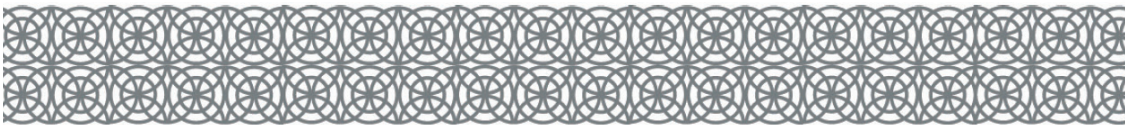




SUNDAY EVENING

*Vespers*



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 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 134:1-2

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!  
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

### Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

(see page 7)

### Reading of the Psalm

Psalm 51 (selected verses)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom  
in the secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

**Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Hymn

*His Mercy Is More*

(see page 8)

*At the last stanza of “His Mercy Is More,”  
children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Evening Prayer

Congregational Prayer of Confession

*The Book of Common Worship (1946)*

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature  
prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses.

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways;**

in wasting Your gifts;

**in forgetting Your love;**

in blindness and hardness of our hearts toward those in suffering and want;

**in indifference toward justice and mercy;**

in arrogance and all the evil ways of our selfishness and pride.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.**

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out our transgressions.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God.**

Renew a right spirit within us.

**Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**

Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; and uphold us with your Spirit;

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer Response

*Lord Have Mercy*



## Evening Scripture Lesson

Luke 14:25-35  
pew Bible, page 1111

Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. <sup>34</sup> Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

## Homily

**CROSS-SHAPED LOVE**  
The Parables of Jesus, Part VIII  
Luke 14:25-35

Mr. Clark

## Prayer

## The Lord's Supper

### Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

*Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

### Hymn of Preparation

*Come Unto Jesus*

*(see page 9)*

### Confession of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayer of Humble Access

### Words of Institution

### Serving of the Meal

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

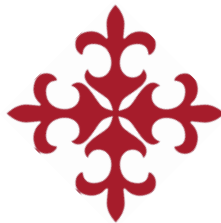
*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

*(see page 10)*

Benediction

Benediction Response

**We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.**



## Sermon Notes

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -  
 thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw  
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
 tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
 fore him! Let the A - MEN sound from his peo - ple a -

near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 been grant - ed in what he or - dain -  
 do, if with his love he be - friend -  
 gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.



# His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
we - lcomes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

## Refrain



Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more. — Strong - er than dark - ness,

## Repeat refrain last time



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

# Come Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wear - y; come to the mer - cy seat,  
 2. Joy of the com - fort - less, light for the stray - ing, hope of the pen - i - tent,  
 3. Come taste the Bread of Life, bro - ken for sin - ners; drink from the cup of His  
 4. Come now and fol - low Him, this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as



fer - vent - ly kneel. Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y;  
 peace in our strife; here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
 pro - mise made sure. Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters;  
 noth - ing but loss. Trade all this world for His King - dom un - fad - ing.



come un - to Je - sus, — might - y to heal. (go to verse 2)  
 "My yoke is eas - y, My bur - den is light." Come un - to  
 grace o - ver - flow - ing is yours ev - er - more. Come un - to  
 Come un - to Je - sus, — take up your cross. (to next line)  
 Life ev - er - last - ing He of - fers to us. Come un - to



Je - sus, come un - to Je - sus. Lay down your bur - dens,



He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus; rest in His love.

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

## Refrain



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther.

## Verse



We will feast and weep no more. 1.We will not be  
2.In the dark of  
3.Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God. We are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn. My soul be not a - fraid; for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful One. and \_ from the



sumed by the flood. Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
morn - ing, O how long. O God of Ja - cob be \_ my strength.  
gar - den to the grave. Bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.



## VISITORS

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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