



Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church. All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng

Themes and keywords: gratitude, love, prayer, grace

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; Ephesians 1:3-4

Liturgist: Praise the LORD!

All: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Liturgist: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him.

All: *Hallelujah! Amen!*

We praise God

Come, People of the Risen King

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1. Come, peo - ple of the ri - sen King, who de - light to bring him praise.
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun and those weep - ing in the night.
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith.



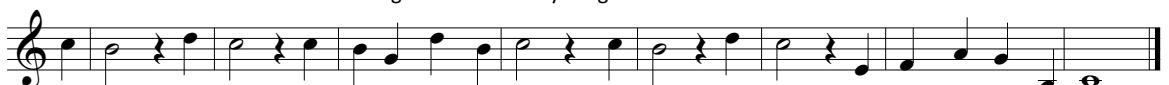
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the morn - ing star of grace.
Come, those who tell of bat - tles won and those strug - gling in the fight.
Come, those with full or emp - ty hands; find the ri - ches of his grace.



From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
For his per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er cease,
O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call



where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to the ga - ther child - ren in.
but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all."



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Let ev-'ry tongue re-joyce! One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, re-joyce.

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 Psalm 139:23-24

Liturgist: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!
See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting,
that we may perfectly love you and one another and honor your great name.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Heavenly Father, you have made us your children by grace,
adopting us in love to be your family.

All: *But we too often withdraw from your church,
leaving brothers and sisters in need
while we seek our own loves and longings in other places.*

Liturgist: You pursue us with relentless love
to complete your good work of salvation in us.

All: *But we are prone to abandon others when they disappoint us
and to shut others out behind walls of anger, fear, and shame.*

Liturgist: Your affection for us never fails, even when we fail and sin.

All: *But we often let our wounds fester unforgiven,
and we bear grudges that devour us with bitterness.*

Liturgist: Your love is hospitable, always drawing near to us.

All: *But we are too content to live at a distance from each other
without opening our hearts and our lives
so that others can see us truly, know us deeply,
and encourage the work of your grace in us.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Father, in your gracious love, please forgive our lack of love for you and for others.
Pour your love into our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that our love may abound more and
more with the affection of Christ Jesus, with gratitude for your faithful work in us, and
with joy in pouring our lives into one another in love in the same way that you love us.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:4-7

Liturgist: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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!***

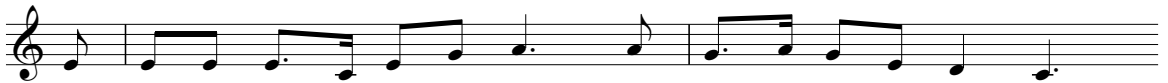
We praise God

Grace

Text and Tune: Niki Shepherd,
Johnny Robinson, and Rich Thompson
arr. John Langley



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home from death to life for - ev - er
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide to ev - ery tribe and na - tion
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly wis - dom,
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow, my song re - sound for - ev - er,



and sings the song of righ - teous - ness by blood and not by mer - it.
has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of your sal - va - tion. **Chorus**
the prince of life with - out a stain was trad - ed for this sin - ner. **Chorus**
for grace will see me wel - comed home to walk be - side my sav - ior. **Chorus**

Chorus



By grace I am re - deemed, by grace I am re - stored,



and now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

SEATED

I Thank My God

Chancel Choir

Text: Philippians 1:3-6, 9-10

Music: J. Aaron McDermid

I thank my God when I remember you.

In all my prayers, I pray with joy for your partnership in sharing the good news.

For I am sure that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ.

This is my prayer: that your love may overflow,
and you will grow in knowledge and depth of understanding.

That you may see what is best and be pure and blameless
for the day of Christ. Amen.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

(Children may go to
children's worship)

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

Philippians 1:3-11
(pew Bible p. 980)

God instructs us in preaching

“Filled Up With Thanks and Love”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Sermon notes:

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Christian Hearts in Love United

Text: Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf 1723

Tune: B. F. White, *The Sacred Harp* 1844

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



1. Christ - ian hearts, in love u - nit - ed: search to know God's ho - ly will.
2. Grant, Lord, that with your di - rec - tion, "Love each oth - er" we com - ply.
3. Come, then, liv - ing church of Je - sus, cov - e - nant with him a - new.



Let His love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.
Help us live in true af - fec - tion, your love to ex - em - pli - fy.
Un - to him who con - quered for us may we pledge our ser - vice true.



Christ the Head and we His mem - bers, we re - flect the light He is.
Let our mu - tual love be glow - ing bright - ly so that all may view
May our lives re - flect the bright - ness of God's love in Je - sus shown.



Christ the Mas - ter, we di - sci - ples, He is ours and we are His.
that we, as on one stem grow - ing, liv - ing branch - es are in you.
To the world we then bear wit - ness: we be - long to God a - lone.

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.*

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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.

Mother Bowed and Prayed for Me

Sung by Naima Wartts

We praise God

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

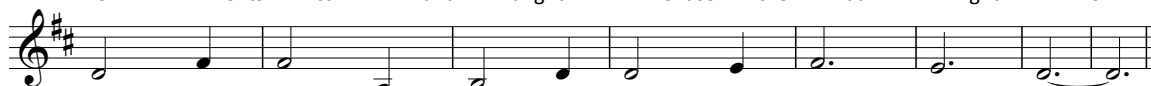
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1. Je - sus thou Joy of lov - ing hearts, thou Fount of
2. Thy Truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
3. We taste of thee O liv - ing Bread, and long to
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, where - 'er our
5. O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our



life, thou Light of men, from the best bliss that
those that on thee call, To them that seek thee
feast up - on thee still. We drink of that seek thee
change - ful lot is cast, Glad when thy grac - ious
mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of



earth im - parts, we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
thou art that good, to them that find all in all.
Foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.
sin a - way, shed over the world thy ho - ly light.

We praise God

Abiding City

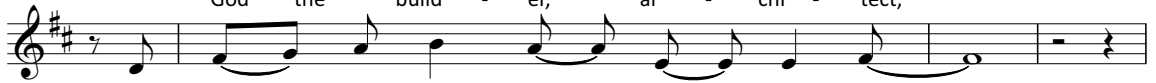
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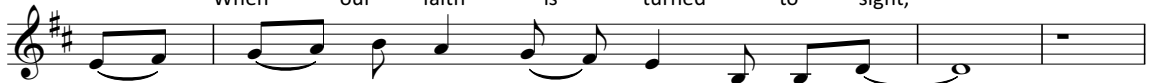
1. O, sweet home of love and peace,
2. Addic - tions, emp - ty prom - is - es,
3. Spir - it, heal our neigh - bor - hood,
4. Cit - y filled with gold - en light,



where pil - grims, tired and trou - bled, rest,
this bro - ken world can't sat - is - fy.
un - til your king - dom work is done.
God the build - er, ar - chi - tect,



A in - to the hope of Zi - on lean,
A sweet - er song, re - demp - tion's bliss,
Teach us what is just and good,
When our faith is turned to sight,



where in Je - sus' arms we will fall at last.
is sealed for us in par - a - dise.
as we look for the cit - y that's yet to come.
O, I can - not i - ma - gine it.



O, lift up your heads, for the day is near, and we have no a - bid - ing cit - y here.

God blesses us and sends us out

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

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men.

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