

10:45 service + November 19, 2017



Order of Worship

Liturgist is Eric Schmidt
Themes and keywords: grace, power, strong, weak/weakness

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalms 50:15, 34:3, 8, 10

Liturgist: The sovereign Lord says,

"Call upon me in the day of trouble

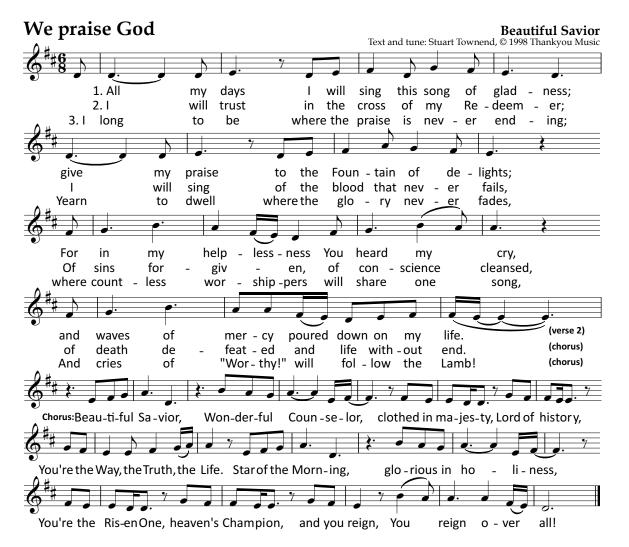
and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

So come, magnify the Lord with me,

All: and let us exalt his name together.
Liturgist: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him,

for those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.



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 2:17, 7:25, 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. He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. 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

Lord, Have Mercy

from Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Text: Ancient Greek prayer Tune: Gregory Wilbur 2009



Liturgist: Father, when we are weak, we are strong,

for your power is displayed in our weakness, and your grace is sufficient for us.

All: But we are often so focused on our fragile weakness

that we do not trust your sufficiency for us.

We work so hard to show ourselves strong

that we fail to see your power displayed in our need.

We spend so much time seeking to get praise from others

that we miss ways to lead others to praise you.

And when we fail and suffer,

we lose heart in despair so quickly

that we lose sight of your resurrection life and power

working in us strength to endure today

and bright hope in the weight of glory to come.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist:

Our gracious Father, please forgive us for seeking our strength everywhere except in your life and grace that you give us freely in Christ. Lead our faltering hearts back to you and show your surpassing power in us and through us by your Holy Spirit so that having your all-sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in every good work with unconquered joy, to the praise of your great glory.



God declares our forgiveness

from Lamentations 3:22-23

Liturgist: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

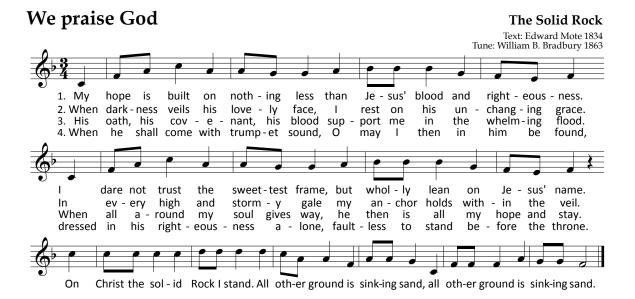
They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

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

2 Corinthians 12 (pew Bible p. 970)

God instructs us in preaching

"Connected in Weakness That Is Strong" Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford 1873 Tune: Philip P. Bliss 1876



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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

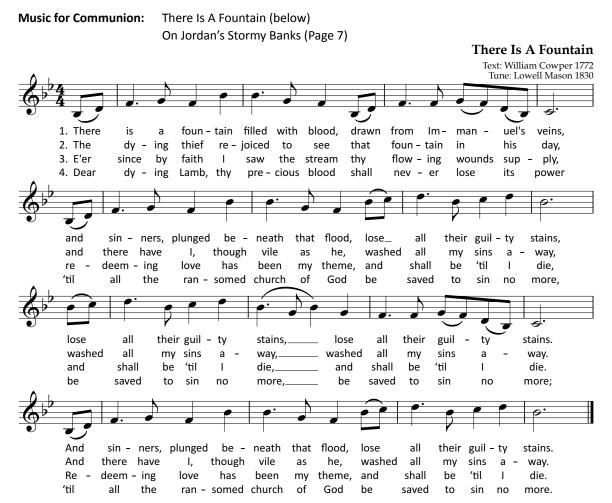
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Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

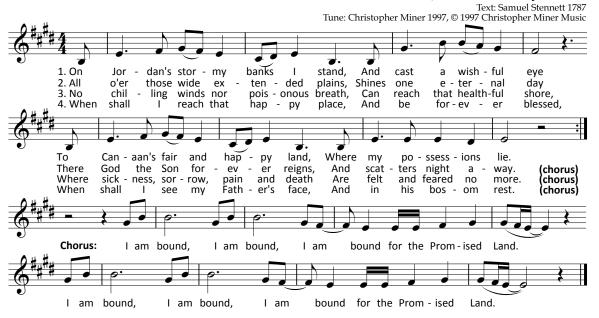
Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

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.



On Jordan's Stormy Banks

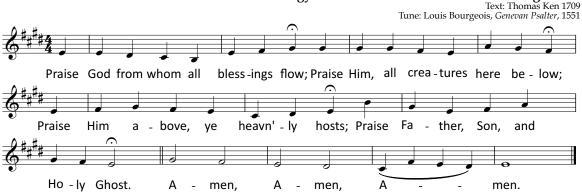


God blesses us and sends us out

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

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



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