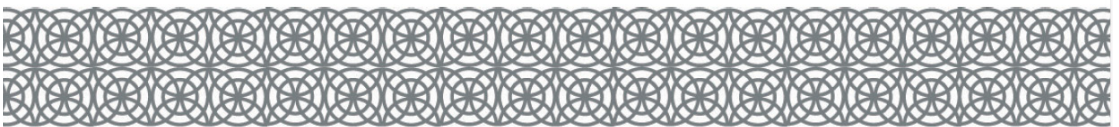




SUNDAY EVENING  
*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 21, 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 9:11, 14

Sing praises to the Lord, Who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples His deeds!  
Recount all His praises and rejoice in His salvation.

## Hymn

*We Will Say In That Day*

(see page 6)

## Congregational Prayer

Adapted from *Every Holy Moment*

Minister: Breathe upon our worship, O Spirit of God.

**People: Grant each of us a place to humbly receive and to faithfully serve, that we might know in this brief gathering a foretaste of that greater communion yet to come.**

Minister: O Father, enlarge our hearts.

**People: O Spirit, expand our vision.**

Minister: O Christ, establish Your kingdom among us.

**People: Be at work even now, O Lord.**

## Prayer Response

### Trinity Song



Ho - ly - Fa-ther, Son, and Spi-rit. Ho - ly com-mu-nion, Three-in-One.



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta-tion. Bind us to-gether in ho-ly love.

## Psalm Reading

Psalm 108 (selected verses)

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!  
Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

Minister: I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

Minister: That Your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by Your right hand and answer us! Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man!  
With God we shall do valiantly; it is He Who will tread down our foes.

**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

## Hymns

*Behold Our God*

(see page 7)

*Pearly Gates*

(see page 8)

## The Commissioning of the Athens, Greece, Mission Trip Team

### The Introduction of the Team

#### ***The 2023 Athens, Greece, Team***

Susan and Allen Clark

Laurie Armstrong

Lynn Henry

Lucy and Fred Johnson

Isobel Waring

### 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 In Life and Death," children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. – Genesis 2:9

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”  
23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.  
– Genesis 3:22-24

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. – Proverbs 3:17-18

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise. – Proverbs 11:30

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. – Proverbs 13:12

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. – Proverbs 15:4

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. – Revelation 2:7

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. – Revelation 22:1-2

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. – Revelation 22:14

And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. – Revelation 22:19

I. What is the Tree of Life?

A. Genesis

B. Revelation

II. The Tree of Life and Proverbs

A. Wisdom (3:18)

B. Speech (15:4)

C. Fulfillment (13:12)

D. Righteousness (11:30)

III. So What?

Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response

*Joy of Jesus*

May the joy \_\_\_\_\_ of Je - sus be with you.

May the joy \_\_\_\_\_ of Je - sus be with \_\_\_\_\_ you.

May you know \_\_\_\_\_ the joy \_\_\_\_\_ of Je - sus, and may the joy of Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ bewith you.

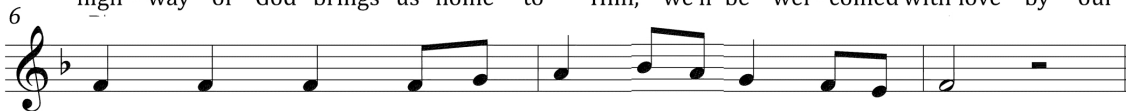
# We Will Say In That Day



You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will  
We will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" And we'll  
You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the



lead back the lost to the pro - mised land, and the voice of the Sa - vior will  
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ve - ry soon to for - get what they  
sit with the Lord at the ta - ble's head, and the Shep - herd Him - self is our  
high - way of God brings us home to Him, we'll be wel - comed with love by our



call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!" *(directly to verse 2)*  
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord.  
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.  
Sa - vior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.



We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give \_ thanks!" We will



not be a - afraid, for He comes to save. We will shout, we will call, "Ev - 'ry



tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

# Behold Our God

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1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,

3  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Who can question any of His words?  
5  
bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

7  
Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave,

All cre - a - tion ri - ses to re - joice.  
Who can fath - om all His won - drous - deeds?  
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!

Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him.

Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him!



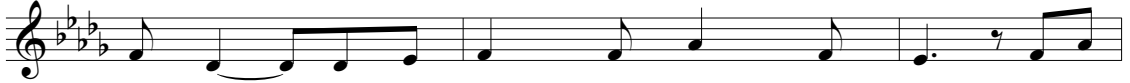
# Pearly Gates



1. Love di - vine so great and won - drous, — Deep and  
2. Like a dove when hunt - ed fright - ened, — As a  
3. Love di - vine so great and won - drous, — All my  
4. In life's ev - en - tide at twi - light, — At His



migh - ty, pure sub - lime; Com - ing from the heart of  
wound - ed fawn was I; Bro - ken heart - ed yet He  
sins he then for - gave! I will sing His praise for -  
door I'll knock and wait; By the pre - cious love of



Je - sus — Just the same through tests of time. He the  
healed me, — He will heed the sin - ners cry.  
ev - er, — For His blood, His pow'r to save.  
Je - sus, — I shall en - ter hea - ven's gate.



pear - ly gates will o - pen, — So that I may en - ter in; For He

Repeat Last Time



pur - chased my re - demp - tion — And for - gave me all my sin.

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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.

## **Making a Joyful Noise**

Devotional Thoughts on Congregational Singing

*Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures,  
and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.*

–Martin Luther

### **Compelled to Sing**

We are created to sing and, because of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, compelled to sing. Compelled is a strong and convicting word. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes “For Christ’s love compels us” (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Our motivation to sing comes from so much more than ourselves – our likes, our comfort levels, our musical tastes and preferences. Intrinsically, it’s driven by the One Who died and was raised. It is driven by a heartfelt desire to convey gospel truth to those of us who already know it and need to be refreshed and renewed by it, and to communicate it to those who don’t yet know, but who might be drawn to Christ through seeing and hearing people who clearly mean it because of the way that they sing about it.

Praise is prompted by – compelled by - the revelation of something glorious. The gospel is the revelation of the most glorious truth in history. Jesus came so that we might know Him, the truth, for “the truth will set you free” (John 8:32). We were slaves to sin, but Christ died for our sins and rose to give us new life (John 8:36; Rom 5:8). The gospel is a declaration of eternal freedom. It is a revelation that compels us to respond, and part of our response will be to sing.

Christ has broken every chain of sin that was tied around us and that we couldn’t even see until He opened our eyes to see them. And we were not just freed **from** something, we were freed **for** something – to glorify Him, to live the life God designed us to live, to know life in all its forever fullness. We sing because we are free to run from all that tore us apart and to run to all that makes us whole.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 3, pp 21-25.



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