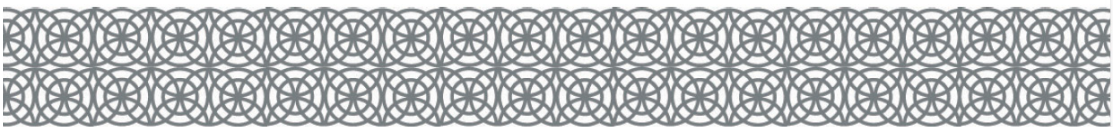




SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



**CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

# Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

## EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

*Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.*



### Prelude

### Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

### Hymn

*10,000 Reasons*

*(see page 6)*

### Psalm Reading

Psalm 46

**Minister:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**People:** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Minister: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## Evening Prayer

### Congregational Prayer

Adapted from *Sheltering Mercy*

Minister: Lord God, our Father, You are the one Safe Place – the only abiding Shelter in a windswept world;

**People: You are the North Star in an ink-black night.**

Minister: If nature withers; all strong things break; the hills become valleys; the seas flood a fractured earth; and the winds of chaos break loose across the globe –

**People: You remain with arms outstretched to reconcile all things to Yourself. All shattered pieces of time and space: restored, confirmed, and strengthened.**

Minister: A single word from You, the One True King, and dominions of the world are reduced to nothing.

**People: In Your mercy, Lord, preserve and protect us,**

Minister: That we would see the day of the Lord,

**People: When You come in Your mercy to disarm darkness, to scatter sorrow, and to peel the veil of death from the world;**

Minister: When wars will cease, evil is vanquished and tyranny forgotten. Help us, Father, to find You in the quiet of the current storm;

**People: That we would remember that You are: King, Lord, God with Us, Preserver, and Protector. Amen.**

### Hymns

*Eternal Weight of Glory*

(see page 7)

*Jesus Paid It All*

(see page 8)

# The Commissioning of the Norway Mission Trip Team

The Introduction of the Team

Rev. Gary Spooner, Stephen Spooner, and Stephen Spooner, Jr.

The Explanation and Goals of the Trip

The Commissioning Vows

1. Do you believe in One God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and do you confess anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and acknowledge Him Head over all things to the Church, which is His body?
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
3. Have you concluded in good conscience, as far as you know in your own heart, that you do seek the position of a servant on this mission work out of love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?
4. Do you promise to perform faithfully all the duties given you in this short-term mission project, as unto the Lord?

The Prayer of Commitment

Hymn

*Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

(see page 9)

*At the last stanza of "Christ Our Hope..." children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

How the Lord in His anger has set the daughter of Zion under a cloud! He has cast down from Heaven to earth the splendor of Israel; He has not remembered His footstool in the day of His anger. 2 The Lord has swallowed up without mercy all the habitations of Jacob; in His wrath He has broken down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought down to the ground in dishonor the kingdom and its rulers. 3 He has cut down in fierce anger all the might of Israel; He has withdrawn from them His right hand in the face of the enemy; He has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob, consuming all around. 4 He has bent His bow like an enemy, with His right hand set like a foe; and He has killed all who were delightful in our eyes in the tent of the daughter of Zion; He has poured out His fury like fire. 5 The Lord has become like an enemy; He has swallowed up Israel; He has swallowed up all its palaces; He has laid in ruins its strongholds, and He has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. 6 He has laid waste His booth like a garden, laid in ruins His meeting place; the Lord has made Zion forget festival and Sabbath, and in His fierce indignation has spurned king and priest. 7 The Lord has scorned His altar, disowned His sanctuary; He has delivered into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they raised a clamor in the house of the Lord as on the day of festival. 8 The Lord determined to lay in ruins the wall of the daughter of Zion; He stretched out the measuring line; He did not restrain His hand from destroying; He caused rampart and wall to lament; they languished together. 9 Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has ruined and broken her bars; her king and princes are among the nations; the law is no more, and her prophets find no vision from the Lord. 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground in silence; they have thrown dust on their heads and put on sackcloth; the young women of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground. 11 My eyes are spent with weeping; my stomach churns; my bile is poured out to the ground because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because infants and babies faint in the streets of the city. 12 They cry to their mothers, "Where is bread and wine?" as they faint like a wounded man in the streets of the city, as their life is poured out on their mothers' bosom. 13 What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin is vast as the sea; who can heal you? 14 Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen for you oracles that are false and misleading. 15 All who pass along the way clap their hands at you; they hiss and wag their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem: "Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?" 16 All your enemies rail against you; they hiss, they gnash their teeth, they cry: "We have swallowed her! Ah, this is the day we longed for; now we have it; we see it!" 17 The Lord has done what He purposed; He has carried out His Word, which He commanded long ago; He has thrown down without pity; He has made the enemy rejoice

over you and exalted the might of your foes. 18 Their heart cried to the Lord. O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite! 19 “Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to Him for the lives of your children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street.” 20 Look, O Lord, and see! With whom have You dealt thus? Should women eat the fruit of their womb, the children of their tender care? Should priest and prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the Lord? 21 In the dust of the streets lie the young and the old; my young women and my young men have fallen by the sword; You have killed them in the day of Your anger, slaughtering without pity. 22 You summoned as if to a festival day my terrors on every side, and on the day of the anger of the Lord no one escaped or survived; those whom I held and raised my enemy destroyed.

**Homily**

**IN THE DAY OF GOD’S ANGER**

Mr. Howell

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*A sermon outline can be found on page 10.*

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Congregational Response**

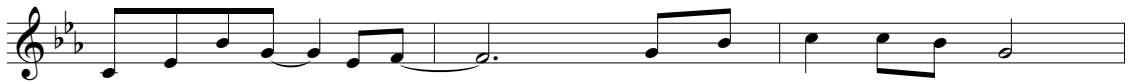
**For behold I tell a mystery: At the trumpet sound we’ll wake!  
Death is swallowed up in vict’ry when we meet our King of grace.  
Every year we thought was wasted, every night we cried how long,  
All will be a passing moment in our Savior’s victory song.  
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# 10,000 Reasons




Bless the Lord, O my soul, O \_\_\_\_\_ my soul.




Wor-ship His ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_ Sing like nev - er be - fore,




O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.



1.The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,  
2.You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.  
3.And on that day when my strength is fail - ing



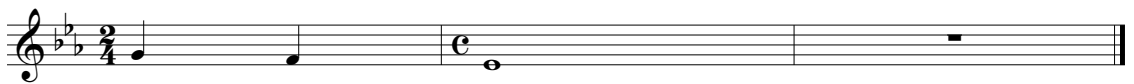
it's time to sing Your song\_\_\_\_ a - gain.\_\_\_\_ What -  
You're name is great and Your heart is kind.\_\_\_\_ For  
The end draws near and my time has come\_\_\_\_



ev - er may\_\_\_\_ pass\_\_\_\_ and what - ev - er lies be -  
all\_\_\_\_ Your\_\_\_\_ good - ness I will keep\_\_\_\_ on\_\_\_\_  
Still\_\_\_\_ my\_\_\_\_ soul will sing Your praise\_\_\_\_ un - - -



fore\_\_\_\_ me, let me be sing - ing when the  
sing - ing Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my  
end - ing Ten thou - sand years and then for -



eve - ning comes.  
heart to find.  
ev - - - er - - - more

# Eternal Weight of Glory by Wendell Kimbrough



Now the days and hours and mo - ments of our su - ffering seem so —  
Oh e - ter - nal weight of glo - ry Oh in - he - ri - tance di -  
We will see our woun - ded Sa - vior, we'll be - hold Him face to —



long, and the toil - some wait and won - d'ring threa - ten si - lence to our song. Now our  
vine, we will see our Lord re - dee - ming e - very past and fu - ture time. All our  
face, and we'll hear our an - guished sto - ries sung as vic - t'ry songs of grace.



pain is real and pre - ssing where our faith is thin and weak but our  
pains will be trans - fi - gured like the scars of Christ our Lord we will



hope is set on Je - sus and we cling to Him our strength. For be -  
see the weight of glo - ry and our bro - ken years re - stored.



hold I tell a mys - tery: At the trump - et sound we'll wake! Death is swa - llo - wed up in



vic - t'ry when we meet our King of grace. E - v'ry year we thought was was - ted, ev - ery



night we cried how long, all will be a pas - sing mo - ment in our Sa - vior's vic - tory song.



# Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,  
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r, and yours a - lone,  
3. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."  
can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

The second system continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

*Refrain*

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

The final system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

# CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauffin,  
Matt Merker, Matt Papa

F F(sus4) F F(sus4) F Dm C

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ - a - lone.  
 2. What truth can calm the troub - led soul? God is good, God is good.  
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives, Christ, he lives!"

C(sus4) F C/E Dm Bb F/C C F

What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.  
 Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.  
 And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/A Bb

Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com - mand?  
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed,

F/C C Dm Bb F/C C F

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the shore, the rock of Christ:  
 And we will feast in end - less joy When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

F Dm7 Bb F C/E Dm F/A Bb

O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le -

F/A Bb F/A C Bb Dm7 C F

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

## IN THE DAY OF GOD'S ANGER

### Lamentations 2

1. City Torn Down to the Ground: vv. 1-10

A. No Mercy: vv. 1-5

B. No Worship: vv. 6-7

C. No Wall: vv. 8-9a

D. No Word: vv. 9b-10

2. Children Dying in the Streets: vv. 11-19

A. Unbearable Sights: vv. 11-12

B. Beyond Compare & Beyond Healing: v. 13

C. False Friends & Fierce Enemies: vv. 14-16

D. God Has Done It: Cry to Him: vv. 17-19

3. Cry from the Heart of Darkness: vv. 20-22



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