



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
MARCH 6, 2022

Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.

A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.



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Service

Preparation

Preparatory Thought.....

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. - Exodus 34:5-8

We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship..... Psalm 150:1-6

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration.....

Hymn #286.....Worship Christ, the Risen King

God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.

Worship Christ, the Risen King

Chords: Γ B \flat F 7 B \flat Γ E \flat B \flat Gm F 7 B \flat

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic-es, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp- ty now, its mouth de- clares:
3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble, see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and sin- ners jeer;
5. We ac- claim your life, O Je - sus, now we sing your vic - to - ry;

Chords: B \flat F 7 Gm D Gm D Gm F C 7 F

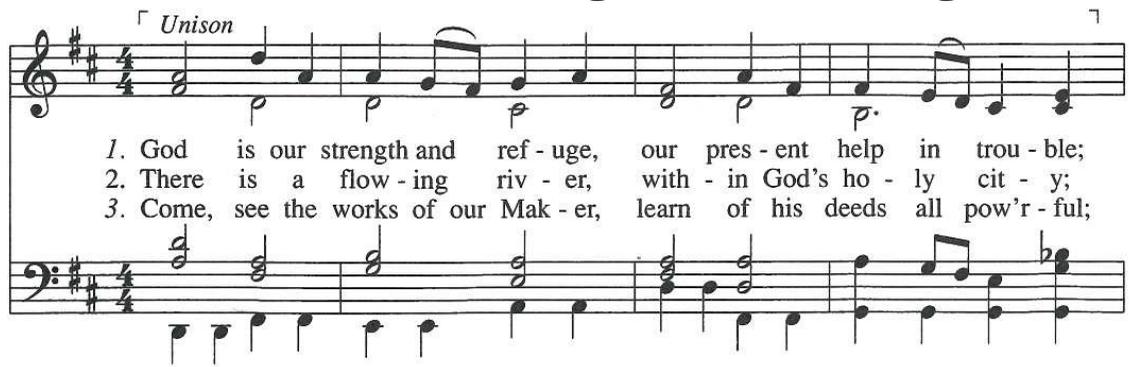
- Sing as all the earth re - joic - es; res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.
 "Death and I could not con - tain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble, but can - not with - stand his hour.
 but the truth pro - claims a won - der thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con - quest keeps us free.

Chords: F B \flat^7 E \flat Γ Cm Dm Cm Gm B \flat F 7 B \flat Γ

- Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 • He has con - quered, he has con - quered, Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!
 He is ris - en, he is ris - en, now re - ceive the ris - en King!
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

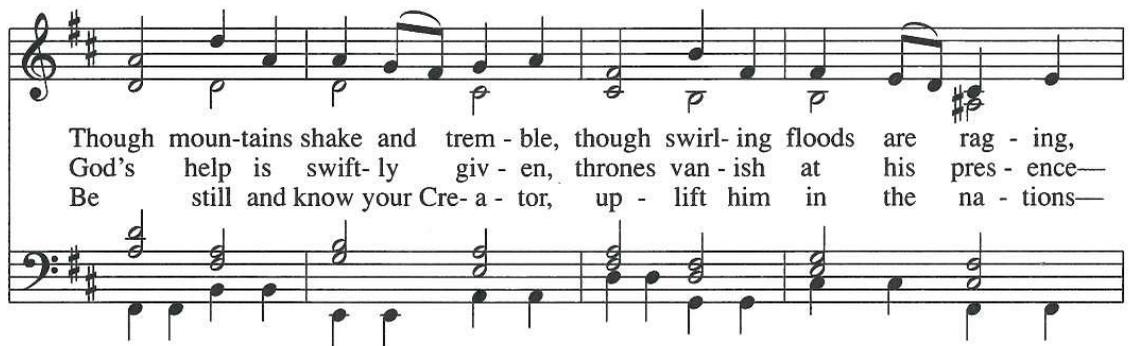
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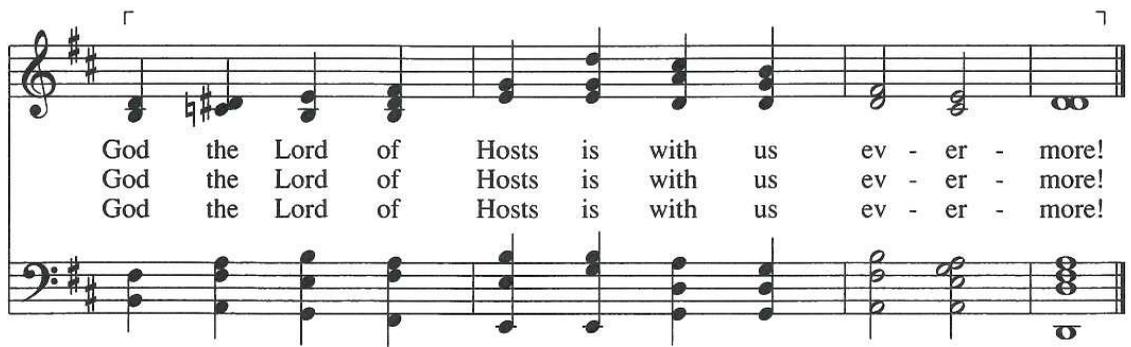
1. God is our strength and ref - uge, our pres - ent help in trou - ble;
2. There is a flow - ing riv - er, with - in God's ho - ly cit - y;
3. Come, see the works of our Mak - er, learn of his deeds all pow'r - ful;



and we there - fore will not fear, though the earth should change!
God is in the midst of her— she shall not be moved!
wars will cease a - cross the world when he shat - ters the spear!



Though moun - tains shake and trem - ble, though swirl - ing floods are rag - ing,
God's help is swift - ly giv - en, thrones van - ish at his pres - ence—
Be still and know your Cre - a - tor, up - lift him in the na - tions—



God the Lord of Hosts is with us ev - er - more!
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The Word of God is always sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we continue the practice of God's people listening to the public reading of scripture.

While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.

If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.

Renewal

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:20-23.....

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....1 Peter 2:24-25

LEADER: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hymn #89.....God is Our Strength and Refuge

Offering.....

Congregational Prayer.....

Each week, we preach, verse by verse through books of the Bible so that we are instructed by the full counsel of God, rather than whatever the preacher deems most important.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every week trusting that our Lord is truly, spiritually present nourishing His people. If you are a member of a local church, have been baptized, and believe that you are saved by grace through faith, then we welcome you to participate with us.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

SermonDevon Rossman
"The Risen, Preeminent Christ" – Colossians 1:18b

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn #44..... How Great Thou Art

Benediction

Sermon Outline

"The Risen Preeminent Christ"

Colossians 1:18b

Big Idea: Christ's absolute preeminence is intentionally, unmistakably displayed through his death and resurrection

Introduction: The Peak of Preeminence

1. Christ is Prominent in Time and Status

2. Christ was a Participant in Death

3. Christ Is Purposefully Exalted in His Resurrection

- A. Christ's Divinity
- B. Christ's Messiahship
- C. Christ's Dominion Over Death
- D. Christ's Life in Himself
- E. Christ's Finished Payment for Sin
- F. Christ as Firstfruit of New Creation
- G. Christ's Assurance of Coming Judgment

Conclusion

Sermon Notes

How Great Thou Art

Verses

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

1. Con - si - der all the worlds thy hands have made,
2. And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
3. Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
4. And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

1. I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
2. When I look down from lof - ty moun - tain gran - deur
3. That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
4. Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

1. Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
2. And hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
3. He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
4. And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to

thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

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Elders and Deacons are currently in the process of being examined and elected. Lord willing, they will be installed in May.

Announcements

- Join us at 5:30 this evening for our monthly prayer service.
- Please pray for the Lord's direction as we continue to move forward with our officer selection.
- Please pray for the Campus Outreach Spring Break Trip on 3/7 - 3/12.
- Men's Breakfast will be on 3/19 at 8:00am.
- If you would like information on an upcoming New Members class please contact Pastor Ryan.

Financials

- Total Giving through Jan (\$15,181)
- Total Expenses through Jan (\$16,543)
- Welcome Home funds through Jan (\$4,850)

Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly catechism class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm.
- We have several **fellowship groups** that meet throughout the week in the greater Kalamazoo area.

