

9:00 service + September 24, 2017

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: reconciliation, belonging, ambassadors, healing

Prelude

Largo from "Xerxes"
Central Ringers

G. F. Handel, arr. F. Callahan

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Revelation 1:5-6; 7:12

Liturgist: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church:
To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!

We praise God

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Hymnal #276

Text: Latin hymn 6th or 7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1851
Tune: Henry Smart 1866

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.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin from Hebrews 10:19, 21-22; 4:16; John 1:29

Liturgist: Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to the throne of grace with a true heart in full assurance of faith, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1 and 2 and chorus of “Come, O Redeemer, Come” (below)

Liturgist: Our Father in heaven, your Son died in order to lavish your great love upon us so that we will belong to you by grace.

All: *But we often do not love as you have loved us.*

Liturgist: You came to reconcile us so that we belong to each other by grace.

All: *But we have made enemies of those for whom Jesus died and whom you have called us to love.*

Liturgist: You have called us to be ambassadors of your healing grace, freely sharing the good news and reconciliation we enjoy with you.

All: *But we shrink back in silence and fear rejection because we forget your presence and the power of your love.*

Liturgist: We pray for your kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

All: *But then we turn from your mission and build our own segregated kingdoms, seeking first our own peace and comfort.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

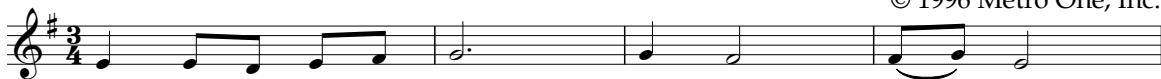
(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Lord, please forgive us for our failure to love and our fear born of unbelief. Make us ambassadors of your kingdom wherever you have placed us. Lead us to seek your reconciliation and peace in every relationship, every job, and every place, because we are the people of your new creation, made alive and filled with your strong love by the resurrection of your Son and the power of your Spirit.

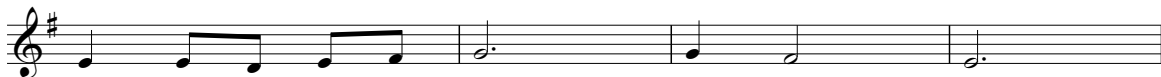
All (sing): stanza 3 and chorus of “Come, O Redeemer, Come” (below)

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Text and tune: Fernando Ortega 1996
© 1996 Metro One, Inc.



1. Fath - er, en - throned on high: "Ho - ly, ho - ly!"
2. Lord, save us from the dark of our stri - ving,
3. Look now up - on our need; Lord, be with us.



An - cient, e - ter - nal Light: hear our prayer. (to verse 2)
faith - less, trou - bled hearts weighed down. (to chorus)
Heal us and make us free from our sin. (to chorus)



Chorus
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer cy... Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:13-14, 16

Liturgist: In Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace and has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross.

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

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Text: John Newton 1774

Tune: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch* 1698



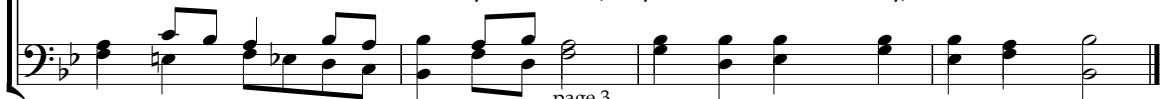
1. Let us love, and sing and won - der; let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - ens hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join, and point to mer - cy's store.
5. 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 Mt. Si - nai's flame.
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown,
When through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles, and asks no more.
Here they trust - ed him be - fore us; now their prais - es fill the sky:



He has washed us with his blood. He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with his blood. He pre - sents our souls to God.
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.
He who washed us with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.
"You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



They'll Know We Are Christians

Text and music: Peter Scholtes
arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir
Nancy Mayo, keyboardist

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
And together spread the news that God is in our land. (refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (refrain)

God instructs us in scripture reading

2 Corinthians 5
(pew Bible p. 966)

God instructs us in preaching

"Connected in Reconciliation"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

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

Though the World and Many Idols

Text: Gina Tuck 2010, © 2010 Gina Tuck

Tune: Sherdonna Denholm 2010,

© 2010 Sherdonna Denholm

1. Though the world and man - y i - dols all de - mand my loy - al - ty,
2. Though the dev - il wields temp - ta - tion like a dag - ger to my faith,
3. Though my sin, my self - ab - sorp - tion wa - ges bat - tle in my breast,
4. On that day of Christ's re - turn - ing, I shall see him as he is.

clam - or for my heart's al - le - giance, mock my faith - less pi - e - ty,
and he whis - pers ac - cu - sa - tions of my grim, un - love - ly state.
I do not the good I want to; I live not what I con - fess.
No more tears or death or sor - row; all cre - a - tion back to bliss.

God, my Fath - er, my Cre - a - tor, sought to ran - som back his own,
Christ, my Lov - er, my Re - deem - er, while I strayed, for me he died,
Yet my Sa - vior, he trans - forms me, heart of flesh for heart of stone;
I will wor - ship him un - hin - dered and be - hold his lov - ing smile.

paid the price for my re - bel - lion, made me his by grace a - lone.
and his truth holds firm for - ev - er, right - eous - ness to me ap - plied.
his own Spir - it guides and com - forts, pleased to make in me his home.
I call him my Ab - ba, Fath - er; he calls me his pre - cious child.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

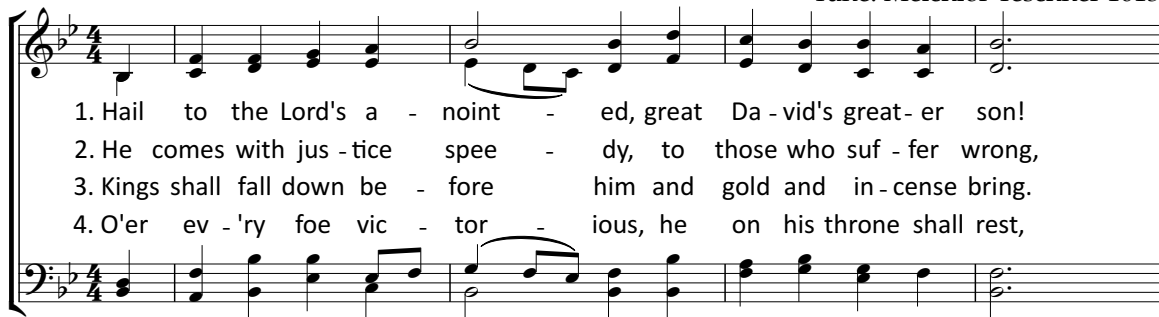
All: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

We praise God

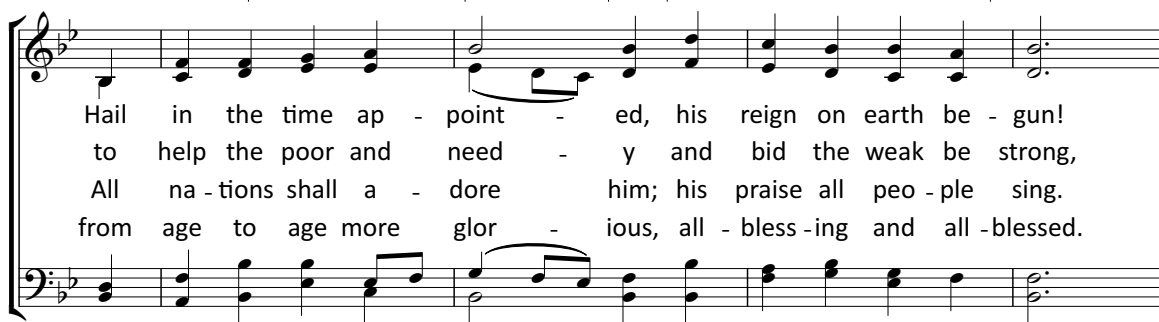
Psalm 72 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Text: James Montgomery 1821

Tune: Melchior Teschner 1613



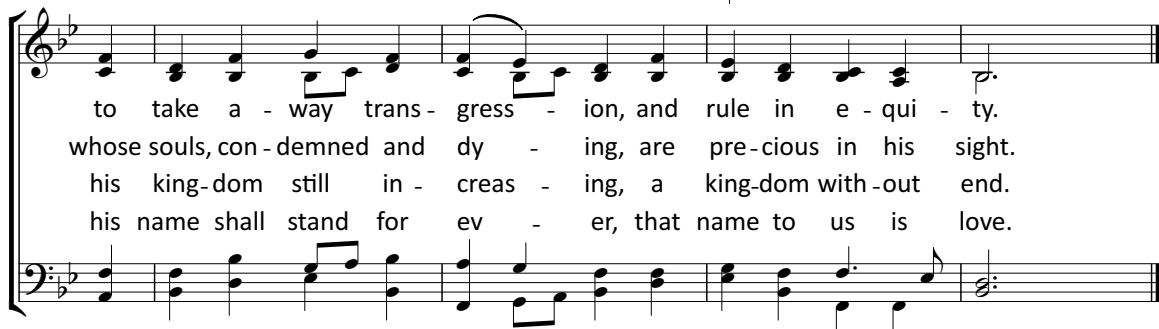
1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er son!
2. He comes with jus - tice spee - dy, to those who suf - fer wrong,
3. Kings shall fall down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring.
4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - tor - ious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
All na - tions shall a - dore him; his praise all peo - ple sing.
from age to age more glor - ious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall ne - ver his co - ve - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gress - ion, and rule in e - qui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for ev - er, that name to us is love.

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 heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Postlude

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

The flowers in the chancel are given by Bob and Kathy Fulstone in loving memory of their parents.

Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the Hanley Road entrance, on the table outside the Choir Room, and online at www.centralpres.com at the "Sunday @ Central" page.

Central Presbyterian Church
7700 Davis Drive, Clayton, Missouri 63105 + 314-727-2777
www.centralpres.com