



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

MARCH 26, 2023

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.

Order of Worship

Preparation

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

Preparatory Thought.....

“It was the Redeemer’s task to swallow up death. Who but the Life could do this? It was his task to conquer sin. Who but very Righteousness could do this? It was his task to rout the powers of world and air. Who but a power higher than world and air could do this? - John Calvin

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*.....1 Chronicles 29:10-11

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #521*.....*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*please stand if able

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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B \flat (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B \flat (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G) F(D) C 7 (A 7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Romans 6:1-4 (p. 942)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

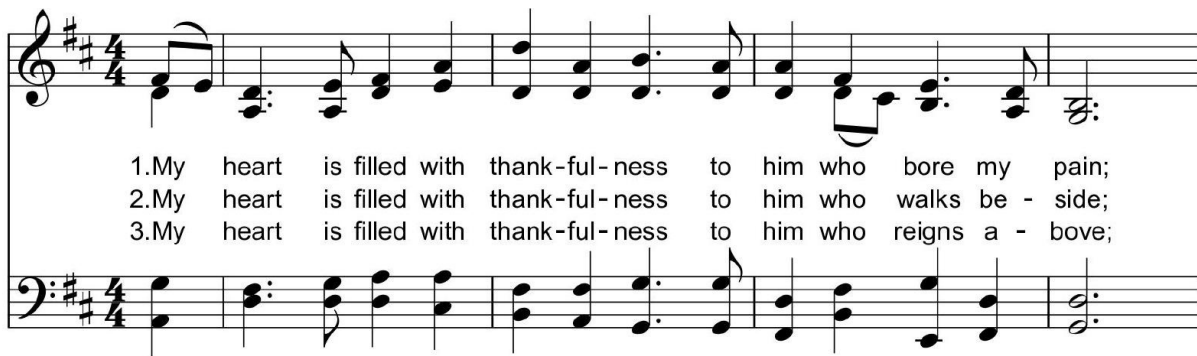
Assurance of Pardon.....1 John 1:7-9

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

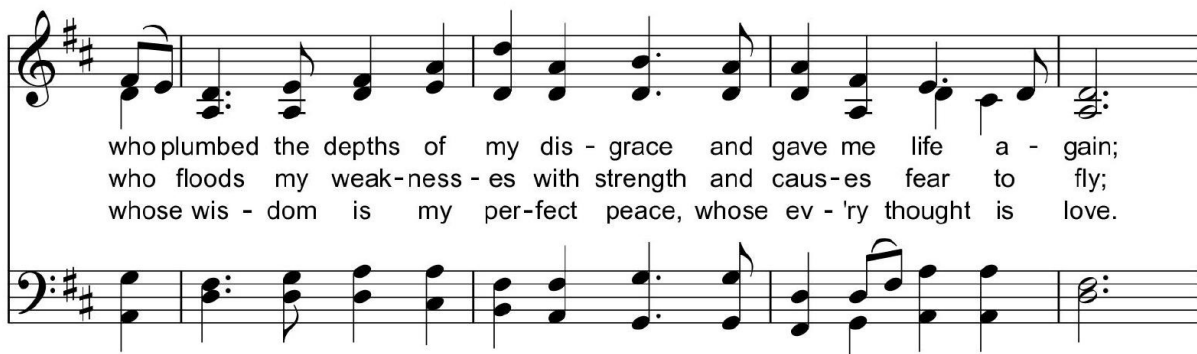
Offering/Song.....*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

Congregational Prayer.....

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



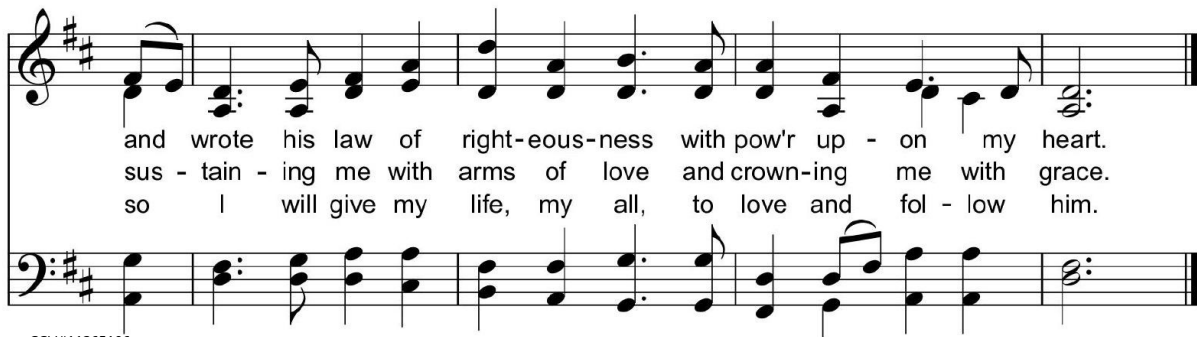
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain;
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be - side;
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a - bove;



who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es fear to fly;
whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



who crushed my curse of sin - ful-ness, and clothed me in his light,
whose ev - 'ry prom-ise is e-nough for ev - 'ry step I take;
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King,



and wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
so I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

*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

Hymn #455*.....*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

"Living Near to God"
Hebrews 10:19-25 (p.1007)

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**.....

Hymn #173*.....*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Benediction*.....

Postlude.....

**To allow full participation for all members, the Lord's Supper is served with gluten free bread.

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

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be it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Sermon Outline

"Living Near to God"

Hebrews 10:19-25 (p. 1007)

Big Idea—*The Christian lives near to God through faith, hope, and love.*

Introduction: God is Not Distant

No More Separation

Draw Near By Faith

Hold Fast in Hope

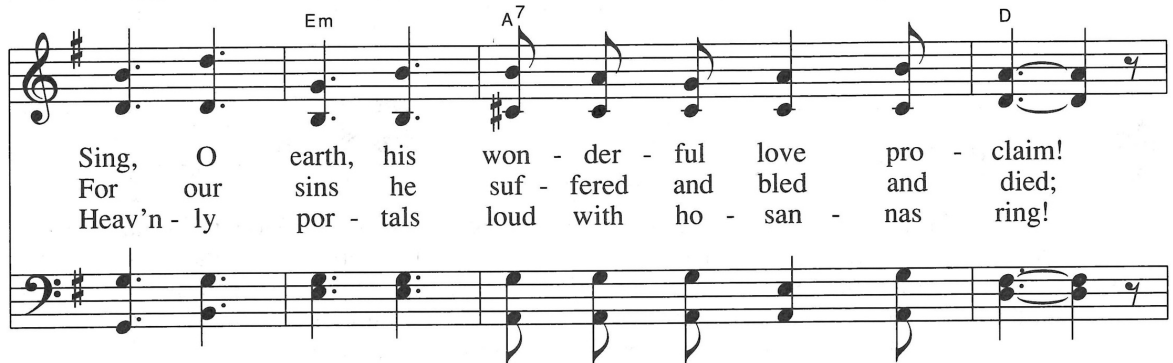
Abide in Love

Conclusion: Don't Waste the Gift of the Church

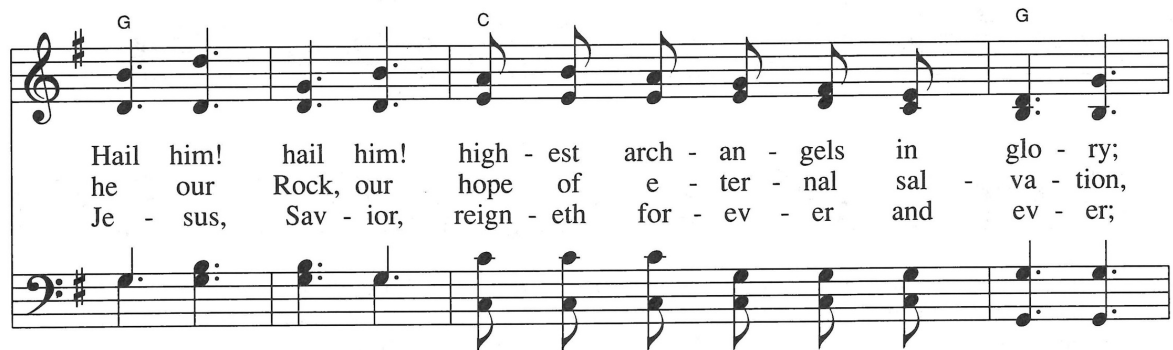
Praise Him! Praise Him!



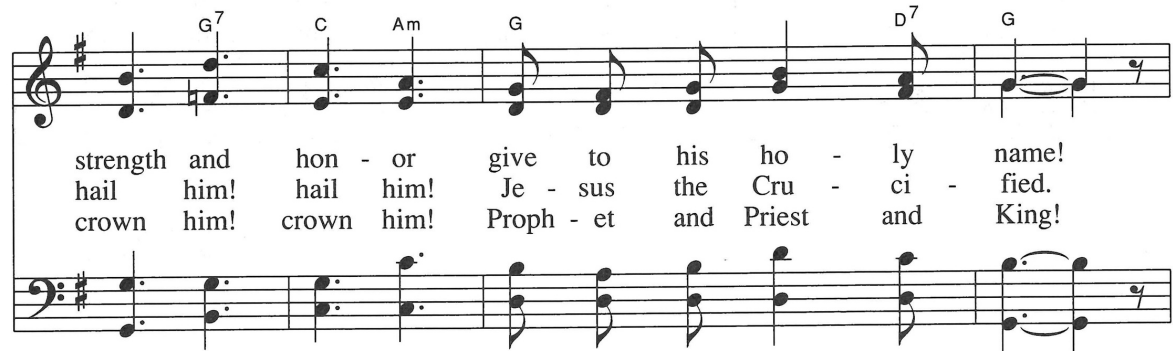
1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!



Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!



Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;



strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

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Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A⁷ D

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

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 G C G

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

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praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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Announcements

- We will begin **Sunday School** classes for all ages on **4/16** from 11:45am until 12:30pm. Contact Pastor Ryan with any questions.
- Please join us for **Ladies Swap Night** on **5/15** at **7pm** in the fellowship hall. Contact Lynn Kloosterman or Juhae Lee with any questions.

Financials

- Total Giving through Feb. 2023 (\$48,633)
- Total Expenses through Feb. 2023 (\$50,752)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$42,860)

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.
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly catechism class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** practices every Tuesday at 7pm.