



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

MAY 7, 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

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

Preparation

Preparatory Thought.....

“Though a Christian has not a perfect knowledge of the mysteries of the gospel, yet he has a certain knowledge.” – Thomas Watson

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

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.

Call to Worship*.....John 7:37b–38

Leader: If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #115*.....*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.....Ephesians 1:1–10 (p. 976)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

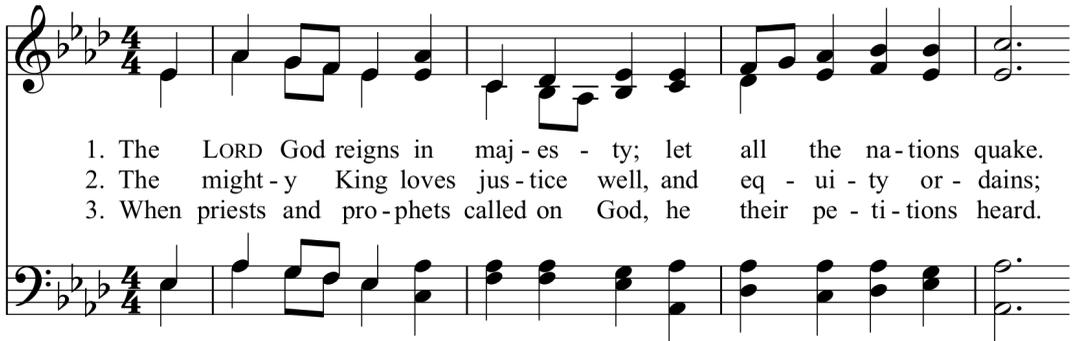
Assurance of Pardon.....Galatians 2:20–21

Leader: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

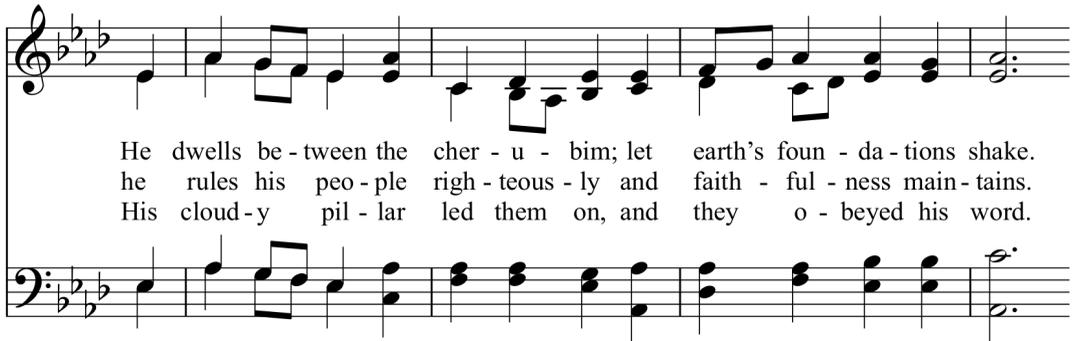
Offering/Psalm 99.....*The Lord God Reigns in Majesty*

Congregational Prayer.....

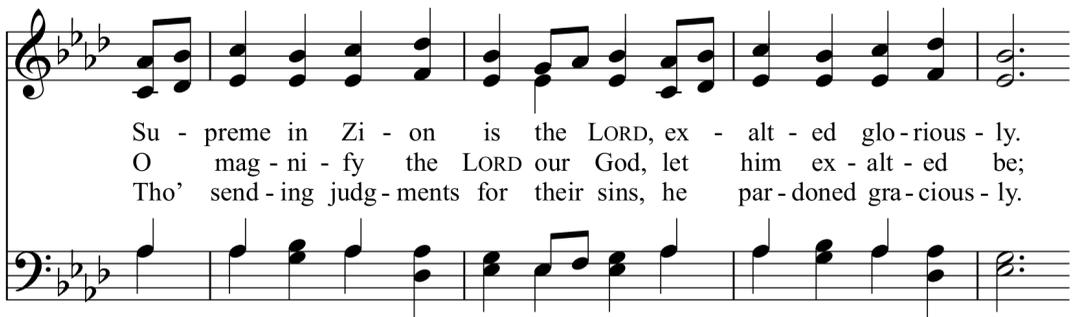
The Lord God Reigns in Majesty



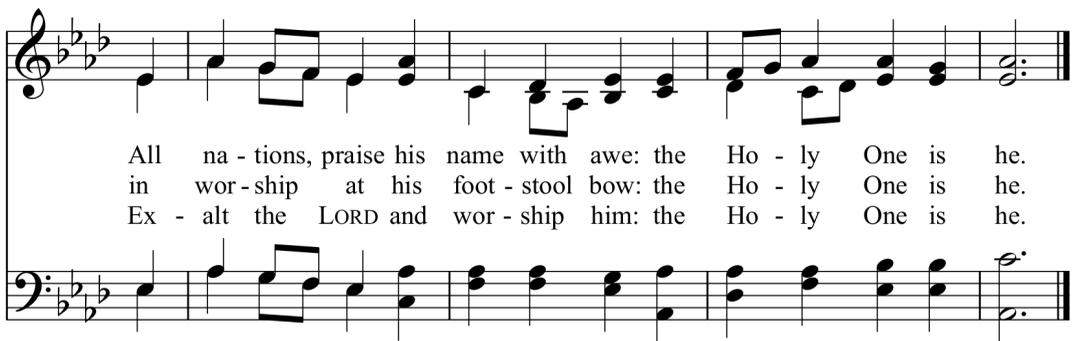
1. The LORD God reigns in maj - es - ty; let all the na - tions quake.
2. The might - y King loves jus - tice well, and eq - ui - ty or - dains;
3. When priests and pro - phets called on God, he their pe - ti - tions heard.



He dwells be - tween the cher - u - bim; let earth's foun - da - tions shake.
he rules his peo - ple righ - teous - ly and faith - ful - ness main - tains.
His cloud - y pil - lar led them on, and they o - beyed his word.

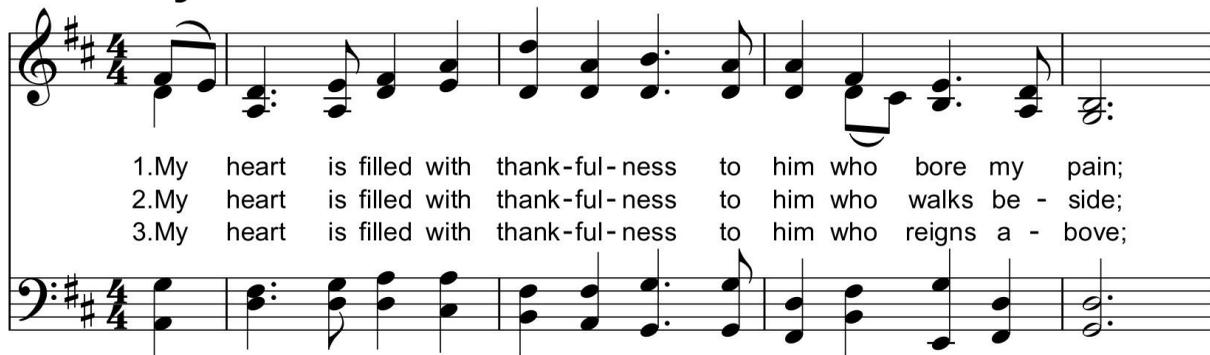


Su - preme in Zi - on is the LORD, ex - alt - ed glo - rious - ly.
O mag - ni - fy the LORD our God, let him ex - alt - ed be;
Tho' send - ing judg - ments for their sins, he par - doned gra - cious - ly.

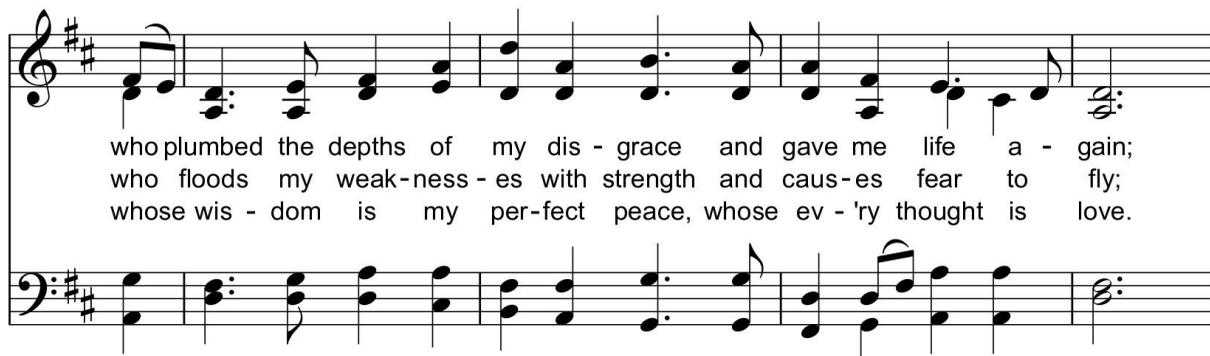


All na - tions, praise his name with awe: the Ho - ly One is he.
in wor - ship at his foot - stool bow: the Ho - ly One is he.
Ex - alt the LORD and wor - ship him: the Ho - ly One is he.

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



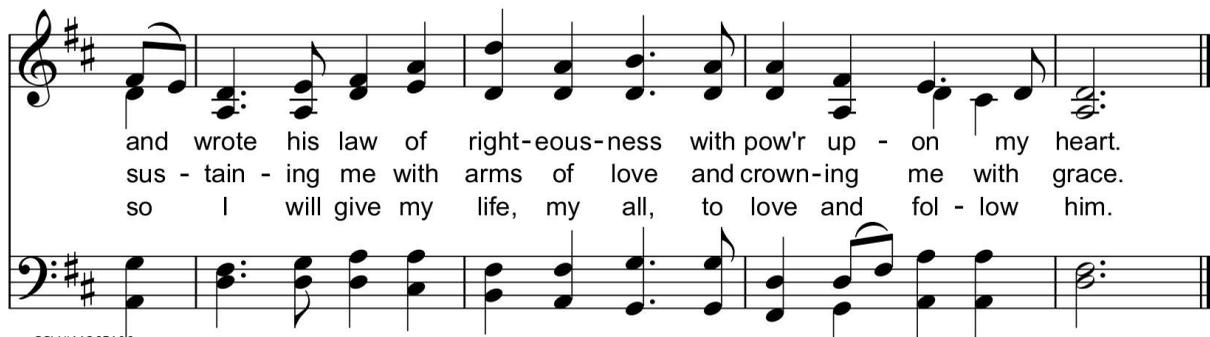
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain;
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be - side;
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a - bove;



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.

Proclamation

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.

Song* *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Potter

"Rejoicing in the Gospel"
Philippians 1:12-18 (p. 980)

Response

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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

Benediction*

Postlude.....

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

Sermon Outline

"Rejoicing in the Gospel"

Philippians 1:12-18 (p. 980)

Big Idea - *God is unwaveringly committed to the effectiveness of his word and the joy of the Church.*

God's Faithfulness to His Word

Three Responses to God's Providence:

1. Confidence of the Brothers

2. Jealousy of the Others

3. Rejoicing in it All

Sermon Notes

Worship Christ, the Risen King

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonder thought-ful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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Announcements

- A special service of **Scripture and Song** is scheduled during the evening service on Sunday, **May 7**. Please plan to join us for the first of what is planned to be an annual evening of praise and thanksgiving.
- We will **not be having an evening service on 5/14** but will be attending URC for Devon Rossman's ordination service.
- 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 March 2023 (\$70,659)
- Total Expenses through March 2023 (\$75,535)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$43,997)

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.
- **Sunday School** classes run after the morning service from 11:45am until 12:30pm
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **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.