

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 31, 2026



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

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **KITCHEN REMODEL**: The kitchen has been cleared out in preparation for the remodel. The *refrigerators and microwaves* have been relocated and will be available for use during the remodel. Paper products and serving utensils have also been relocated. The ovens have been relocated — however they **are not** available for use. We will continue to have our fellowship lunches keeping in mind that we can use the refrigerators and microwaves. Families are free to use their own crockpots, insta-pots, etc. for meal preparation at the church. If you have any questions, please contact *Kathleen Hedman*.

THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: On Summer break until September.
- **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** (June 2) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Next **Saturday** (June 6) at **8:00AM**. Since it is short, we'll discuss the whole chapter on the Bible in in Machen's book "Christianity and Liberalism".

COMING UP

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** From **July 6-10** Tamami and Ruth Fujise are volunteering at Trinity Church Seattle's vacation Bible school (9:30AM-12:30PM each day). Registration is now open: use [THIS LINK](#).

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Psalm 57:2, 9-11](#)

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.**

["With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"](#) (Ps 138)

#88

**With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
before the great thy praise I sing:
I worship in thy holy place
and praise thee for thy truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine
in thy most holy word divine.**

**I cried to thee and thou didst save,
thy word of grace new courage gave;
the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord,
for they have heard thy wondrous word;
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
for great and glorious are thy ways.**

**O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
the proud in vain thy favor seek,
but thou hast mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be,
thou wilt revive and strengthen me.**

**Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm
to save me when my foes alarm;
the work thou hast for me begun
shall by thy grace be fully done;
Forever mercy dwells with thee;
O Lord, my Maker, think on me.**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[James 4:1-6](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Our mighty and sovereign Lord God, our sinful thoughts, words, and actions show that we disregard, even rebel against, your sovereign and holy rule over all things, including us. In this rebellion we disdain you and your holy ways. Our selfish desires—covetous, greedy, and adulterous—sow sin in our lives. We sin against you; we sin against our neighbors. Oppose our prideful rebellion, and grant us your grace in Christ Jesus our Savior so that we might humble ourselves and live as befits children of the living God. We thank you, O Father, for your mercy and grace to us through Jesus Christ. 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.**

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"God, Be Merciful to Me" (Ps 51)

#486

**God, be merciful to me,
on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace
and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just,
speechless, I thy mercy trust.**

**I am evil, born in sin;
thou desirest truth within.
thou alone my Savior art,
teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.**

**Broken, humbled to the dust
by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.**

**Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.**

**Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Scripture Statements of Faith

The Lord our God, the Lord is one [Deut 6:4]. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God [Matt 16:16]. He has the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that He is the Holy One of God [John 6:68-69]. And this is of first importance, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures [1 Cor 15:3-7]. This Jesus who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father [Phil 2:6-11]. Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory [1 Tim 3:16].

SCRIPTURE READING

[Genesis 15](#)

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.

[“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”](#) (Ps 103) #76 (vv. 1–2)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?
*Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.***

**Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
*praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.***

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PRAYER

[Mozambique \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Known as the “Land of Smiles,” Mozambique is located on the southeastern coast of Africa. Stunning beaches, turquoise water, and well-preserved corals line the coastline, adding to this nation’s exotic and undeveloped beauty. It is believed that roughly 40% of the world’s unmined rubies can be

found here. In fact, the Montepuez ruby mine is the largest in the world. Yet despite these rich natural resources, Mozambique remains one of Africa's poorest countries.

After gaining independence from Portugal in 1975, Mozambique suffered through a sixteen-year civil war that shattered the economy and claimed millions of lives. Recovery has been slow and difficult. An estimated 65% live in poverty, and 21% are unemployed. Approximately 81% of the population is agrarian, using the crops and animals they raise to feed themselves and their families. In addition, an estimated 1.8 million people are plagued with HIV/AIDS, the cause of thousands of deaths each year. Many children suffer from chronic malnutrition, and malaria is responsible for about 35% of children's deaths. Today this nation is yet again being torn apart by violence between the government and the Mozambican National Resistance (RENAMO), a group that formed in 1976 and has representation within the government. Violent clashes between RENAMO and the government have caused the deaths of thousands and are responsible for over a million refugees. They have signed two unsuccessful peace treaties, one in 1992 and another in 2014. Violence continues despite the peace treaties and the 2014 elections brought further upheaval and instability.

Mozambique is about 46% Christian, 32% Ethnoreligious, and 18% Muslim. Though 11 million claim Christianity, 3 million are Evangelical, representing the fastest growing religious group in the nation! Missionaries are able to receive visas into the country and are able to minister without fear of the government. Years of suffering has led many Mozambicans to seek spiritual answers, and many churches have been planted! Yet there remains a great need for training and discipleship, particularly among the pastors and leaders of these newly planted churches.

- Pray for lasting peace to overcome all threats to the nation's fragile stability.
- Pray for true freedom for those in bondage to poverty, disease, witchcraft, and animism.
- Pray for the Church and its leaders to grow in spiritual maturity and Biblical understanding.

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 6:13-18](#)

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

SERMON

"God's Unchangeable Purpose"

**O Father, you are sovereign
in all the worlds you made;
your mighty word was spoken
and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses
and stills the tempests' roar.**

**O Father, you are sovereign
in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness
can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
supreme in time and space,
you hold your trusting children
secure in your embrace.**

**O Father, you are sovereign
the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows
to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling,
as none but Conqu'ror could,
your love pursues its purpose —
our souls' eternal good.**

**O Father, you are sovereign!
We see you dimly now,
but soon before your triumph
earth's every knee shall bow. ...**

**With this glad hope before us
our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior,
we trust and worship you!**

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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

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Ps 103) #76 (vv. 3-5)

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
*praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,*
widely as his mercy goes.**

**Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
*Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,*
praise the High Eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
*Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.***

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“Doxology”

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**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 40:1–11

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HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

TH #420

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 29

NT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

PRAYERS

SERMON

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

“Proclaiming the Lord’s Death”

(see WCF 29.1, TH page 865)

SONGS BY REQUEST


CLOSING PRAYER



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