



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 31, 2020 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

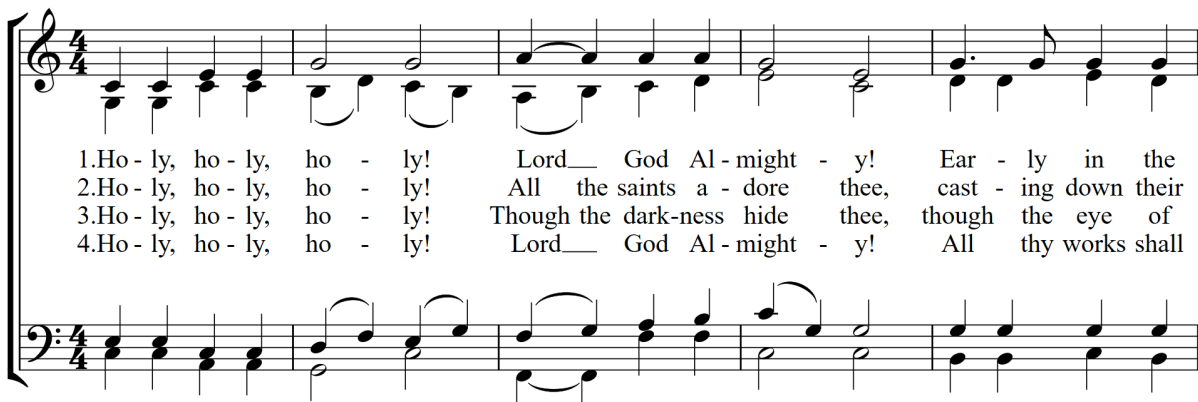
All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have redeemed us through his blood; you have forgiven our sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

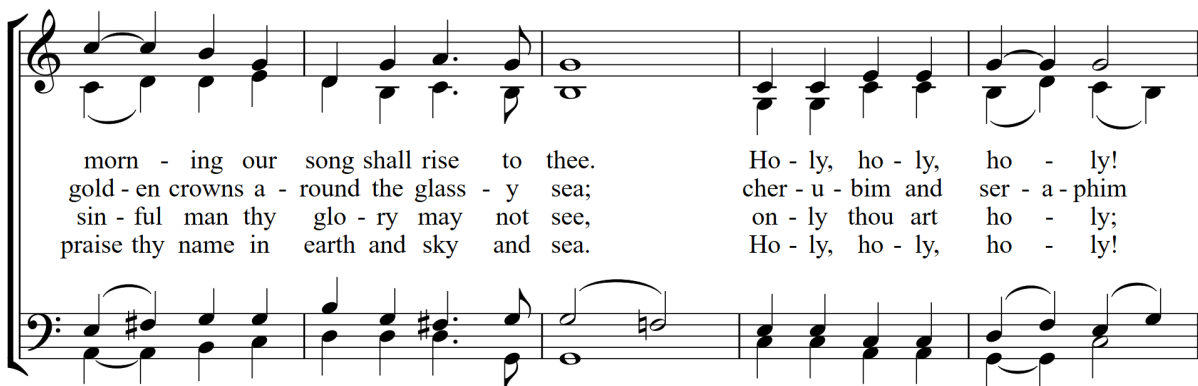
All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* Hymn of praise

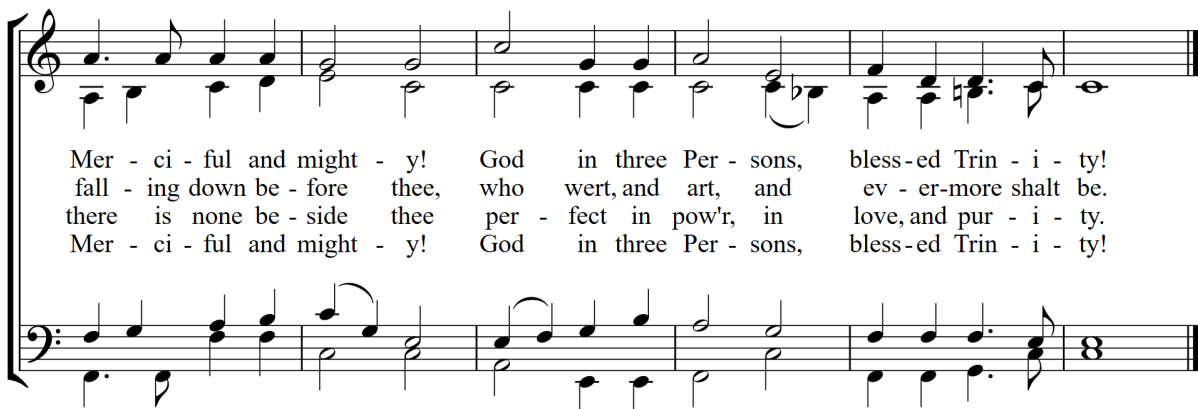
"Holy, Holy, Holy!"



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee, though the eye of
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All thy works shall



morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
fall - ing down be - fore thee, who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Call to confession

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

Hymn of confession

"Depth of Mercy"
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"Depth of Mercy"

1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing e - ven me?
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.

God, the Just, his wrath for - bears; me, the chief of sin - ners spares. So
Let me now my sins de - plore, look to you and sin no more.

man - y times my heart has strayed from his kind and per - fect ways,
There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth his wound - ed hands,

mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need for his blood poured out for me.
scars which ev - er cry for me; once con - demned but now set free.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"
(continue scrolling for words and music)

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

1. My faith has found a rest-ing place, from guilt my soul is freed; I
2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; a
3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God: sal -
4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save; for

trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead. I need no oth - er
sin - ful soul I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.
me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea, it

is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

* Scripture reading from Acts 13:1-12

¹In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper. ⁶They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.

⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰"You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?" ¹¹Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Spirit-driven Gospel Mission"
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

The Holy Spirit advances his mission through his church by:

1. calling his servants for the work. (vv.1-3)
 - The church accepts its commission.
2. sending his servants to the world. (vv. 4-7)
 - The church embarks on its mission.

3. empowering his servants for spiritual warfare. (vv. 8-12)

- The church faces opposition.

BIG IDEA: The Holy Spirit advances his mission through his church by calling, sending, and empowering believers for worldwide witness.

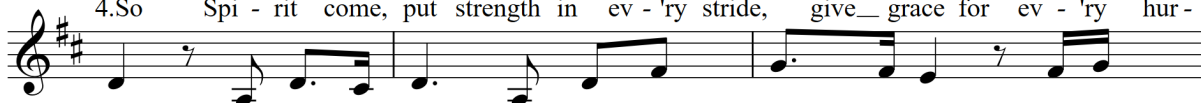
Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"O Church, Arise"



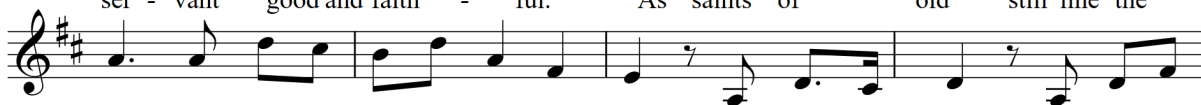
1.O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our cap -
2.Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
3.Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
4.So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give_ grace for ev - 'ry hur -



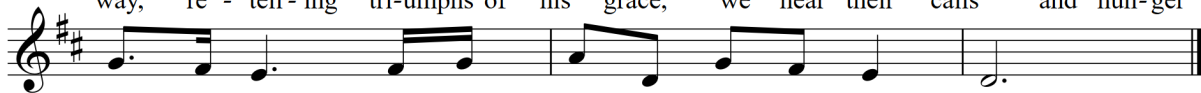
tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the
tor; and with the sword that makes the woun - ded whole, we will
en; then see his foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a



strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry
con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a -
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the



truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died, an in - he - ri - tance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

* **Benediction**

* **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joel Christie – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Pulliam – vocalist

IN MEMORIAM

Jeannine Allen

June 7, 1929 – May 25, 2020