March 13, 2022 This is the day that the LORD has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Prelude

#### Selection by Musician

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Ps. 123:1-2 <sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! <sup>2</sup> Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

## \*Hymn of Praise

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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Hail the day that sees Him rise; Alleluia! to His throne above the skies; Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia! enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia! He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! take the King of glory in! Alleluia! See, He lifts His hands above! Alleluia! See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia! Hark, His gracious lips bestow; Alleluia! blessings on His church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia! raise our hearts to reach Thy height; Alleluia! there Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia! find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

# **Reading of the Law** Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Pew pg. 151/LP pg. 190)

### **Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, we come before your throne this morning well aware of our unworthiness to stand before you. You are holy and we are not. You are without sin and we are full of it. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have wandered from you this week and fallen into sin, and for that we throw ourselves upon your mercy and ask again that you forgive us of this iniquity. Help us to repent and to turn from these sins of ours. Help us by the power of your Holy Spirit which you have promised to us; to walk beside us, to encourage our prayers, to guide our feet to walk in your ways. We thank you again for your son, Jesus Christ, our only hope of forgiveness. And we thank you that by faith we can embrace and claim his work; that by his entrance into heaven we have access here and now to you, and that by his blood we are healed. WE thank you and praise you in the blessed name of Jesus Christ, amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

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

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. <sup>4</sup> Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving	Psalm 23:The Lord is My Shephe	erd Insert					
Scripture Reading	Acts 5:17-42	(Pew pg. 913/LP pg. 1140)					
Westminster Shorter Catechism #100-103 (pp 877 in Trinity Hymnal, LP WSC available on back table by LP Bibles) Prayer of Intercession							
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*Doxology		No. 731					

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Ps. 123:3-4

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

Grace

Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home From death to life forever And sings the song of righteousness By blood and not by merit

Verse 2 Your grace that reaches far and wide To every tribe and nation Has called my heart to enter in The joy of Your salvation

### Chorus

By grace I am redeemed By grace I am restored And now I freely walk Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 3 Your grace that I cannot explain Not by my earthly wisdom The prince of life without a stain Was traded for this sinner **Chorus** 

Verse 4 Let praise rise up and overflow My song resound forever For grace will see me welcomed home To walk beside my Saviour **Chorus x2** 

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Sermon

1. Paradoxical Joy

2. Parting Joy

3. Present Joy

Questions:

- 1. What is joy? How do you know if you have it or not? What are ways that you can manifest more of it in your life this week?
- 2. Why were the disciples joyful that Jesus was departing? How can you gain more knowledge of Jesus Christ?
- 3. How does Luke 24:50-53 answer/fulfill the prophesies of a) Elizabeth and Zechariah, b) Simeon, c) Anna, d) Mary?
- 4. Why does Jesus bless his disciples before he goes? What does this blessing mean to you today?

**Blessed Assurance** 

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight: angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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#### \*Benediction

## \*Gloria Patri

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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.

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#### Postlude

\* Congregation: Please stand as able. Organ/Piano/Guitar Intercessory Prayer Selection by Musician

Chris Erickson Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar					
SUN 3/13	9:20 AM	Sunday School			
	10:30 AM	Worship Service			
WED 3/16	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Hebrews 11:23-12:3)			
	6:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study (Hebrews 11)			
SAT 3/19	TBD	Youth Group			
SUN 3/20	9:20 AM	Sunday School			
	10:30 AM	Worship Service			
	5:30 PM	Informational Meeting (Presbytery Update)			
SUN 3/27	9:20 AM	Sunday School			
	10:30 AM	Worship Service			
WED 3/30	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Hebrews 12:4-29)			
	6:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study (Hebrews 12)			
<b>THUR 3/31</b>	11:00 AM	Viking Luncheon (All Welcome)			
Coursing the Loud					

Serving the Lord

	3/13	3/20	3/27	4/3
AM Nursery	Jenni	Deanna	Lucy Hrivnak	Lorrie Martin
	Gretzinger	Curtis		
Greeters	Lucy	Martha	Dar	Lash Family
	Hrivnak	Gasche	Stam	
Treats/ Clean	Sign up @ Desk	Tummond	Sign up @	Sign up @
Up		Family	Desk	Desk
Audio	Jim	Josh	Grayden	Jim Martin
	Martin	Alderson	Lash	
Elder of the	Andrew	Bruce	Yon Lindborg	Andrew
Week	Gretzinger	Hrivnak		Gretzinger
Deacon of the	Jim	Jason	Jason	Jason
Week	Martin	Lash	Lash	Lash
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bruce Hrivnak
Prep				

#### Announcements

- > Youth Group: Mark your calendars for Sat March 19<sup>th</sup>. Details to be announced.
- Informational Meeting: The Session would like to invite you to an informational meeting on Sunday, March 20 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm to discuss the current state of the Presbyterian Church in America. Some serious theological challenges have arisen over the past few years that need further attention, and we want to make sure that you know what these challenges are and how we plan to address them in biblical and God-glorifying ways. There will be time at the end to ask and answer any questions. Hope to see you there.