



**CENTRAL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

January 17, 2021

9 & 10:45am



Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Cole Lescher

**Themes and Keywords:** rest, weary, presence, shepherd

## PRELUDE

**Still, Still With Thee**  
**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**  
Sandy Weltman, Harmonica

F. Mendelssohn/Forrest  
J.S. Bach

*STANDING (IF ABLE)*

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 106:1; 34:3, 8, 10; 116:13

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Taste and see that the LORD is good.

**I will lift up the cup of salvation**  
**and call on the name of the LORD.**

Come, magnify the LORD with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together,**  
**for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

## WE PRAISE GOD

### All Creatures of Our God and King

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; para. William H. Draper  
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -  
3. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your  
4. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless and wor - ship Him in hum - ble -



sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en  
long O praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -  
part. O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row  
ness. O praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise Him, O  
 joice! Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice!  
 bear praise God and cast on Him your care.  
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one!

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**He died for us that we might live for him.**

*SEATED*

## GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Lord Jesus, you have come to us in love as the bread of heaven  
to give life to the world and to satisfy our deepest hunger.

**But we often look away from you, seeking life from other sources,  
as if we need neither your presence or provision.**

**We try to feed our souls instead  
with pleasures that pass away  
and possessions that cannot satisfy.**

You made us to rest freely from our work with hearts of contentment.

**But our hearts are restless and weary when we do not rest in you.**

**We are prone to look to ourselves rather than looking to you,  
and our lives are full of work that is frantic and anxious  
because we do not receive rest from you.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Bread of Life, help us look to you in our weariness

for you are good and those who seek you will lack no good thing.

Open our eyes to realize your powerful provision.

Open our hearts to rest in your steadfast love.

Open our hands to receive your generous gifts with gratitude,  
that we might be set free to serve and to rest  
with all boldness, peace, and joy.

*STANDING (IF ABLE)*

## GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from Romans 8:31-32; 2 Peter 1:3

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? God's divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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.

**Hallelujah, Amen!**

# WE PRAISE GOD

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church during the song and will return during the offering.

## His Mercy Is More

Text and Tune: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa  
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& Love Your Enemies Publishing

1. What love can re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
2. What pat - ience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His

ni - scient, all know - ing he counts not their sum, thrown  
Fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment; his life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

sins they are ma - ny. His mer - cy is more.

**Chorus:**  
Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more, stron - ger than dark - ness,  
new ev' - ry morn. Our sins they are ma - ny. His mer - cy is more.

## GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-44

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and go there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup> But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup> Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

## GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

Sermon Notes:

"Jesus, Our Rest"  
Taylor Bruce

## WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

**Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting**

Text: Jean S. Pigott, 1876  
Tune: David B. Hampton © 2004 New Spring Publishing, Inc.



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.  
 2. O, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast-er broad-er than the sea!  
 3. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on \_\_\_\_\_ me as I work and wait for Thee.



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing \_\_\_\_\_ heart.  
 O, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on \_\_\_\_\_ me!  
 Rest-ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows \_\_\_\_\_ flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on \_\_\_\_\_ Thee, and Thy beaut - y fills my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bright-ness of my Fath - er's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fath - er's face, \_\_\_\_\_



For by Thy trans-form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me \_\_\_\_\_ whole.  
 Know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it \_\_\_\_\_ mine.  
 Keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing; fill me with \_\_\_\_\_ Thy \_\_\_\_\_ grace.



Je - sus, - I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. \_\_\_\_\_



I am find - ing out the great - ness of \_\_\_\_\_ Thy lov - ing \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(prayers for the church and the world)

**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.**

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...  
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.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in a Classical Style

G. Young

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