



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 17, 2021

8:30am



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

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Taylor Bruce

Themes and Keywords: steady, rooted, hope

PRELUDE

Intermezzo in A Major Op. 118 No. 2

J. Brahms

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 33:1, 8, 18-19

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

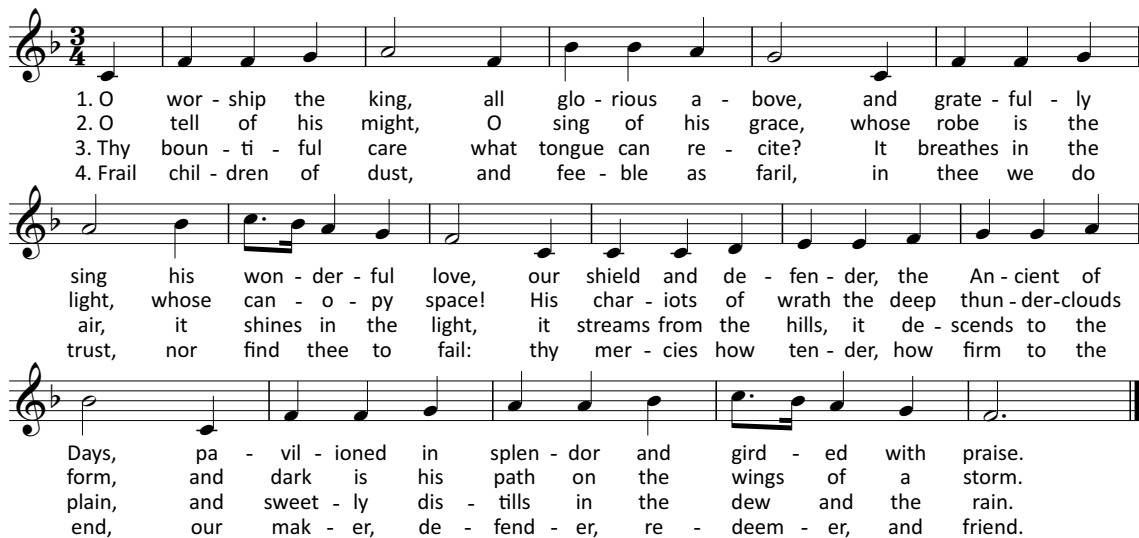
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death.**

WE PRAISE GOD

O Worship the King

Text: Robert Grant, 1833
Tune: William Gardner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815
attr. Johann Michael Haydn



1. O wor - ship the king, all glo - rious a - bove, and grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as faril, in thee we do

sing his won - der - ful love, our shield and de - fen - der, the An - cient of
light, whose can - o - py space! His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der-clouds
air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
trust, nor find thee to fail: thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the

Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
form, and dark is his path on the wings of a storm.
plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
end, our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.

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 Isaiah 30:15, 18

For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all who wait for him.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Sovereign Lord, you have chosen us in love
and redeemed us with wondrous works
to live with trust in the glory of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

**But in times of trouble or times of ease,
we are quick to forget the story that makes us who we are,
the history of your steadfast love
that carries us through every trial.**

**We are quick to trust the idols of our own culture and our own hearts
to be our help and our hope
and slow to trust that you are the stability of our times.**

**And so we have been unfaithful to you in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Father, help us always remember your faithfulness in all things. Fix our eyes on Jesus, so that we will be firmly rooted in your story and steady in every trial. Give us trust in your steadfast love and faithfulness by the power of your Holy Spirit so that our ways will always be faithful and fruitful. Amen.

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!

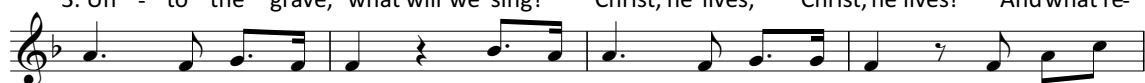
WE PRAISE GOD

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

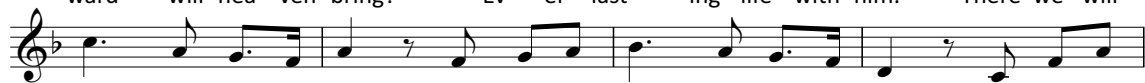
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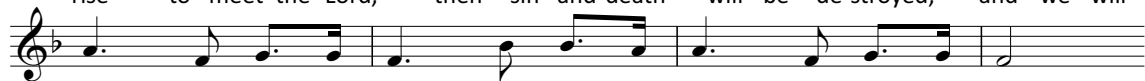
1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What is our
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his
3. Un-to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re-



on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-long. Who holds our
grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our
ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with him. There we will



days with-in his hand? What comes, a-part from his com-mand? And what will
faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the
rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.

chorus



O sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal. O sing hal-le-



lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

SEATED

GOD BAPTIZES HIS CHILDREN

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM BY PROFESSING OUR FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* "hell" here means the place or state of the dead, not a place or state of punishment. The creed affirms that Jesus experienced the full reality of human death as his soul was severed from his dead body until his resurrection restored the full unity of his person.

** "catholic" here means universal, not Roman Catholic.

NEW BAPTIZED MEMBER

Hannah Grace Marsh

Daughter of Jordan and Stephanie Marsh
Sister of Mary Kate, Hadley, and Molly Marsh
Granddaughter of Jeff and Ellen Marsh

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

O Love
Chancel Choir

Text: George Matheson
Music: Elaine Hagenberg © 2016 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths it's flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 8:18-27

¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. ¹⁹ He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²² As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. ²³ And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴ His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵ By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. ²⁶ The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now." ²⁷ And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

Sermon Notes:

"How Far Now?"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

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STANDING (IF ABLE)

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

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and Michael Farren © 2018 CityAlight Music



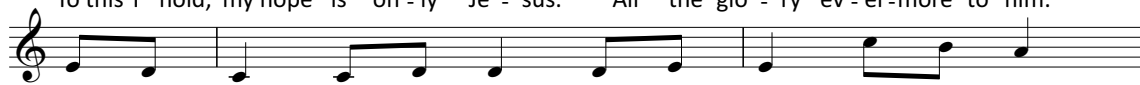
1. What gift of grace is Je-sus my re-deem-er? There is no more for hea-ven now to give.
2. The night is dark, but I am not for-sak-en, for by my side, the sav-ior, he will stay.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv-en. The fu-ture sure, the price, it has been paid.
4. With ev-ery breath I long to fol-low Je-sus, for he has said that he will bring me home.



He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and free-dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace.
I lab-or on in weak-ness and re-joic-ing, for in my need, his pow-er is dis-played.
For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my par-don, and he was raised to ov-er-throw the grave.
And day by day I know he will re-new me un-til I stand with joy be-fore the throne.



To this I hold, my hope is on-ly Je-sus, for my life is whol-ly bound to his.
To this I hold, my shep-herd will de-fend me through the deep-est val-ley he will lead.
To this I hold, my sin has been de-feat-ed. Je-sus now, and ev-er, is my plea.
To this I hold, my hope is on-ly Je-sus. All the glo-ry ev-er-more to him.



Oh how strange and di-vine, I can sing: all is mine!
Oh the night has been won, and I shall o-ver-come!
Oh the chains are re-leased, I can sing: I am free!
When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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.

WE PRAISE GOD

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Text: William Williams, 1745; trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Tune: John Hughes, 1905

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow.
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side.

I am weak, but Thou art might - y, hold me with Thy
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me 'till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.
be Thou still my strength and shield. Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

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

Rondo in G

J. Bull

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*; Cathy Benton, *piano and organ*

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