

Pre-service Song

Come and Hear the Story (He is Risen from the Dead)

Come and hear the story! See our Savior's glory!
Know that our Champion has won!
O, come, and join the chorus. Sing! Our God is for us!
Praise to the risen, reigning Son!

We were dead in sin when Christ came down from heaven,
Died in our place upon that tree.
But death could not contain him. He was not forsaken—
God raised him up for all to see!

Chorus

**Where, O Death, now is your sting?
Christ is raised in victory!
He is risen! He is risen!
Hallelujah!**

**Hear the words the angel said:
"He is risen from the dead!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise Jesus!**

Now, in heaven reigning — soon, he is returning.
Then, resurrection he will bring.
So we, though outward dying, live by faith that's finding
Hope in our song of victory: (Chorus)

Life has come!
Sin and death are done!
Christ the Lord has won!
He is risen from the dead! (Repeat)

Go proclaim the story! Share our Savior's glory!
Shout that our Champion has won!
We go and take this chorus: "Sing! Our God is for us!
Praise to the risen, reigning Son!" (Chorus)

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Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10 (ESV)

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory!**

Our Sung Call to Worship

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Chorus)

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 130 (ESV)

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;
**my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
**And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**He who did not spare his own Son
but gave him up for us all,
how will he not also with him
graciously give us all things?**

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

**Christ Jesus is the one who died—
more than that, who was raised—
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed is interceding for us.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! (Chorus)

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Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer—
though I fall His love is sure!
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore!

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley, I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted—
Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
where beside the King, I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure—
Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
for His love is my reward!
Fear is gone, and hope is sure—
Christ is mine forevermore. (Repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion city,

where beside the King, I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure—
Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

You may give electronically at gabcomes.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 41(ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- ¹Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
⁵My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
¹¹By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
¹³Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

The grass withers and the flower falls

but the word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

Psalm 41 (ESV) - Finishing Well: Faithful to the End - Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus:

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Repeat)

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Blessing

Romans 11:36 (ESV)

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: James 1:1-4