



“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

Galatians 4:4-5

We gather to worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PREPARATORY HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WELCOME

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HYMN

Here Is Love

HYMN

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PREPARATORY HYMN: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord:
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



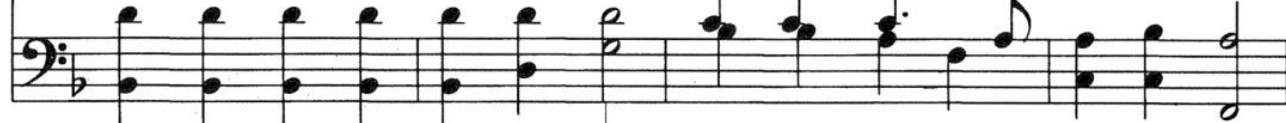

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild; God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.




Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,




With an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Im - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.




Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. George Whitefield (1714-1770)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); arr. William H. Cummings (1831-1915), Public Domain

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 1:4B-6

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al- might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! tho' the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al- might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Tho' the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), Music: John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

WHAT CHILD IS THIS



1. What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED (381 A.D.)

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
of the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again,

according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic*,
and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins**.
We look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come.
Amen.

Explanation of the Creed:

Belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is essential to biblical faith. In 381 A.D., in the city of Constantinople, elders from all over the Christianized world formed a council to articulate the Bible's teaching concerning our Triune God. This creed, based on a prior formulation composed in Nicea in 325 A.D., is commonly known as the Nicene Creed of 381 A.D. The creed clarifies several crucial Biblical truths in dispute at the time, especially that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are truly divine. The creed remains a helpful summary of the Christian faith today.

**The word "catholic" (small-c) simply means "universal," and is not a reference to the Roman Catholic church.*

***The phrase, "We confess one baptism for the remission of sins," does not mean that baptism causes our sins to be forgiven, but that the Christian gospel depicted by baptism is the only gospel that truly saves.*

SCRIPTURE READING

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 8:5-6

⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

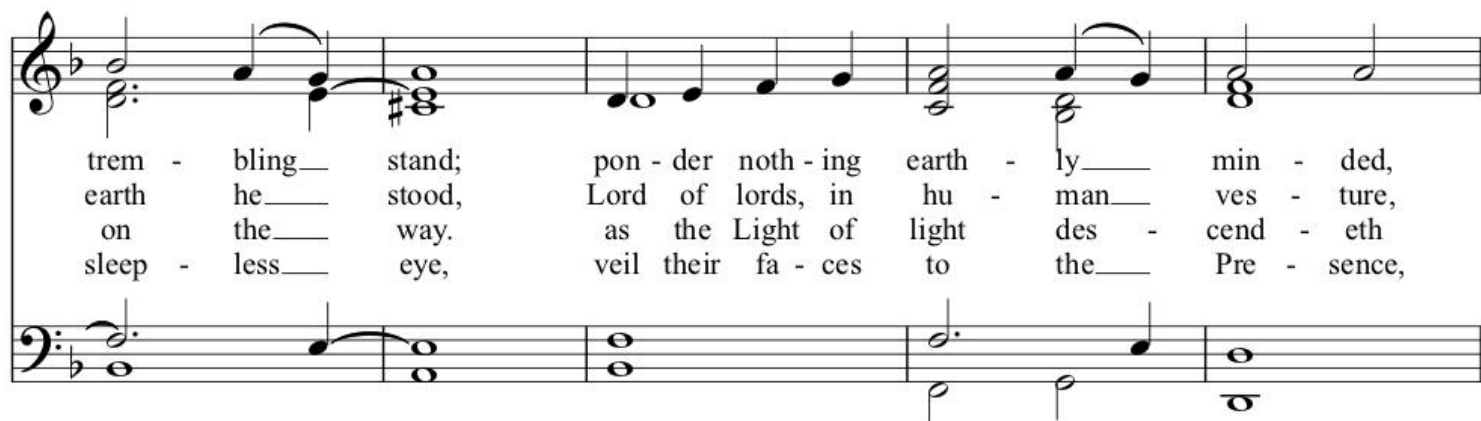
TITUS 3:4-6

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

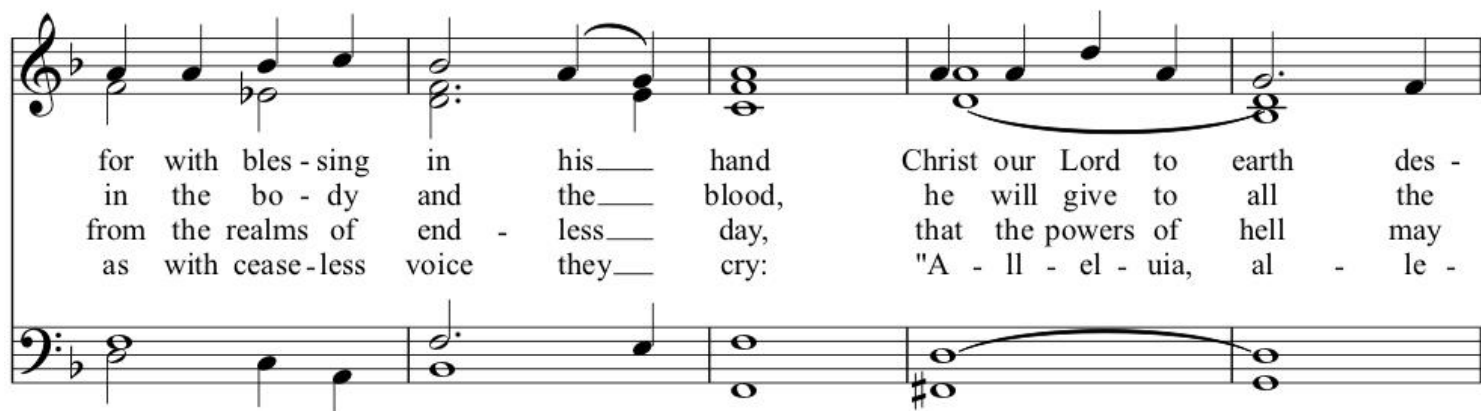
LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



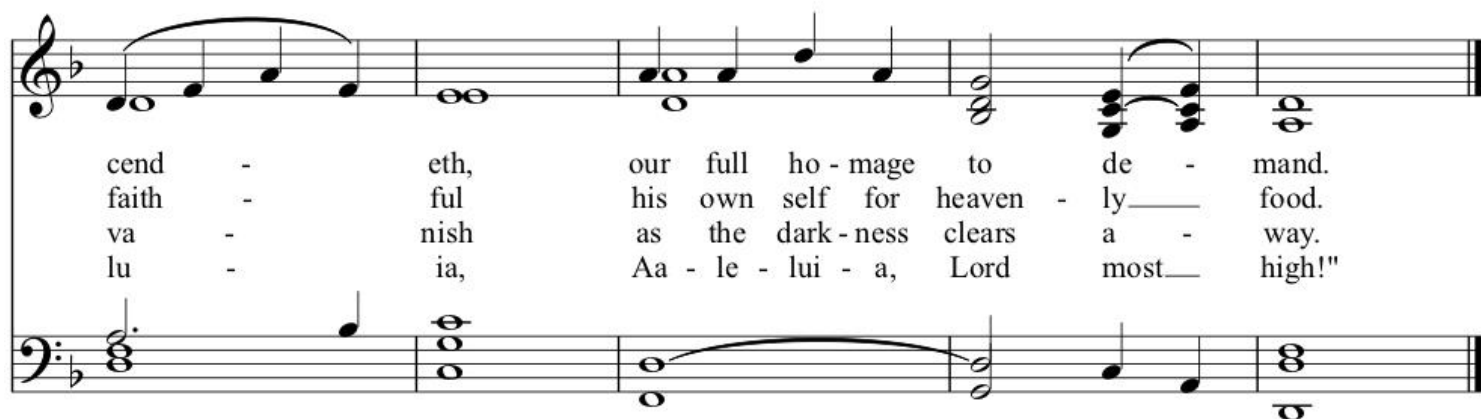
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep — si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of — Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of — hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged — se - raph, che - ru - bim, with



trem - bling — stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly — min - ded,
 earth he — stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man — ves - ture,
 on the — way. as the Light of light des - cend - eth
 sleep - less — eye, veil their fa - ces to the — Pre - sence,



for with bles - sing in his — hand Christ our Lord to earth des -
 in the bo - dy and the — blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less — day, that the powers of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they — cry: "A - ll - el - uia, al - le -



cend - eth, our full ho - mage to de - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly — food.
 va - nish as the dark - ness clears a — way.
 lu - ia, Aa - le - lui - a, Lord most — high!"

*Words: From the Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century; tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885);
 Music: Traditional French Carol, Public Domain*

SERMON

TRIUNE CHRISTMAS

Genesis 1:1 - “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Romans 11:36 – “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

Genesis 1:26 – “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....’”

Psalms 33:6 – “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.”

Matthew 28:19 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit....”

1 John 4:8 – “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Galatians 4:4-6 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’”

SERMON NOTES

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

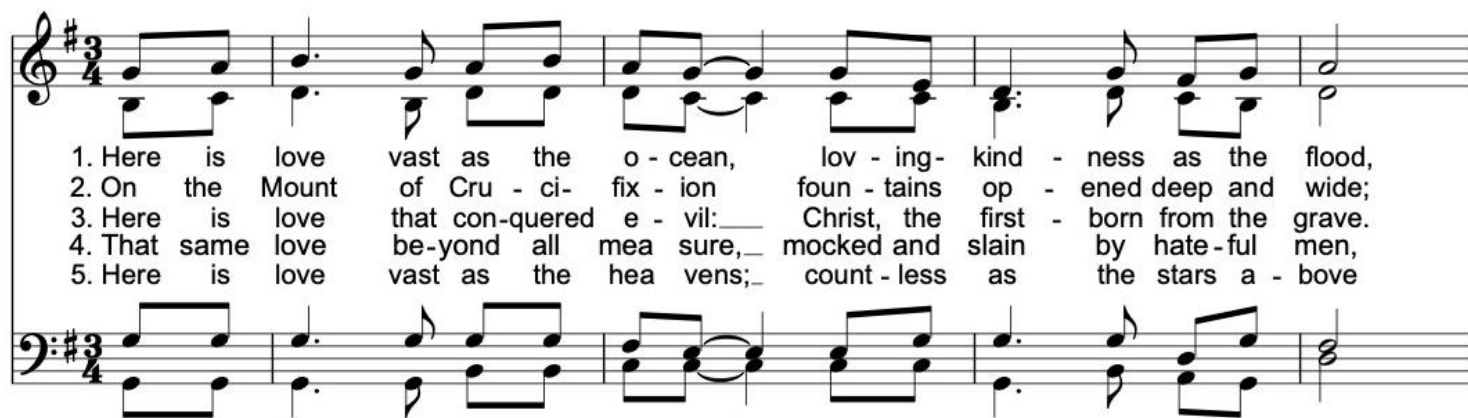
Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

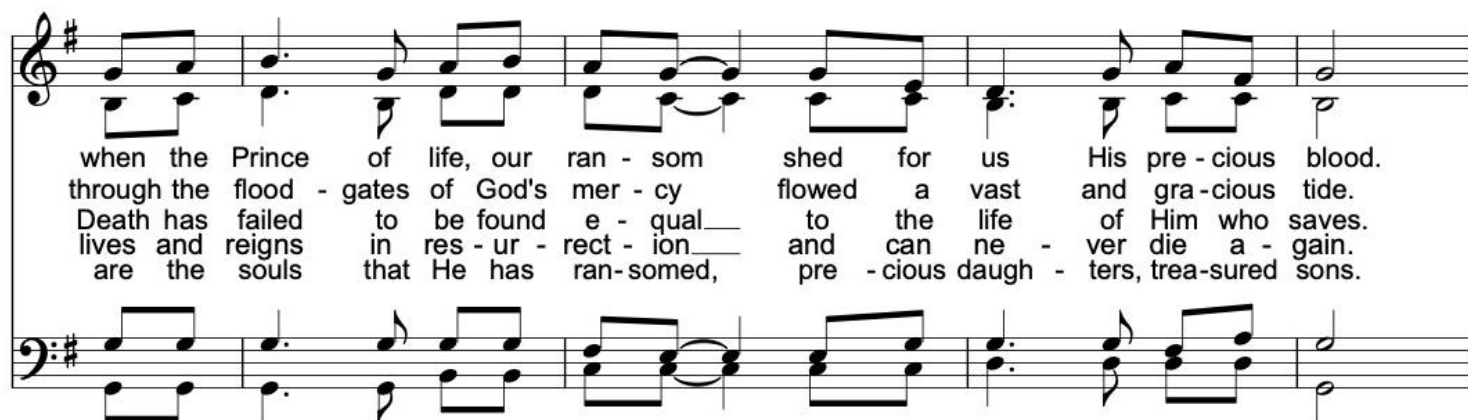
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

HERE IS LOVE



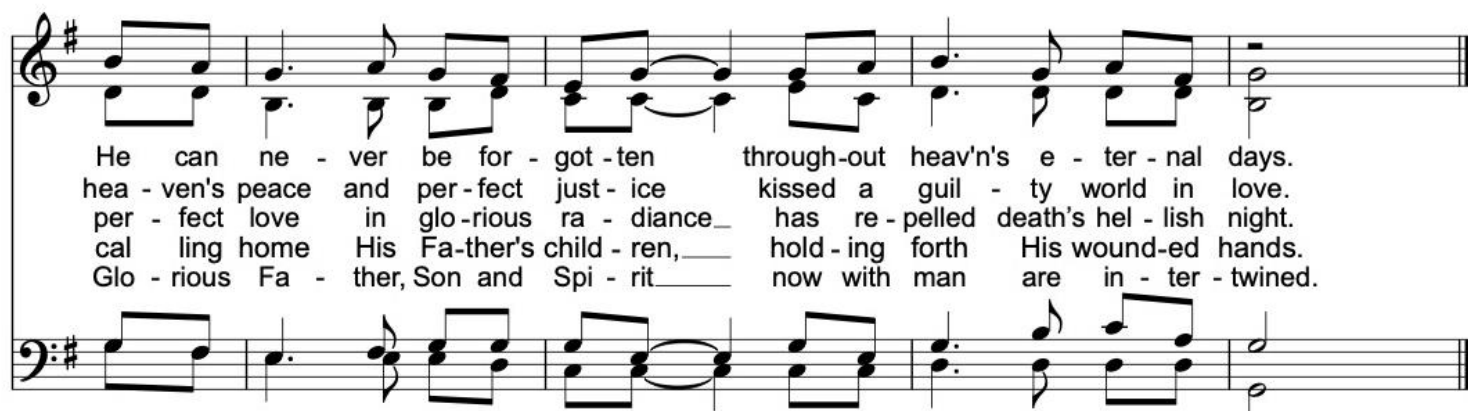
1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the flood,
 2. On the Mount of Cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains op - ened deep and wide;
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave.
 4. That same love be - yond all mea - sure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men,
 5. Here is love vast as the hea - vens; count - less as the stars a - bove



when the Prince of life, our ran - som shed for us His pre - cious blood.
 through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.
 Death has failed to be found e - qual to the life of Him who saves.
 lives and reigns in res - ur - rect - ion and can ne - ver die a - gain.
 are the souls that He has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, trea - sured sons.

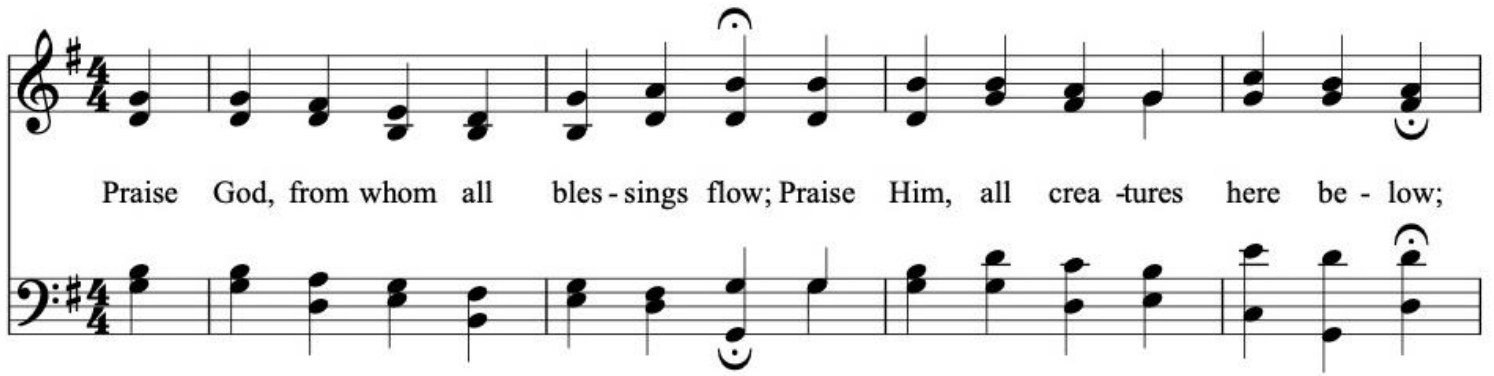


Who His love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise?
 Grace and love, like migh - ty ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;
 In the val - ley of our dark - ness dawned His e - ver - las - ting light;
 Here is love for all the a - ges, ra - diant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
 We are called to feast for - e - ver on a love be - yond our time.



He can ne - ver be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 hea - ven's peace and per - fect just - ice kissed a guil - ty world in love.
 per - fect love in glo - rious ra - diance has re - pelled death's hel - lish night.
 cal ling home His Fa - ther's child - ren, hold - ing forth His wound - ed hands.
 Glo - rious Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit now with man are in - ter - twined.

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;



Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Geneva Psalter (1551) Edition: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Public Domain

WHO IS JESUS?

Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Baptism is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

Discipleship is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

Membership is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

Service to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

VISITORS & GUESTS

Welcome! If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally.

You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about our church or about what it means to be a Christian. Please also take a **Visitor Gift** from the foyer on the way out. We're glad you're here!



Families with Children We offer childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Christmas Cookie Exchange – TODAY

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's service for a Christmas Cookie Exchange and a chance to fellowship with the Reep family before their January departure.

New Songs for 2026

If you are interested in learning the new songs we will be singing together in 2026 ahead of time, you can find a playlist under the "Join Us" tab on our website. We encourage you to listen to those songs ahead of time and come prepared to sing with the congregation in the coming year.

Christmas Eve Service

Invitations are available in the foyer for our Christmas Eve service. Please consider who you can invite to our Lessons and Carols service at 5:30 on the 24th.

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