

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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tell of his salvation from day to day.
—Psalm 96:1-2

The Lord's Service
September 6, 2015

Why So Much Singing? Why Sing at all?

Unless you are one of the gifted few among us, chances are you don't do much out-loud singing during your week (not counting the car and shower). For many of us, the very idea of singing publicly can be intimidating. For others, particularly men, singing in church is something we "tolerate" as a necessary inconvenience in order to get to the sermon. Biblically, however, the singing of God's praise constitutes a vital part of worshipping God, and our service reflects that emphasis by including congregational singing throughout. Why is it important to be a singing congregation?

First, singing helps us to praise God with appropriate intensity. There is something about music and singing which allow us to express emotion in a heightened way that merely speaking does not. This is why we often have music and singing at the significant events in our lives, and particularly times of celebration and joy. This is why we see throughout Scripture that God's people often responded to God's great acts of salvation not just with words, but with song. After God delivered Israel from Pharaoh and the Egyptians, Moses immediately leads them in a song of praise (Exodus 15). After God fought to deliver them from Jabin and the Canaanites in the period of the Judges, Deborah leads them in a song of praise (Judges 5). The book of Psalms is filled with exhortations not just to praise God, but to *sing* praises to God. For those who have seen and experienced the gracious salvation of God, who have "tasted and seen the Lord is good," mere words cannot adequately express our joy and gratitude - we have to sing.

Second, singing is a way that we build each other up in the faith week after week. In Col 3:16 the apostle Paul commands the church to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." According to this passage, singing songs should be understood as part of the ministry of the Word. Singing is an opportunity for the "Word of Christ" to dwell in us, to teach one another truth about God, and encourage one another to walk in obedience. This implies, of course, that the songs we sing actually have biblical content, and not merely reflect our own personal feelings or experiences.

Finally, when we sing God's praises together as his people we experience a foretaste of heaven itself. There is much about life in heaven that we do not know, but one thing is sure: we will be singing God's praise. "And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Rev 5:13).

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1 Pastor Scott Korljan

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

†**Opening Hymn** “Come Praise and Glorify” Bulletin Pg. 11

†**Invocation** Psalm 149:2-5

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

†**Response** #38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Verse 1 only)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Confession of Sin 1 John 1:5-7; Psalm 130

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness.

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you,
O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But
with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the
LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; for with the LORD
there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And
he will redeem me from all my iniquities.**

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:4-5; Colossians 1:13-14

Hear the good news!

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, for the forgiveness of sins.”

†**Hymn Of Assurance** “Not in Me” Bulletin Pg. 12

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Elder Fred Weber

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 5:17- 6:2

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks Be to God

Giving God Our Offerings

If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the black Fellowship Pad for all visitors to sign.

†**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Psalm 96

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Sermon “The Priority of Praise”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **(Vs. 1 only)**

Please be seated after singing the hymn

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized and have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 10. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. Please note that the inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* church,

(*universal)

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

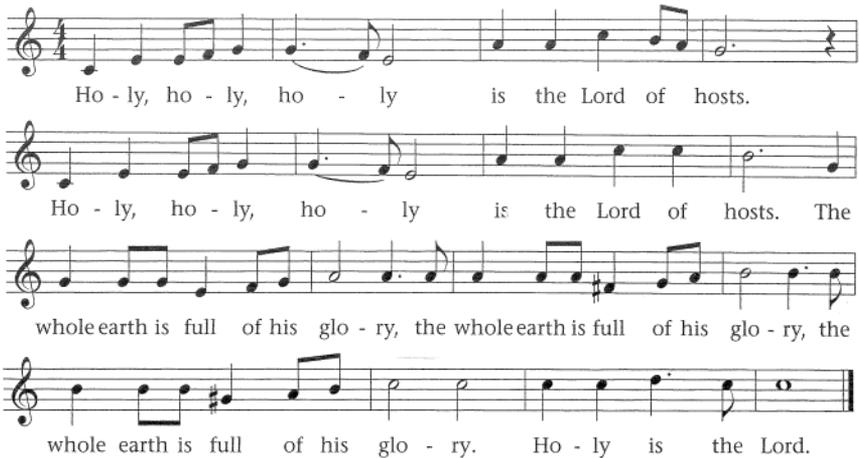
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God, Lord of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask you to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify your people. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. Therefore, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns

#80 "Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee"

"10,000 Reasons"

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#44 "How Great Thou Art"

"By Faith"

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Prayer after Communion

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal “Before The Throne of God Above” (Verse 3)

Behold him there!

The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;

the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;

my life is hid with Christ on high,

with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Psalm 96

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

NOTES

Individual Prayers for Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Come Praise & Glorify”

Music and words by
Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 60$ **VERSE** A Em⁷ D

1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the

4 A A Em⁷ D

Lord. In Christ, he has in heav' - ly realms, His bless ings on us
Christ. In Him our sins are washed a - way re-deemed through sa - cri -
Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spi - rit of the

8 A F#m A D F#m A

poured. For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
fice. In Him God has made known to us the myst' - ry of His will,
Lord. The Spi - rit guar - an - tees our hope un - til re-demp-tion's done,

12 D A Em⁷ D

— and now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly
— that Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill
— un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three - in -

16 A E/G# F#m **CHORUS** E

To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the
One.

20 A D F#m E

praise of Your mer - cy and grace To the praise of Your glo - ry,

24 Gaddz D A A A A **D.S.**

You are the God who saves

2. Come
3. Come

Hymn of Assurance

“Not in Me”

F/C C Dm/C C F/C C Am G sus4 G G7

1.No list of sins I have not done, no list of vir - tues I pur - sue, no list of
 2.No hum-ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed hands, no tear - ful song, no re - ci -
 3.No se - pa - ra - tion from the world, no work I do, no gift I give, can cleanse my

C F G Am F C/G G C C/E

those I am not like can earn my - self a place with You. O God! be
 ta - tion of the truth can jus - ti - fy a sin - gle wrong. My righ - teous -
 con - science, cleanse my hands; I can - not cause my soul to live. But Je - sus

G F/G C C/E G F/G C C/E

mer - ci - ful to me - I am a sin - ner through and through! My on - ly
 ness is Je - sus' life, my debt was paid by Je - sus' death, my wear - y
 died and rose a - gain - the pow'r of death is o - ver - thrown! My God is

G F/G Am F C/G G C

hope of righ - teous - ness is not in me, but on - ly You.
 load was borne by Him and He a - lone can give me rest.
 mer - ci - ful to me and mer - ci - ful in Christ a - lone.

Communion Hymn

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise un-ending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
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Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Communion Hymn

“By Faith”



1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de -
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -
4. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -



sign, hearts, in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



1.3. 2.4.5. Refrain

who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will stand as chil - dren of the
a place where peace and jus - tice earth. }
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. name. }
in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the
for all who call up - on His



prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Announcements

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

Next Sunday - Pastor Scott will preach from Psalm 13

2nd Wednesday Work Group - meets this Wednesday from 9 AM till Noon

Communicants Class - Pastor Scott will lead a communicants class starting next Sunday at 9 AM in his office

Detroit Project Offering - Next Sunday

Foster Care Kits - On Tuesday, September 22nd at 1:30 PM, we will be assembling the Foster Care Bags. With enough volunteers, this task can be completed quickly. If you have an hour to spare, please come and help!

Giving Envelopes - Are in the Narthex, please pick up your box.

Harvest Festival & Barn Dance - If you would like to have some good, old fashioned fun, then come join us on Friday evening, October 9th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Dress as 'Country' as you can and bring family & friends. We will have a three piece country band & caller who will lead us in 'old fashioned country dancing'. For those of you who are interested, you may bring homegrown/homemade products to trade, barter or sell during our Festival. Popcorn & apple cider will be provided; you may bring snacks to share. Please join us at the Witkop Family Farm (M72 West, 1 mile west of Gray/Bugai Road) located across the road from Gallagher's Farm Market. For more information please see Fred or Barb Weber.

Congregational Meeting - October 18th after our service for the purpose of voting on Bob Israel for the Office of Deacon.

This week at Redeemer:

Ladies Psalm 119 Study - Tuesday starting at 9:30 AM

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

Men's Study - Thursday starting at 7:30 AM

Catechism Class - Meets Thursday from 11:15 to 11:45 AM; for ages 3 - 5

Serving Next Sunday, September 13th:

Elder: Bill Morrison

Communion Set Up: Les & Mary Leone

Greeter: Claire Satchwell

Nursery Volunteer: Nikki Millward

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Melissa Weber

Sound Board: David Smith

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