

# HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 24, 2026



*Welcome one another  
as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THIS WEEKEND

- **KITCHEN REMODEL**: Volunteers are needed this **Saturday** (May 23) beginning at **9:30AM** to box up all the kitchen contents in preparation for the kitchen remodel. Any boxes you can contribute are welcome!

## THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: This Sunday at **9:30AM** will be our last before the summer break (June – August). Pastor Martin will give a report on the presbytery meeting.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to share in a meal and fellowship with us after the morning worship service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 14 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

## NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (May 26) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).

## THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **KITCHEN REMODEL**: Work begins on Tuesday, **June 2**. *NOTE: We **will** continue our fellowship lunches during remodeling.*

# MORNING WORSHIP



## SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

## GREETING

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Psalm 118:1-4, 8-9](#)

## SONGS OF PRAISE

["Gloria Patri"](#)

#734

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

["Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah"](#) (Ps 118)

#613

**Give thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah,  
for he is good, O praise his name!  
Let Israel say: "The Lord be praised;  
his mercy ever is the same."  
Let Aaron's house now praise Jehovah;  
the Lord is good, O praise his name.  
Let all that fear the Lord extol him;  
his mercy ever is the same.**

**In a large place the Lord has set me;  
in my distress he heard my cry.  
I will not fear; the Lord is with me —  
What can man do, when God is nigh?**

**The Lord is chief among my helpers;  
and I shall see my foes o'erthrown:  
far better than in man or princes,  
my trust I place in God alone.**

**I shall not die, but live, declaring  
the works of God, who tried me sore,  
and chastened me, but in his mercy  
not unto death has giv'n me o'er.  
The gates of righteousness set open,  
the gate of God! I'll enter in  
to praise you, Lord, who pray'r have answered,  
and have saved me from all my sin.**

**The stone – O Lord, it is your doing –  
the stone, the builders did despise,  
is made the headstone of the corner,  
and it is marv'lous in our eyes.**

**This is the day, of days most glorious,  
the Lord hath made; we'll joy and sing.  
Send now prosperity, we pray, Lord;  
and, O our God, salvation bring!**

Words from Psalm 118:1–9, 17–25. Anonymous (alt. 1990, mod).

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Arr. in Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter* (1551; alt. 1990 ).

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## SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[Hebrews 12:14–17](#)

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Holy and mighty Lord God, enthroned eternally in the heavenly places, hear our prayer. Though in our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds we have turned from you and grieved you, have mercy and hear us. With hearts hardened by sin we become resentful, bitter, and angry in ways that stir up trouble for ourselves and others.**

**Though our sins deserve judgment, wrath, and condemnation, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy and hear our prayer. Forgive us, heal us, and save us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. By your Spirit, O Father, teach and strengthen us to pursue holiness as we at the same time rest in your saving grace given to us. We thank you and praise you. Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS  
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS  
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*[Ephesians 2:4-5](#)*

## **SINGING GOD'S GRACE**

*["I Lay My Sins on Jesus"](#)*

#512

**I lay my sins on Jesus,  
the spotless Lamb of God;  
he bears them all, and frees us  
from the accursed load:  
I bring my guilt to Jesus,  
to wash my crimson stains  
white in his blood most precious,  
till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus;  
all fullness dwells in him;  
he heals all my diseases,  
he doth my soul redeem:**

**I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
my burdens and my cares;  
he from them all releases,  
he all my sorrows shares.**

...

**I rest my soul on Jesus,  
this weary soul of mine;  
his right hand me embraces,  
I on his breast recline.**

**I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
like fragrance on the breezes  
his name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus,  
mEEK, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus,  
the Father's holy child;  
I long to be with Jesus  
amid the heav'nly throng,  
to sing with saints his praises,  
to learn the angels' song.**

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## **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

*Westminster Confession of Faith VII.1-2*

*Of God's Covenant with Man*

**1. The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he has been pleased to express by way of covenant.**

**2. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*[1 Corinthians 13](#)*

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?***

**'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?***

**He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!)  
and bled for all his chosen race!**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for, O my God, it found out me!**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?***

## PRAYER

[Morocco \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Once believed to be the westernmost part of the world, the name Morocco is derived from the Arabic *Al Maghrib*, meaning “far west” or “where the sun sets.” Occupying the northwest corner of Africa, the nation was originally inhabited by Berbers, who were conquered by Muslim Arabs after 684 AD. In the 17th century, Morocco was colonized by France and Spain, and in 1912, the nation was split into French and Spanish protectorates. Morocco became independent in 1956 and established a constitutional monarchy in 1972. The king is both the head of state and religion and has declared all those born in Morocco to be Sunni Muslims.

Morocco is only second to China as the world leader in the production and export of phosphates and has 70% of the world’s reserves. The leading industries are agriculture, forestry, and tourism, and agriculture employs 40% of the workforce. Casablanca is the economic capital, the largest port, and the most populous city. There is a huge gap between the wealthy and the poor. Morocco also lays claim to the Western Sahara, and the nomadic Saharawi people who live there are fighting for their independence. While the UN has set up referendums to allow for self-determination, Morocco has postponed those votes.

The state religion is Sunni Islam, and 99% of the population is Muslim. Unlike in many other Muslim nations, Christians and Jews are tolerated, though some freedoms have deteriorated in recent years. Despite this tolerance, Christians are monitored by authorities, and some have been imprisoned. Dozens of Christian workers were expelled in 2010. The majority of Moroccans have a strong prejudice against Christians and are resistant to the Gospel, and the media helps fuel these attitudes. In an effort to avoid the religious violence and conflict occurring between Muslims and Christians in other African nations, the Moroccan people and government try to keep all Christian activity secret. The government is opposed to an indigenous Moroccan Church,

but one is emerging nonetheless, and an estimated 2,000 Moroccan believers meet in small house churches. Unity of the church is difficult with believers scattered around the nation, sometimes isolated from other believers.

- Pray for education, employment opportunities, and Christ-filled hope for Moroccan youth.
- Pray for Bible-based media to bring hope to unreached communities.
- Pray for government and religious leaders to seek wisdom from the Living God.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,  
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

**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.**

## SERMON TEXT

[Hebrews 6:9–12](#)

<sup>9</sup>Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup>For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup>And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup>so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

## SERMON

*“Better Things: Love, Hope, and Faith”*

**By grace I am an heir of heaven:  
why doubt this, O my trembling heart?  
If what the Scriptures promise clearly  
is true and firm in ev'ry part,  
this also must be truth divine:  
by grace a crown of life is mine.**

**By grace alone shall I inherit  
that blissful home beyond the skies.  
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate  
hath won for me the heav'nly prize.  
Salvation by his death he wrought,  
his grace alone my pardon bought.**

**By grace! These precious words remember  
when sorely by thy sins oppressed,  
when Satan comes to vex thy spirit,  
when troubled conscience sighs for rest;  
what reason cannot comprehend,  
God doth to thee by grace extend.**

**By grace! Be this in death my comfort;  
despite my fears, 'tis well with me.  
I know my sin in all its greatness,  
but also him who sets me free.  
My heart to naught but joy gives place  
since I am saved by grace, by grace.**

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# THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

**WHITE GRAPE JUICE** IS IN THE TRAYS.

**GLUTEN-FREE BREAD** IS IN THE BOWL IN THE CENTER OF THE TRAYS..

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

# GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

*"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"*

#455 (verses 1, 4-5)

**And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

*Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?***

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*“Doxology”*

#733

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
*alleluia, alleluia!***

**Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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**BENEDICTION**

*Hebrews 13:20–21*

*“May the Peace of God”*

*Songbook*

**May the peace of God our Heav’nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

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# EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalm 39*

(TH page 798-9)

HYMN

*“Who Are These like Stars Appearing”*

TH #542

OT SCRIPTURE READING

*Numbers 28*

NT SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Corinthians 12*

PRAYERS

SERMON

*Romans 6:3-11*

*“Baptized into Christ: to Death and for Life”*

*(see WCF 28.7, TH page 865)*

SONGS BY REQUEST


CLOSING PRAYER



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