



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 7, 2021

8:30am



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

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Charles Godwin

Themes and Keywords: sovereign, weak, strong, spiritual war

PRELUDE

Arioso
There Is a Fountain

J.S. Bach
D. Forrest

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 148:1-2, 11-13

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women together,
old men and women and children!
Let us praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

WE PRAISE GOD

Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1861



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee, Cast - ing down their
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! tho' the dark - ness hide Thee, Tho' the eye of
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All Thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see; On - ly Thou art ho - ly;
praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;

mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
fall - ing down be - fore Thee, Who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shall be.
there is none be - side Thee, Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
merc - i - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

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.

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GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from Psalm 139:23-24

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:

Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!

See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting,
that we may perfectly love you and honor your great name.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Almighty God, we know that we live in the middle of spiritual conflict with spiritual powers that we cannot see.

**But we are prone to live
as if reality is only what we can see and measure,
and we forget the evil one who seeks to devour us.
Or we try to fight spiritual war with worldly weapons
in the strength and strategy of our flesh
rather than the ways of your Spirit,
seeking control and comfort
more with busy activity than prayer,
more with anxiety and anger than humble trust
in your sovereign rule and protection.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Our Father in heaven, fill us with the Spirit of Christ so that we will stand firm in faith in the midst of spiritual battle, armed with your saving righteousness and the power of your word. Give us the peace that helps us persevere in hope as we trust your sovereign rule over all creation and every spiritual power. Amen.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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

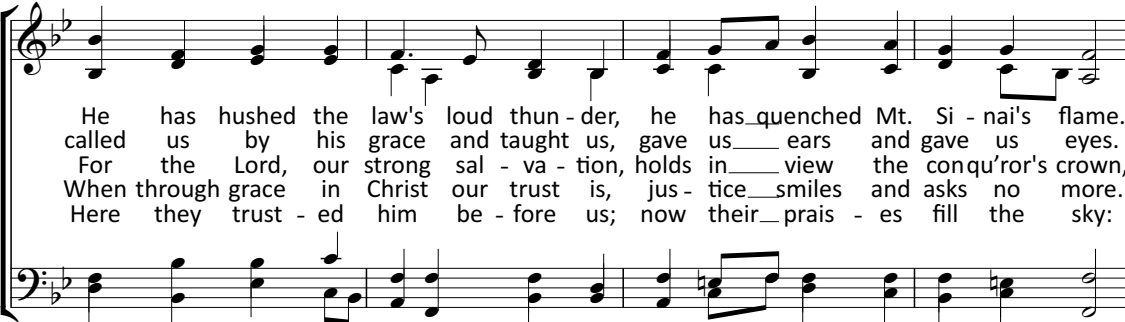
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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

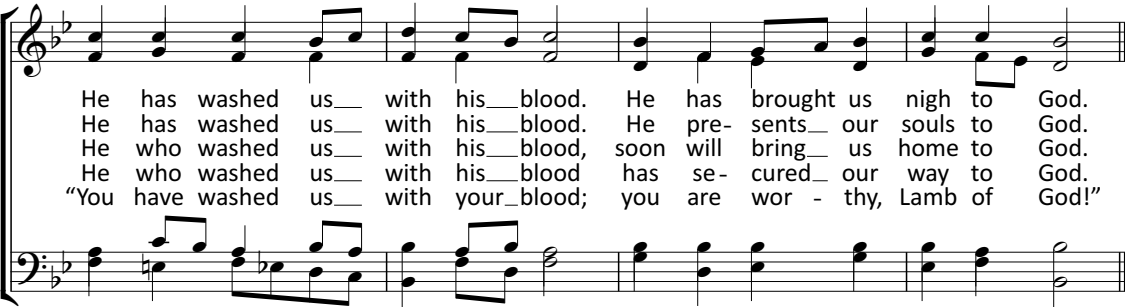
Text: John Newton, 1774
Tune: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698



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!"

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul
Chancel Choir

Words and Music: Anne Steele
arr. by Shelton Ridge Love
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Dear refuge of my weary soul, on You, when sorrows rise,
On You, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To You I tell each rising grief, for You alone can heal;
Your Word can bring a sweet relief for ev'ry pain I feel.

Have You not bid me seek Your face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find a place to breathe my sorrows there.

O gracious God, where shall I flee? You are my only trust;
My weary soul will cleave to You, though prostrate in the dust.
Your mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Your will, and wait beneath Your feet.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 10:1-14

¹ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. ² In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. ³ I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. ⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) ⁵ I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. ⁹ Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground. ¹⁰ And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

Sermon Notes:

"More Than Meets the Eye"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

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STANDING (IF ABLE)

The Lord Is My Salvation

Text: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, Jonas Myran
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Verses



1. The grace of God has reached for me	and pulled me from a rag - ing sea,
2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls.	His strength will help me scale these walls.
3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord.	He flow'rs each prom - ise of his Word.
4. In times of wait - ing, times of need,	when I know loss, when I am weak,
5. And when I reach my fin - al day,	he will not leave me in the grave,

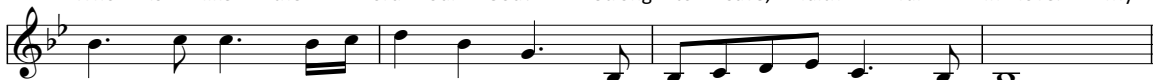


and I am safe	on this sol - id ground:	The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (verse 2)
I'll see the dawn	of the ris - ing sun:	The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (chorus)
When win - ter fades,	I know spring will come:	The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (verse 4)
I know his grace	will re - new these days:	The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (chorus)
but I will rise;	he will call me home:	The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (chorus)

chorus



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My



debt is paid and the vic - t'ry won: the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

bridge



Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry be to God the Son.



Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit. The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

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.

SEATED

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, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? We'd like to help with that process. Contact Karen Brown (kbrown@centralpres.com) for more information or to get started!

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

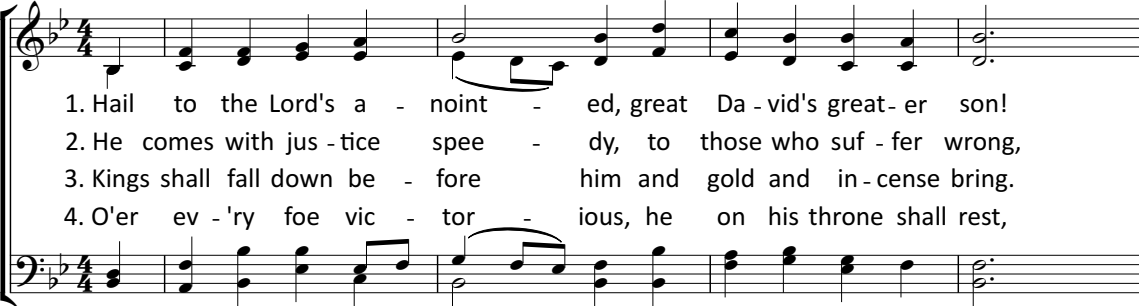
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD

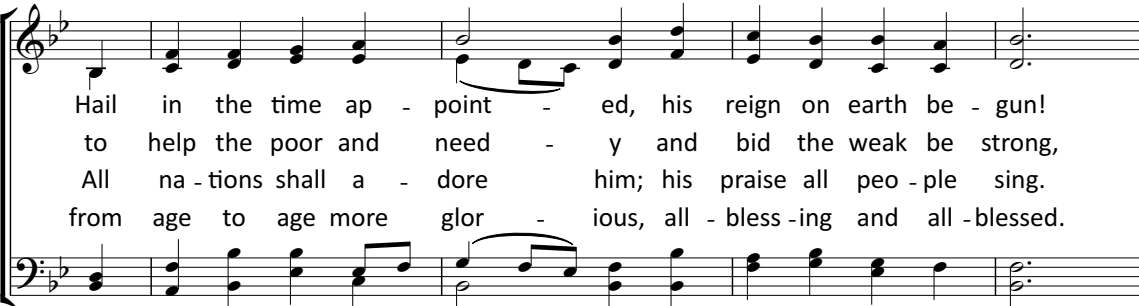
Psalm 72: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Text: James Montgomery, 1821


Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1613



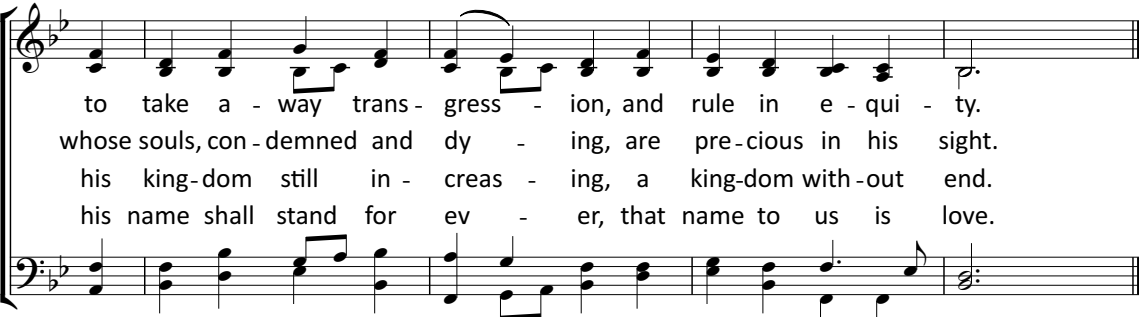
1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er son!
2. He comes with jus - tice spee - dy, to those who suf - fer wrong,
3. Kings shall fall down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring.
4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - tor - ious, he on his throne shall rest,



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

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

Sinfonia from Cantata 29

J.S. Bach

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

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Bill Toole by his family.

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