863

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace.
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood.
4. When he shall come with trump - et sound, O may I then in him be found,

I dare not trust the sweet - test frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a - round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

On Christ the sol - id Rock I stand. All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to 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 and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, 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.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Text: John Newton 1774

Tune: Laura Taylor 2001, © 2001 Laura Taylor Music

1. Let us love and sing and won - der; let us praise the Sa - vior's name.
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies.
 3. Let us won - der grace and just - ice join and point mer - cy's store.
 4. Let us praise and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high.

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der. He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
 He called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
 When through grace in Christ our trust is, just - ice smiles and asks no more.
 Here they trust - ed him be - fore us; now their prai - ses fill the sky:

He has washed us in his blood. He has washed us in his blood. He has washed us in his blood.
 He who washed us in his blood. He who washed us in his blood. He who washed us in his blood.
 You have washed us with your blood. You have washed us with your blood. You have washed us with your blood.

He has washed us in his blood. He has brought us nigh to God.
 He has washed us in his blood. He pre - sents our souls to God.
 He who washed us in his blood. has se - cured our way to God.
 You have washed us with your blood. You are wor - thy Lamb of God.

All Things New

Text and tune: Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive, and Andy Gullahorn 2008
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1. Come, bro - ken and wear - y; come, bat - tered and bruised.
2. Come, lost and a - ban - doned; come, blown by the wind.
3. Come, fro - zen with shame; come, burn - ing with guilt.
4. Hold on - to the pro - mise; come, the sto - ries are true:

My Je - sus makes all things new, all things new. (Verse 2)
He'll bring you back home loves you a - gain, still. (Chorus)
My Je - sus makes all things new, all things new. (Chorus then Bridge)
Je - sus makes all things new. (Chorus twice)

Chorus:
Rise up, O you sleep - er, a - wake! The Light of the dawn is up - on you.
Rise up, O you sleep - er, a - wake! He makes all things new, all things new. (2nd time to Bridge)

Bridge:
The world was good; the world is fal - len; the world will be re - deemed.
The world was good; the world is fal - len; the world will be re - deemed.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

Doxology: This Is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie B. Babcock 1901
Tune: Traditional English melody

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems
oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This is my Father's world: the bat - tle is not
done. Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

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