



10:45 service + July 23, 2017



# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: life, rule, authority, enemies

STANDING (IF ABLE)

# God calls us to worship

from Psalm 95:1-7

Liturgist: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Liturgist: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Liturgist: For the Lord is a great God,

All: and a great King above all gods.

Liturgist: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

All: the heights of the mountains are his also.

Liturgist: The sea is his, for he made it,

All: and his hands formed the dry land.

Liturgist: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

For he is our God,

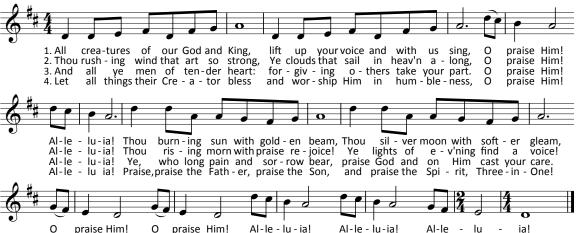
All: and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

# We praise God

#### All Creatures of Our God and King

Text: Francis of Assisi 13th c. Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesange 1623



# We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

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#### God calls us to confess our sin

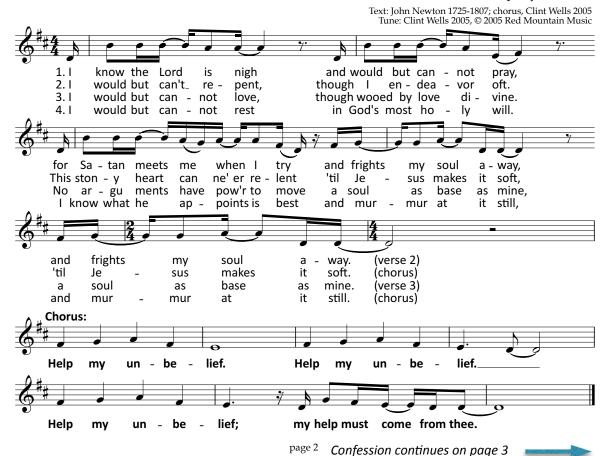
from Hebrews 4:14-16

Liturgist:

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 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

Help My Unbelief



#### We confess our sin

Liturgist: Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of life,

and you reign over every power that destroys your creation.

All: We confess that we are rebels

who often reject your authority.

We believe the lie that our sins cannot be conquered,

and we yield too easily to sin's demands.

We too often fear the power of your enemies,

or we give our love and loyalty

to powers that oppose your word, your will, and your wisdom.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Lord, forgive us and heal our rebel spirit and our distrustful hearts. Please restrain and

conquer our enemies of sin and Satan, and help us gladly submit to your wise rule over us, so that we will find you to be our true protection, strength, and abundant life

forever.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

# God declares our forgiveness

from Colossians 3:1, 3-4

Liturgist: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,

seated at the right hand of God. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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 greet one another with the peace of Christ

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God instructs us in scripture reading

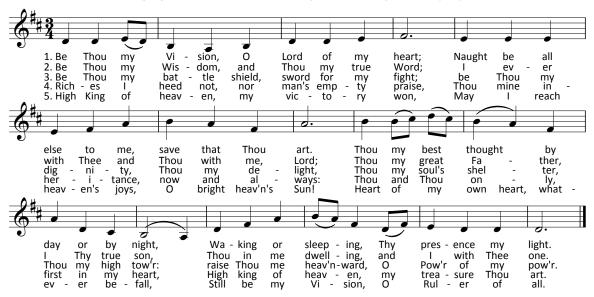
Ephesians 1:20-23; 3:18-19 (pew Bible pp. 976; 977)

God instructs us in preaching

"Power in Prayer" Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Text: Ancient Irish poem c. 700; tr. Mary E. Byrne 1905 Tune: Traditional Irish tune, arr. David Evans 1927

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



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.

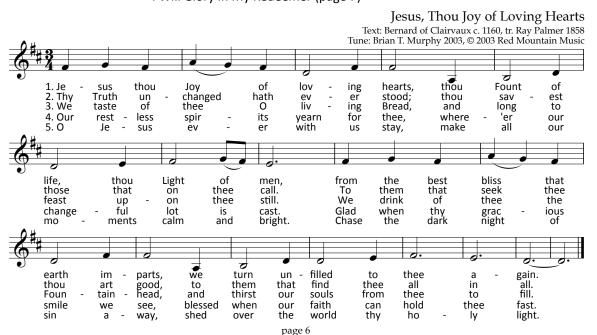
**Eating and drinking**: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will <u>not</u> hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

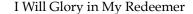
**Prayer for those searching:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

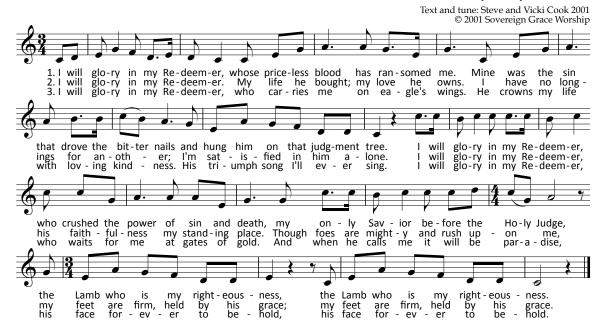
**Prayer of new belief:** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Music for Communion:** Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (below)

I Will Glory in My Redeemer (page 7)



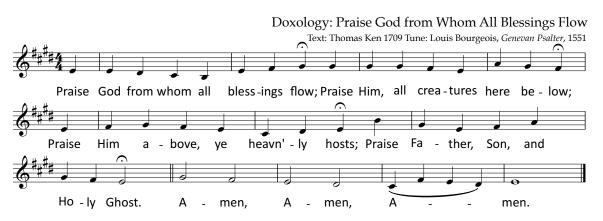




#### God blesses us and sends us out

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

All: Hallelujah! Amen.



The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Shirley Holemon in loving memory of her granddaughter, Paige Hicks, and her husband, Gene.

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