



CHRIST THE KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

# “Eternal Weight of Glory”

*Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough*

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suffering seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wondering  
Threaten silence to our song.

Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!

Oh inheritance divine!

We will see our Lord redeeming

Every past and future time.

All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.

For behold! I tell a mystery:  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake.  
“Death is swallowed up in victory!”  
When we meet our King of Grace.

Every year we thought was wasted.  
Every night we cried “How long?”  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior’s victory song.



We will see our wounded Savior.  
We'll behold him face to face;  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as victory songs of grace.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 68:4

**All:** *Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the  
deserts;  
his name is the LORD; exult before him!*

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

“Come, Oh Come,  
O Quickening Spirit”

*Words: Heinrich Held*

*Music: Joshua Bennetch*

Come, Oh come, O quickening Spirit,  
God before the dawn of time.  
Fire our hearts with holy ardor,  
Blessed comforter sublime.  
Let your radiance fill our night—  
Turning darkness into light.

Only that which you desire  
Be our object, with your hand  
Lead our every thought and action,  
Let them be at Your command.  
All our sinfulness erase—  
With the increase of Your grace.



Blessed Spirit still renewing  
All who dwell upon the earth,  
When the evil one assails us,  
Help us prove our heavenly birth;  
Arm us with Your mighty sword—  
In the legions of the Lord.

Help us keep the faith forever,  
Let not Satan, death, or shame  
Draw us from you or deprive us  
Of the honor of Your name.  
When the foe would lure us hence—  
Be, O God, our sure defense.

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

*by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall, his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name



But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore!

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

**Leader:** *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,*

**All:** slow to anger and of great kindness.

**Leader:** *He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*

**All:** nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**Leader:** *For as high as the heavens are  
high above the earth,*

**All:** so great is his mercy upon those who  
fear him.

*Pause for a moment of silent confession.*



# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**All:** Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

**Leader:** As far as the east is from the west,

**All:** so far has he set our sins from us.

**Leader:** *As a father has compassion on his children,*

**All:** so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

**Leader:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

**All:** and all that is within me bless his holy name.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*by Charles Wesley and Greg Thompson*

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.

All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.



Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

## 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 6–7

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!





# “From the Depths of Woe” (Psalm 130)

*Words: Martin Luther*

*Music: Christopher Miner*

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee,  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark.

O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might.

And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support.

I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)



Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free.

From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)  
From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# CONFESSION OF FAITH

## **Heidelberg Catechism - Q&A 1**

**Q.** *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**A.** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

*(cont.)*

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**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.*



“Are You Weary, Are You Languid”

*by John Mason Neale*

Are you weary, are you languid,  
are you sore distressed?

"Come to me," says One, "and, coming,  
be at rest."

Has he marks to lead me to him,  
if he be my Guide?

"In his feet and hands are wound-prints,  
and his side."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling,  
is he sure to bless?

"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs  
answer yes."

Is there diadem, as Monarch,  
that his brow adorns?

"Yes, a crown, in very surety,  
but of thorns."

If I find him, if I follow,  
what his promise here?  
"Many a sorrow, many a labor,  
many a tear."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling,  
is he sure to bless?

"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs  
answer yes."

If I ask him to receive me,  
will he say me nay?

"Not till earth and not till heaven  
pass away."



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"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs  
answer yes."

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# Announcements

# Benediction

*The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith.*

# 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.



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