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children's ministries

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- * Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- * Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- * Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- * Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,
Pastor Wiersema**

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!



Call to Worship: from Psalm 54

God calls us to worship Him from His Word.

PASTOR: *Behold, God is my helper.*

PEOPLE: The Lord is the upholder of my life.

PASTOR: *With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you.*

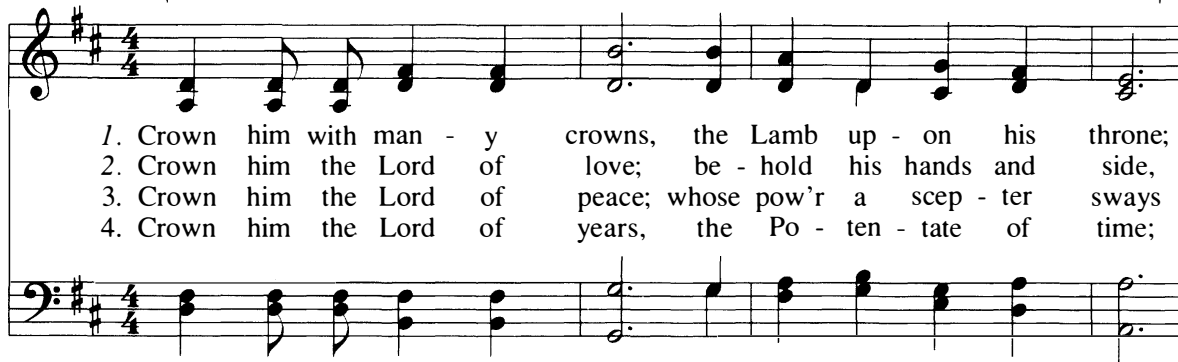
ALL: **I will give thanks to your name, O LORD,
for it is good.**



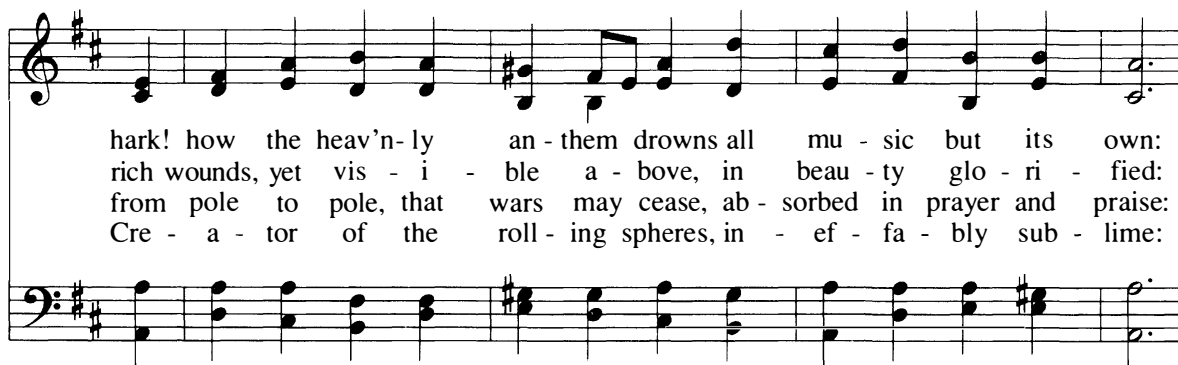
Hymn of Adoration:

Crown Him With Many Crowns #295

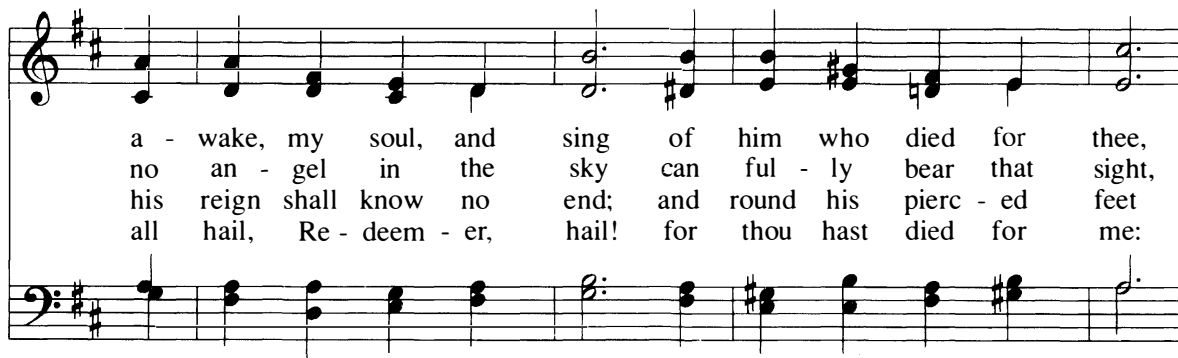
We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



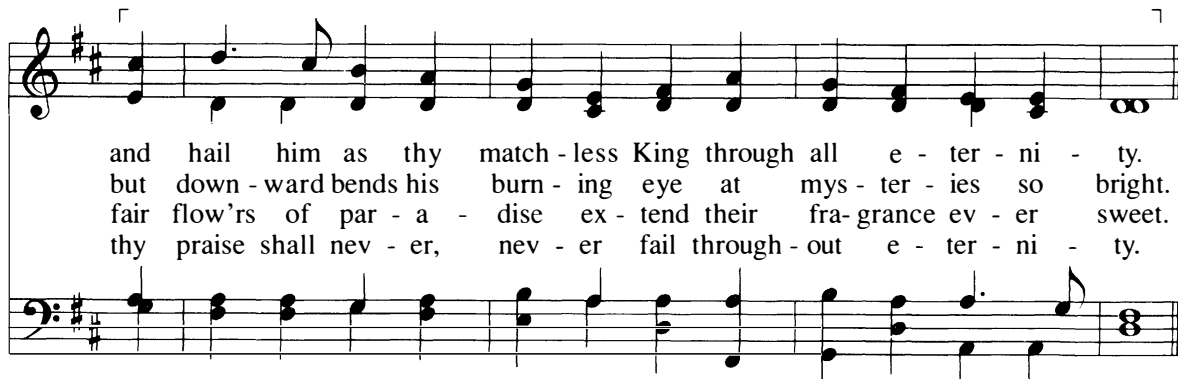
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



Invocation

We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.



Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**We declare what we believe about God —
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen



Doxology

We praise God and call others to praise Him!

Praise God from whom all bless-ings 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.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551



Corporate Confession of Sin: from 1 Corinthians 1

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you.
We are called to be united in our Lord Jesus Christ,
yet instead we divide and separate
from one another.
Instead of seeking agreement,
we are quick to quarrel.
We seek after earthly leaders
instead of following our true king in heaven.
We are swayed by eloquent words
and forget the power of the cross.
Forgive us, O Lord.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Romans 5

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (I Will Arise) (vv.1, 3-5)

We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.



- 1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed__
- 2. Come, ye need - y,___ come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty__
- 3. Come, ye wea - ry,___ heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
- 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
- 5. Lo! th'in - car - nate__ God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it__



- sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save__ you,
- glo - ri - fy; true be - lief__ and true re - pent - ance,
- by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
- fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth
- of His blood: Ven - ture on__ Him, ven - ture whol - ly,



- full of pit - y,___ love and pow'r.
- ev - 'ry grace that__ brings you nigh.
- you will nev - er__ come at all. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,
- is to feel__ your need of Him.
- let no oth - er__ trust in - trude.



He will em-brace me__ in His arms. In the arms__ of



my dear Sav - ior, O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms.

Joseph Hart
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Traditional American Melody
Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

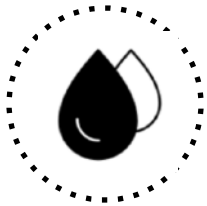


Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



Baptism (11:00)

We see a sign of God's loving adoption and the washing away of sin.



Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally, then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.

ALL: 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,
for ever. Amen



Offertory: The Church's One Foundation

We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.



CHOIR: The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend, to guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end; tho' there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale, against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Tho' with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Children's Worship (8:30 service only)



*Children are always welcome in the service! However, kids **ages 4 through 1st grade** are invited to Children's Worship downstairs in Room 13. A leader will gather them in the Narthex during the final verse of the next hymn and bring them back up to the narthex before Communion.*



Hymn of Preparation:

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er, there is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy,
side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I la - bor on
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled
said that He will bring me home. And day by day,



my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast love,
in weak - ness and re - joic - ing. For in my need,
and suf - fered for my par - don, and He was raised
I know He will re - new me un - til I stand



my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold,
His pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold,
to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold,
with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold,



my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life
my Sav - ior will de - fend me. Through the deep -
my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now
my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo -



is whol - ly bound to His. Oh, how strange and div - ine,
est val - ley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won
and ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased,
ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete



I can sing, "All is mine, yet not I, but through Christ in me."
and I shall o - ver - come, yet not I, but through Christ in me.
I can sing, "I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me."
still my lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."



Sermon: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Who Do You Follow? (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Question for young worshipers:

In whose name were you baptized?

WHO DO YOU

FOLLOW?

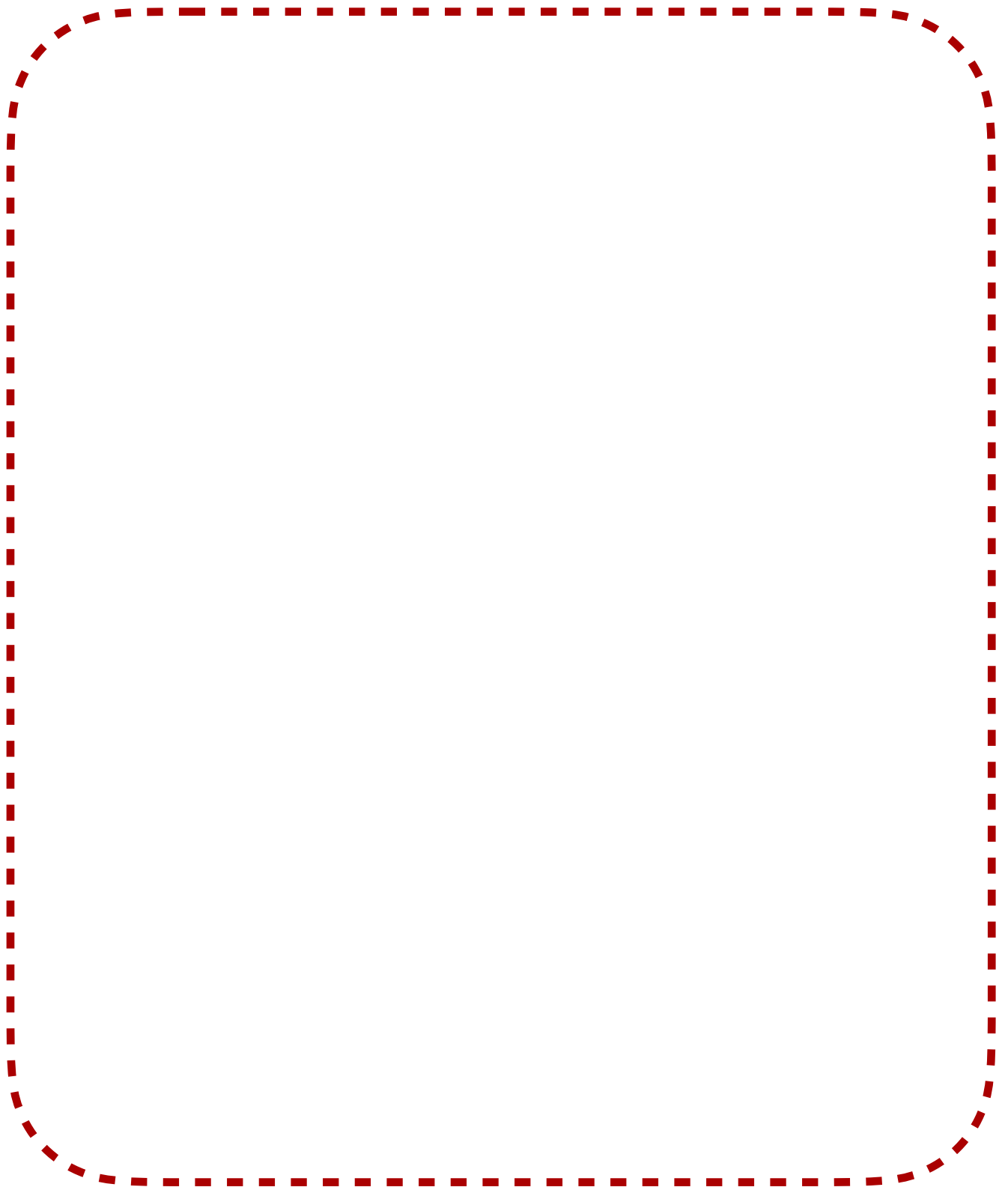
1. Call for Unity

2. Dangers of

Division

3. Power of the

Cross



★ **Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.**



Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

The Power of the Cross

As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your



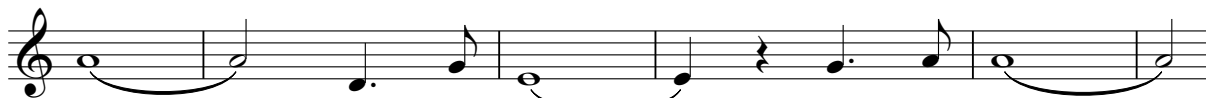
road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
suf - fring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.____
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.____
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.____
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love.____



— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Christ be -
— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Christ be -
— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Christ be -
— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Son of



came____ sin for us;____ took the blame,____
came____ sin for us;____ took the blame,____
came____ sin for us;____ took the blame,____
God—____ slain for us.____ What a love!____



bore the wrath— we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
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bore the wrath— we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.



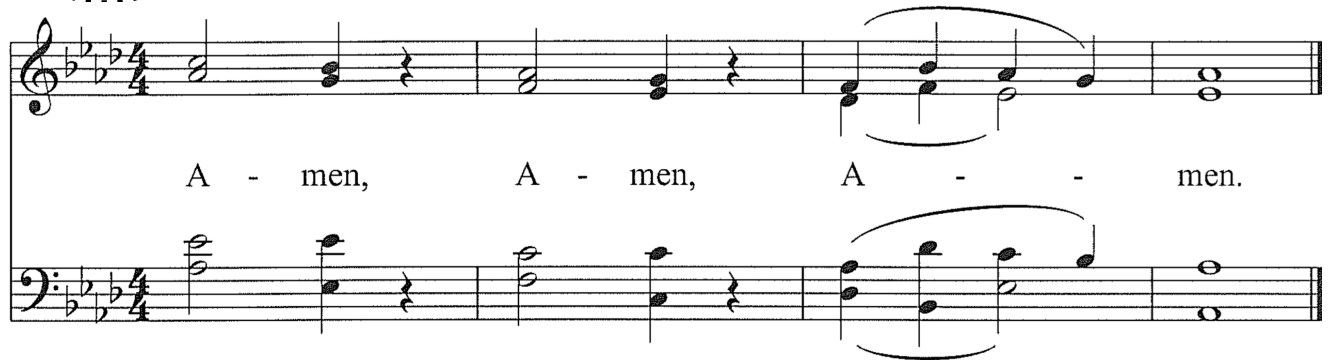
Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people



Threefold Amen

"Amen" means "Let it be so" or "It is true"



The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

PASTOR: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Justin Dakich, Guitar & Vocals; Bekah Marsh, Vocals;
Debbie Jacobs, Oboe; Jesse Herche, Violin; Tim Cole, Choir Director

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Join us for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.!

Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

Preparing for next week's worship service

We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.







By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

Statement of Faith

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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