

September 15th, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,
giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:18-20

Praise Him! Praise Him! / I Sing Praises

arr. Tornquist

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name.

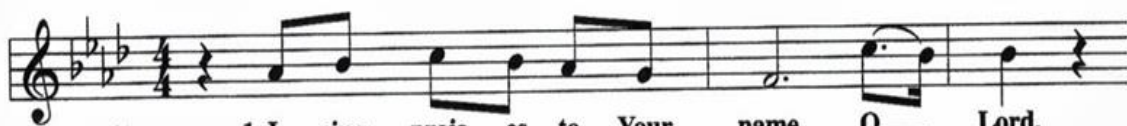
People: **Give to Him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is your power that
Your enemies come cringing to You.

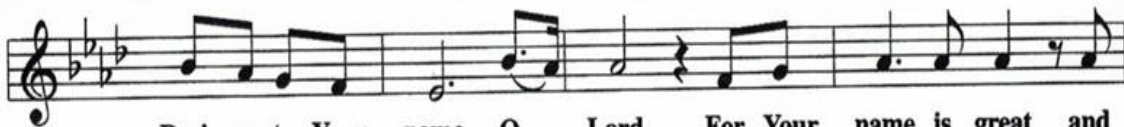
People: **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing
praises to Your name.”**

*Choruses of Praise

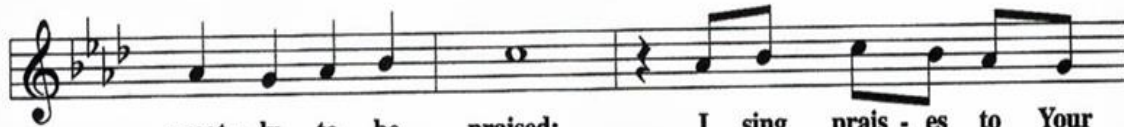
I Sing Praises



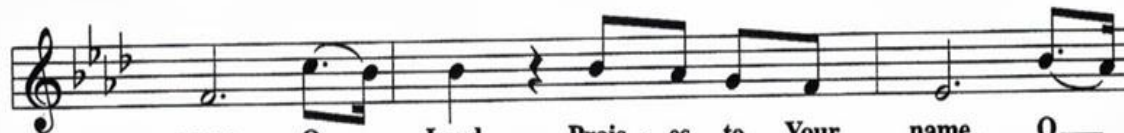
1. I sing prais - es to Your name, O— Lord,
2. I give glo - ry to Your name, O— Lord,



Prais - es to Your name, O— Lord, For Your name is great and
Glo - ry to Your name, O— Lord, For Your name is great and



great - ly to be praised; I sing prais - es to Your
great - ly to be praised; I give glo - ry to Your



name, O— Lord, Prais - es to Your name, O—
name, O— Lord, Glo - ry to Your name, O—



Lord, For Your name is great and great - ly to be praised.
Lord, For Your name is great and great - ly to be praised.

Great Are You, Lord

Ho - ly Lord, most ho - ly Lord, You a - lone are wor - thy
of my praise.— O ho - ly Lord, most ho - ly Lord, with
all of my heart I sing.— Great are You,
Lord; Wor - thy of praise, Ho - ly and
true. Great are You, Lord, most ho - ly Lord.

The musical score is written on five staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, You are a covenant-keeping God, but we have forsaken Your law and violated Your statutes. We have not walked according to Your rules or kept Your commandments. Though You have always been faithful to us, we are unfaithful to You many times each day in our thoughts, and with our words and actions. We know that we deserve to be punished for our sin. Father, because of Your steadfast love, forgive us we pray. Jesus, You have been faithful in all things for us, keeping covenant with Your Father on our behalf. You freely took our place, enduring our shame as You were lifted up to die. Thank You, Lord Jesus! In His name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 89:30-34

³⁰“If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes, ³¹ if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands, ³² I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging; ³³ but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness. ³⁴ I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.”

Matthew 26:27-28

²⁷ Then Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

*Chorus of Thanksgiving

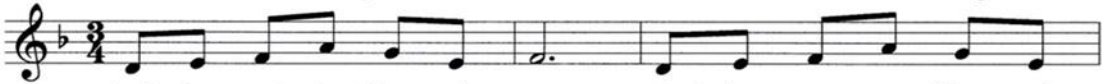
In the Cross Alone I Glory



1. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, re - cog - ni - tion lay - ing
 2. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, ev - er reach - ing for the
 3. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, hold - ing fast the word of
 4. Nev - er will I seek the glo - ry that was nev - er meant for



down. Great - est treas - ures and count as worth - less
 prize. Press - ing on and lay - ing hold of
 life. Toil - ing not in vain, but be - ing
 me. Al - ways heav - en - ward re - flect - ing,



stand - ing next to Heav - en's crowns, stand - ing next to Heav - en's
 that for which my Sav - ior died, that for which my Sav - ior
 poured out as a sac - ri - fice, poured out as a sac - ri -
 all to Je - sus to re - ceive, all to Je - sus to re -



crowns. _____ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing
 died. _____ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry Noth - ing
 fice. _____ In the cross al - lone I glo - ry, Noth - ing
 ceive. _____ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing



of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered
 of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered
 of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered
 of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered



for my soul that I may live_ for my soul that I may live.
 for my soul that I may live_ for my soul that I may live.
 for my soul that I may live_ for my soul that I may live.
 for my soul that I may live_ for my soul that I may live.

New City Catechism Question # 1

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

In Christ There is No East or West

arr. Giamanco

***Hymn of Preparation**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

No. 338 vs. 1, 3-5

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross – there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Sermon

Because Jesus Went to His Father. . .

John 14:1-18
Pew Bible Page 1675

Sermon Outline: See insert in bulletin

***Hymn of Response**

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

No. 331

Come, O come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity!
May Thy power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light, banish all the gloom of night.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure wisdom, counsel, purity,
that we ever may be seeking only that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, working error's overthrow.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; when we trespass on our way,
cast, O Lord, our sins behind Thee and be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; work repentance when we fall.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new,
make Thy work within us perfect and the evil foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict'ry crown our life.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

***Postlude**

And Can It Be

arr. House

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Piano

Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Denise O'Neal
Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Serving the Lord

	9/15	9/22	9/29
AM Nursery	L. Martin, Grace M.	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	L. Hrivnak, Krystal T.
Greeters	Hrivnak	C.L. Yonker	J. Rogers
Treats	Lauer	Lindborg	Lash
Serve/Cleanup	Lauer	Lindborg	Lash
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Lindborg	Schoon

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 9/15	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 9/18	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
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Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** We welcome Rev. Ken Anema from Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Anema joined the Divine Hope faculty as Professor Old Testament and Hebrew in the fall of 2013. Rev. Anema was our guest minister on March 24. We pray for God's blessing on him as he brings us God's Word. Pastor Andrew Gretzinger will be preaching for us next Sunday, September 22. We continue to praise God for bringing Andrew and his family to Good Shepherd! May this be a start of a blessed time of spiritual growth for the Gretzingers and for our congregation!

☞ **Women's Bible Study:** The group will be meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am at the church building, starting this Wednesday, September 18. The first gathering will be a social time, introduction to the study, and the time to pass out study books. The group will be studying *He Calls You Beautiful: Hearing the Voice of Jesus in the Song of Songs* by Dee Brestin.

☞ **Nomination for Officers:** During September, nominations will be taken for the offices of elder and deacon. There will be two openings for each office. Elections will be held in April. Bruce Stoltzfus will rotate off as he will have completed his second consecutive 3-year term. Bruce Hrivnak is eligible for election. Matt Stechly will complete his first 3-year term and is eligible for re-election. Please prayerfully consider nominating men who you think would serve well in these offices. See 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for qualifications. If you wish to nominate someone, submit the name in writing to one of our elders.

☞ **Apple Cider Activity:** The Stoltzfus Care Group is planning an all-church event for either Saturday, October 26 or Saturday, November 2. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table so please indicate which date is better for your family. Jason and Valerie Lash can borrow their families' cider press and we would purchase apples from a local orchard to make fresh apple cider. With 18 bushels of apples we could make 54 gallons of cider! That is enough for everyone involved to take home several gallons of cider! This would be an "all afternoon" activity with plenty of jobs to do for a variety of abilities. More details to follow.

☞ **Care Groups:** Care Groups will start again in late September or early October. These are times when we get together in small groups for fellowship, study & discussion, prayer, and perhaps service. There are four such groups, meeting at different times and locations, either once or twice per month, and most include a meal together. Everyone is strongly encouraged to join one of these, whether you are a member or a regular attender. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex, with last year's participants listed. If you wish to join or change groups, or if you wish to remain in the same group, please indicate this. If you have been in the same group for several years, you might find this to be a good time to get to know other people in the church by changing groups. Please see one of the elders with questions.