

# Second Parish OPC

Morning Worship

~ March 9, 2025 ~

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Prayer

Search me, O God. Search me, O Father, and know my heart, know my heart.  
Try me, O God. Try me, O Father, and know my thoughts, know all my thoughts.

The Lord Calls us to Worship | Psalm 116:1-2; 12-13

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Our Response of Praise and Prayer

Songbook 25 | *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

**Refrain:** Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. **Refrain**

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. **Refrain**

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. **Refrain**

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home. **Refrain**

Opening Prayer

Songbook 42 | *O God, Beyond All Praising*

O God beyond all praising, We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor May serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise.

Service of Covenant Renewal

Call to Confession | Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

## The Lord's Law for His Children | Romans 13:8-11

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

### We Offer Prayers of Confession and Petition

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light, yet we confess that it is easy for us to return to the darkness of our sin. We hide from you in guilt and despair. We thank you that our sin and darkness can never overwhelm the shining brightness of your glory. Though we are still prone to walk in darkness, we look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Lord, draw our hearts from darkness to light through the work of the Holy Spirit; draw us to the glory of our Redeemer; cause us to hate the darkness of our sin and flee to Jesus, the joy of our salvation. This we ask, in His name.

#### Congregational Prayer

Songbook 64 | *Ancient of Days*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings I will watch and wait for the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face In the presence of the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days  
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Scripture | 1 Peter 2:11-17, Part 3

Sermon | WITNESSING: KINGDOM EXILES FOR GOOD

Prayer of Application

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude