

10:45 service + September 24, 2017

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# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: reconciliation, belonging, ambassadors, healing

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

## Come, People of the Risen King

Text and tune: Keith and Kristyn Getty 2008  
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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-joice! Re-joice! 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 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.*

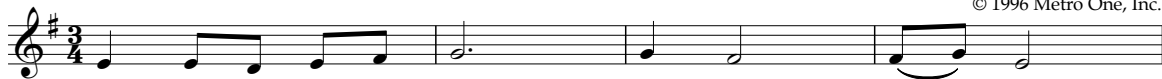
(silent prayers of confession)

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.

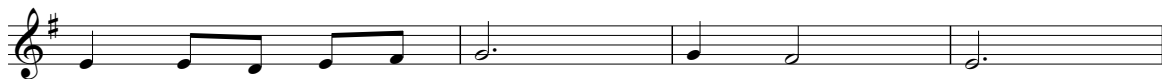
**All (sing):** stanza 3 and chorus of “Come, O Redeemer, Come” (below)

## Come, O Redeemer, Come

Text and tune: Fernando Ortega 1996  
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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)



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

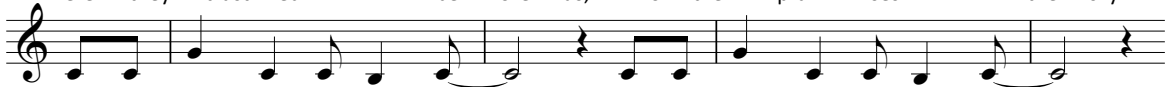
Text: John Newton 1774  
Tune: Laura Taylor 2001  
© 2001 Laura Taylor Music



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 to 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.  
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 has 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.



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.

## We greet one another with the peace of Christ

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# 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

# Though the World and Many Idols

Text: Gina Tuck 2010, © 2010 Gina Tuck  
Tune: Sherdonna Denholm 2010, © 2010 Sherdonna Denholm

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

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 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.

**Music for Communion:** Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (below)  
Abiding City (page 7)

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux c. 1160, tr. Ray Palmer 1858  
Tune: Brian T. Murphy 2003, © 2003 Red Mountain Music

1. Je - sus thou Joy of lov - ing hearts, thou Fount of  
 2. Thy Truth un - on 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, those thou Light of men, from the best bliss that thee  
 feast up - on thee call. To them that seek thee  
 change - ful lot is cast. Glad when thy grac - ious  
 mo - ments calm and bright. Chase when the dark night - ious of

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

# Abiding City

Text and tune: Sandra McCracken 2005, © 2005 Same Old Dress Music

1. O sweet home of love and peace,  
 2. Addic-tions, em - pty and mis - es,  
 3. Spi - rit, heal our nei - bor - hood,  
 4. Ci - ty 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,  
 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 pa - ra - dise.  
 as we look for the cit - y that's yet to come.  
 O, | can - not i - ma - gine it.

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

## 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

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.

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