



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 17, 2021

11:15am



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

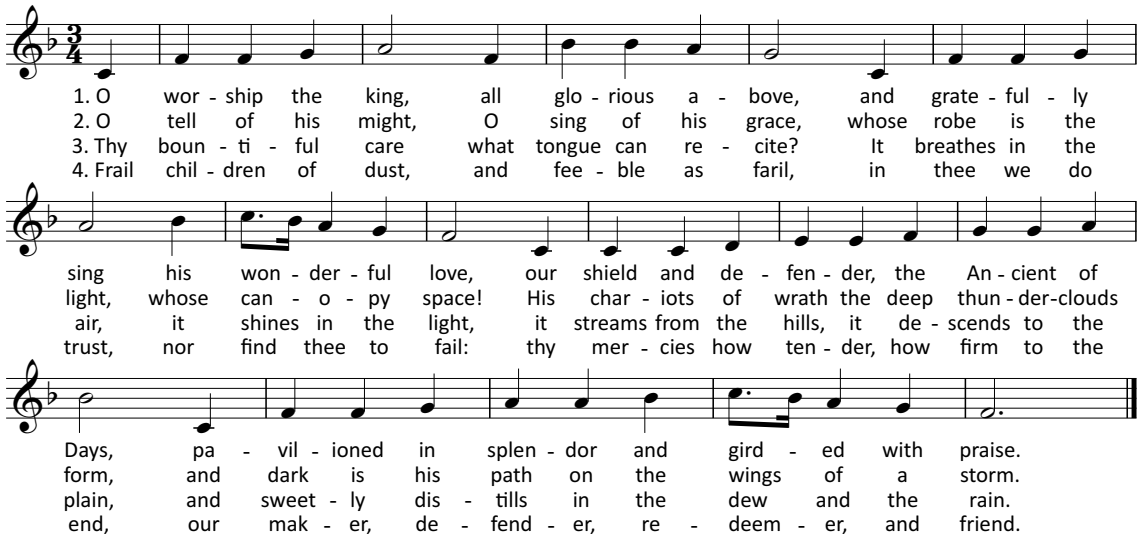
from Psalm 33:1, 8, 18-19

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

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

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

Text and Tune: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Merker, and Matt Papa © 2020 Getty Music Publishing (BMI)

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 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

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

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1787
Tune: Christopher Miner, 1997
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1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand and cast a wish - ful eye
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day.
3. No chill - ing winds nor poi - sonous breath can reach that health - ful shore,
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blessed?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.
There God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way. **(chorus)**
where sick - ness, sor - row, pain, and death are felt and feared no more. **(chorus)**
When shall I see my Fa - ther's face and in his bos - om rest? **(chorus)**



Chorus: I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land.



I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land.

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

Rondo in G

J. Bull

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano*; Scott Schlueter, *guitar*;
Pete Johnson, *percussion and vocals*; Naima Wartts, Stewart Geisz, *vocals*

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