



CHRIST THE KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 24, 2024

“We Gather Together”

*by Theodore Baker*

We gather together  
To ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens  
His will to make known.

The wicked oppressing  
Now cease from distressing  
Sing praises to His name;  
He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us,  
Our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining  
His kingdom divine.

So from the beginning,  
The fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side,  
All glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee,  
Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still  
Our Defender will be.

Let Thy congregation  
Escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised!  
O Lord, make us free!



# CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** *O Lord, we come before You, confessing our smallness and need, yet resting in Your boundless grace. You are the fountain of all goodness, the source of all life, the light in our darkness.*

**People:** We lift our hearts to You, O God, for You alone satisfy the longing soul and fill the hungry with good things.

**Leader:** *Grant us this day to worship in spirit and truth, to find in You our peace, our joy, our all.*

**All:** Be glorified in us, O Lord, as we offer You the praise that is Yours forevermore. Amen.

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

# “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

*by George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring,  
and Matthew Bridges*

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own

Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save



His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified

No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends each burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of years  
The Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
Ineffably sublime

All hail Redeemer hail  
For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity

“Oh Give Thanks To The Lord”

*by Wendell Kimbrough*

We were wandering in the desert  
With our souls so starved and weak  
We were hungry for a homeland  
We did not know how to seek

But we lifted up our voices  
To the only One who hears  
And the God of mercy came  
and brought us near



We were locked out of the garden  
And our backs bent down with pain  
In the shadow of death's darkness  
We were slaves to sin and blame

Then we cried out in our labor  
To the only One who hears  
And the God of mercy wiped  
away our tears

Oh give thanks to the Lord  
For His love endures forever  
We were wandering and lost  
And our Father brought us home

To a safe, dwelling place  
To a feast of joy and laughter  
Oh give thanks to the Lord  
for He is good

We were fools in our rebellion  
With our hunger strike of pride  
We were sick and growing closer  
To the death we should have died

Then He heard of our condition  
And He called us by our names  
And the God of glory took  
away our shame

Oh give thanks to the Lord  
For His love endures forever  
We were wandering and lost  
And our Father brought us home

To a safe, dwelling place  
To a feast of joy and laughter  
Oh give thanks to the Lord  
for He is good



We were far out on the ocean  
Making wealth and chasing dreams  
But the waves of great destruction  
Brought us trembling to our knees

And we cried like drunken sailors  
To the only One who hears  
And the God of comfort took  
away our fears

Oh give thanks to the Lord  
For His love endures forever  
We were wandering and lost  
And our Father brought us home

To a safe dwelling place  
To a feast of joy and laughter  
Oh give thanks to the Lord  
for He is good

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

O Holy and Righteous God, we confess that our hearts are prone to wander and our souls are sluggish in devotion. We have loved the fleeting pleasures of this world more than Your eternal beauty, sought our own will above Yours, and trusted in our strength instead of Your grace.

Our thoughts have been anxious, our words careless, and our deeds stained with selfishness. We grieve our coldness toward You and our neglect of Your commands. Cleanse us by the blood of Christ, renew us by Your Spirit, and set our affections wholly on You, that we may walk in Your light and delight in Your glory. Amen.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Isaiah 1:18

*Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

“Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted ”

*by Joseph Swain and Kevin Twit*

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown

Look to Jesus

Look to Jesus

Look to Jesus

Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it  
Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it  
While His grace shall guide your feet

Safe to glory

Safe to glory

Safe to glory

Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,  
Bless the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,  
And in Him, alone rejoice;

His commandments

His commandments

His commandments

Then become their happy choice



Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary,  
Is the rest the cross supplies;

All who taste it  
All who taste it  
All who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise

## GREETING

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** *Let us share His peace with one another.*

*Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.*

*Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.*

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

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 19–21

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!





# “Sweet Comfort”

*by Sandra McCracken and Latifah Phillips*

Whatever my God ordains is right  
His holy will abides  
I will be still what'er He does  
And follow where He guides

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

Whatever my God ordains is right  
He makes my feet to stand  
Though sorrow, need or death be mine  
He holds me in His hand

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

This bitter cup, I take it  
My fainting heart restored  
So here I stand, unshaken  
I trust upon the Lord

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me I shall not fall  
What'er my God ordains is right  
To Him I leave it all



Sweet comfort, sweet comfort

Yet shall fill my heart

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort

Sorrow shall depart

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# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

**Minister:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People:** And also with you!

**Minister:** *Lift up your hearts!*

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

*Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.*

*As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.*

*Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.*

“We Will Feast In The House Of Zion”

*by Sandra McCracken*

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more



In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# Announcements

## Benediction - from Micah 6:8

*God has told you, O church, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? Amen.*

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen (4x)





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