Following the Light

REFORMATION COVENANT CHURCH WORSHIPPING OUR REIGNING SAVIOR 1201 JQ ADAMS ST. OREGON CITY, OR 97045 • 503-656-9444 WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US TODAY as we worship our great and gracious God, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time with us, allow us to introduce ourselves.

Worship Service. Our weekly service follows a responsive pattern of worship found in Scripture, as a dialogue or conversation between the Lord and His people. Here God meets with us, speaks to us, and blesses us; we speak and respond back to Him in praise, thanksgiving, and renewed commitment.

Communion. Each week at RCC we celebrate the Lord's Supper, receiving bread and wine as covenantal tokens of Jesus' body and blood. Christians – young or old – who are baptized, and are in good standing in Christ, are invited to partake.

To facilitate Communion distribution, we encourage a representative of each household or group to come forward using the outer aisles to receive the Communion elements. Gluten-free bread is available on the pulpit side.

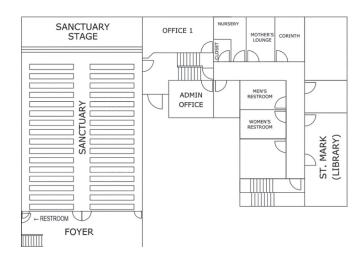
Nursery. We love having children involved in the whole service. Please don't worry if someone with you is wiggly – we are glad to have you all worshipping with us! During the sermon, nursery care is available for children two and under. There is a Nursing Mother's

room located adjacent to our Nursery, if you feel you need quiet or privacy. A video feed of the service can be viewed here, as well as in the Fellowship Hall below the sanctuary.

Restrooms. Restrooms are located down the stairs from the Foyer and in the educational wing.

Weekly Meal. Every week RCC hosts a weekly Agape meal after the service (served as a potluck). We always have plenty of food, and would love for you to join us for fellowship after worship!

Contact. If you would like us to contact you this week, please leave your name, phone number, and/or email below, and give this page to one of our Greeters, Deacons, or Elders.



SOBI DEO GEORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!

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CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

Psalm 29

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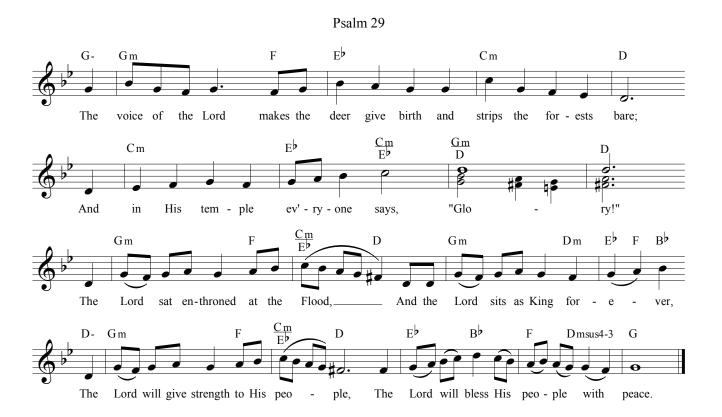
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Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! PASTOR GREETS

Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Psalm 18:1-3



CLEANSES US IN CHRIST

purification offering, gift of glory

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

1 John 1:8-10

Beloved, our Lord has invited us to draw near to him with an honest heart. He has graciously promised to receive all those who come to him with heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

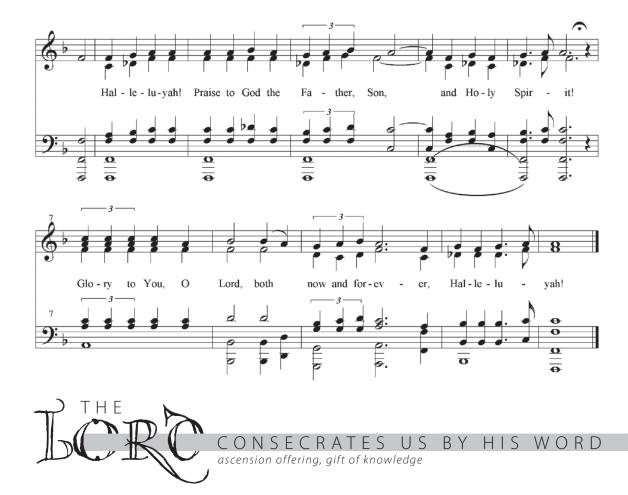
Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your holy laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done me. But have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, O Lord. Spare me, O Lord, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

JOINT CONFESSION

"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

1 John 2:1-2

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. • Amen



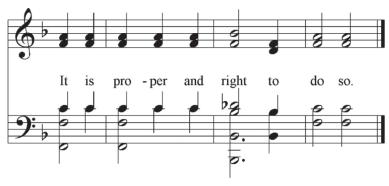
SURSUM CORDA—lift up your heart





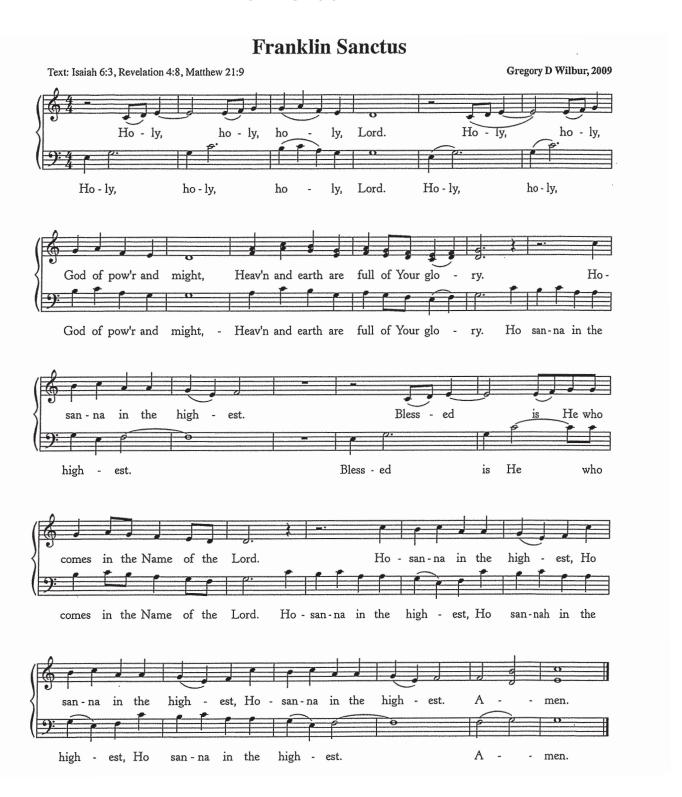
PASTOR LEADS LIFTING UP OF YOUR HANDS

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God!

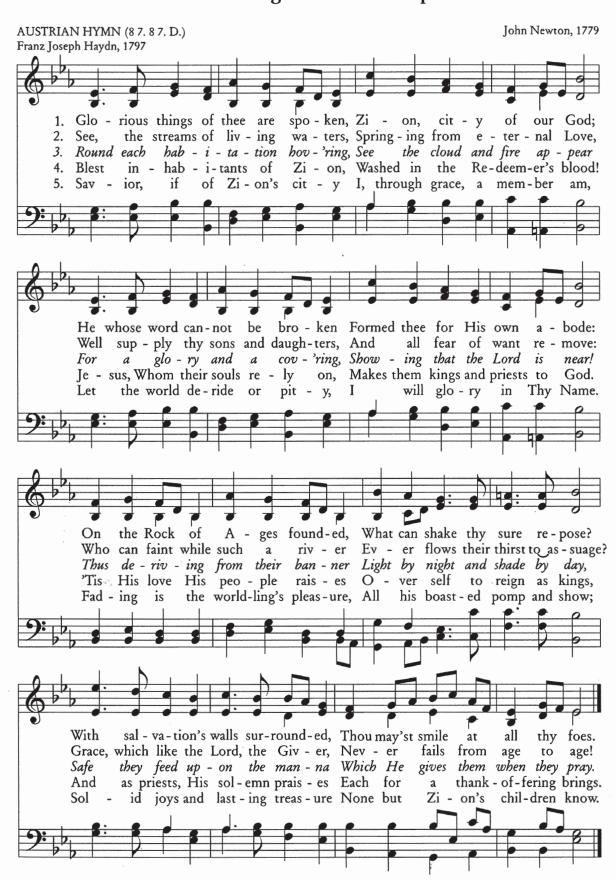


It is truly proper, right, wholesome, and beneficial that we should at all times, PASTOR SPEAKS and in all places, give praise unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee!

SANCTUS



Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



PSALM 36

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the Servant of the Lord.

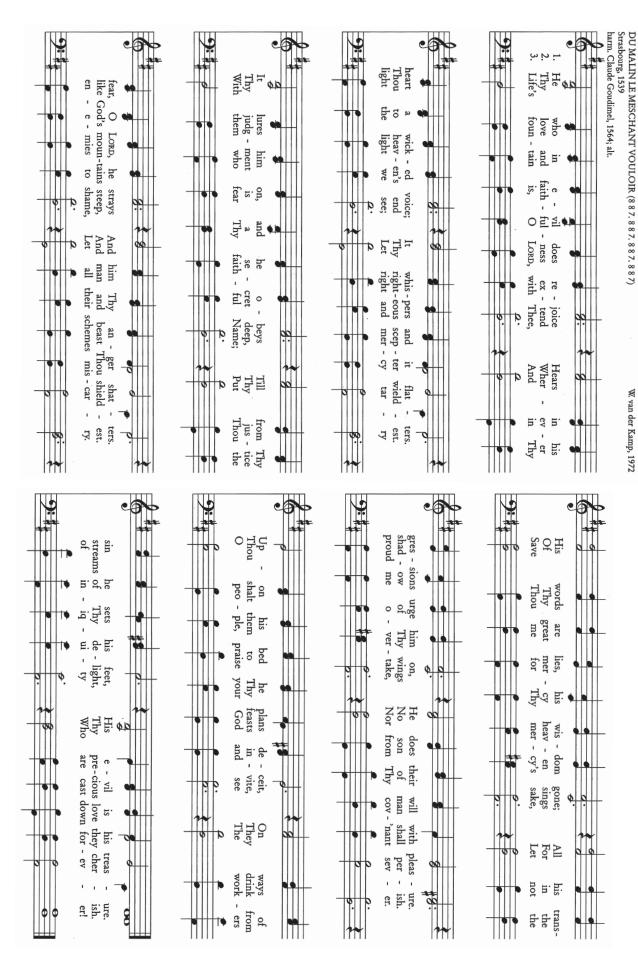
¹ An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:

PASTOR STARTS

There is no fear of God before his eyes.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

- ² For he flatters himself in his own eyes,
 - When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.
- ³ The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit;
 - He has ceased to be wise and to do good.
- ⁴ He devises wickedness on his bed;
 - He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil.
- ⁵ Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens;
 - Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the great mountains;
 - Your judgments are a great deep;
- O Lord, You preserve man and beast. 7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!
 - Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.
- ⁸ They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,
 - And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.
- ⁹ For with You is the fountain of life;
 - In Your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,
 - And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
 - And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the workers of iniquity have fallen;
 - They have been cast down and are not able to rise.



He Who in Evil Does Rejoice

Psalm 36

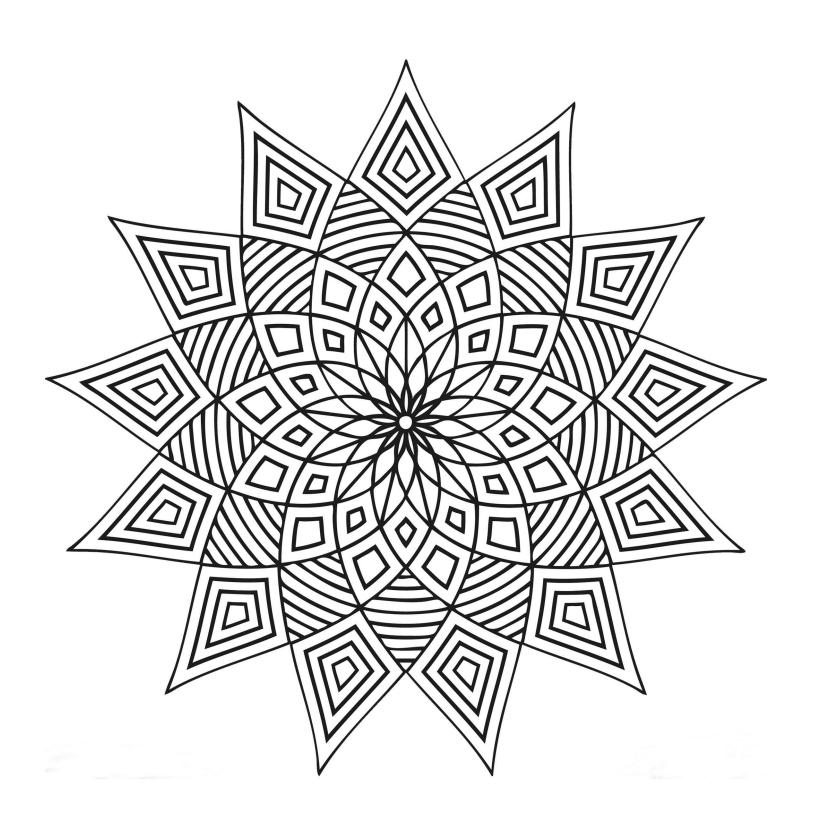
JOHN 8:12-59

English Standard Version (ESV)

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." 19 They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. ²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." 22 So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him. 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. 38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." 39 They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." ⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

DEVIN SMITH | JULY 7

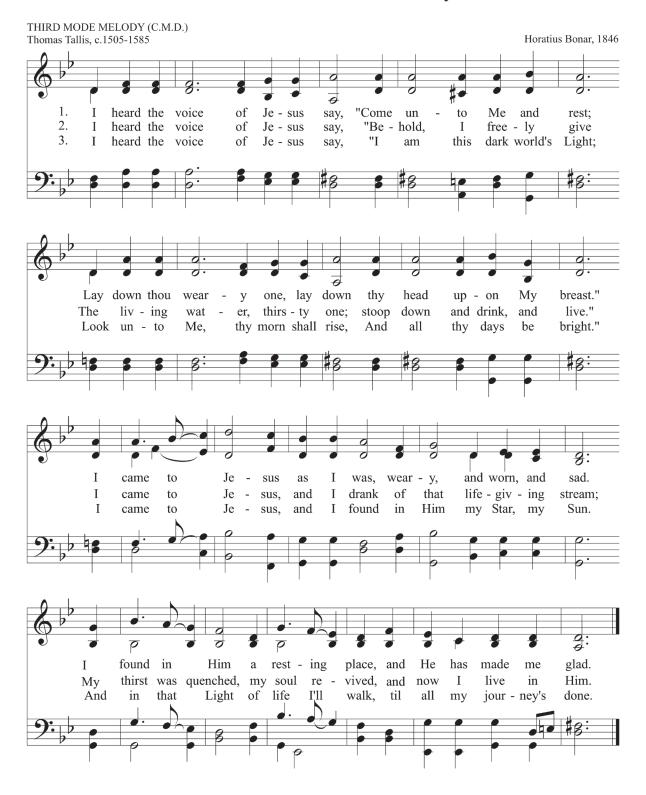


RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - TRIBUTE OFFERING

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. O, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." Psalm 96:8–9

PLEASE BRING FORWARD YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THIS SONG

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say



SONG OF SUPPLICATION

If you have a prayer request for the public prayer, please fill out a prayer FILL OUT card and pass it to the center aisle at this time. Someone will collect the cards during this song.

& SUBMIT PRAYER CARDS

Christ is Our Cornerstone



THE GREAT PRAYER

CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

CONGREGATION PRAYS ALONG WITH PASTOR



PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust in Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

Leader: Christian, in Whom do you believe?

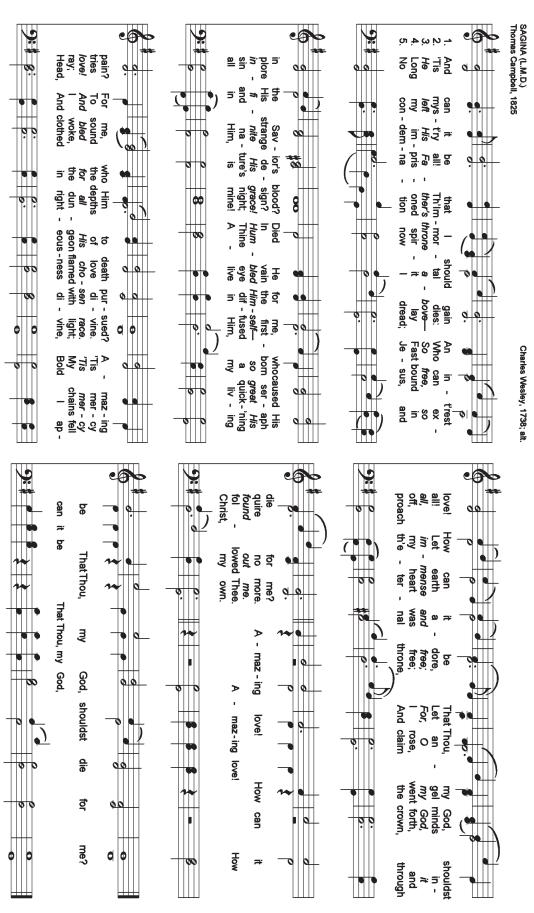
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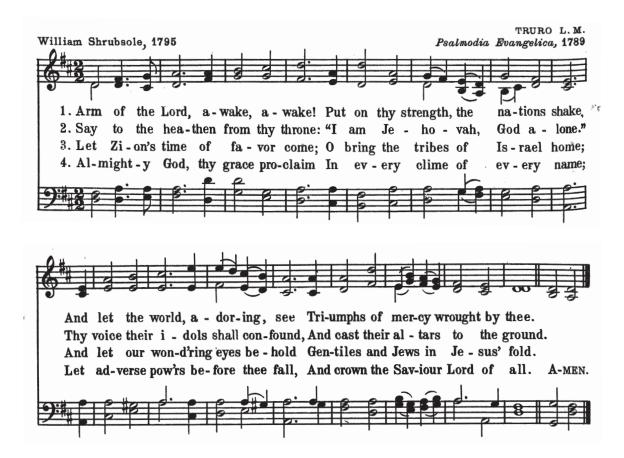
And Can It Be That I Should Gain



COMMISSIONS US AND SENDS US OUT

FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION STANDS



BENEDICTION

"Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the purification offering, the ascension offering, and peace offerings."

Leviticus 9:22

O Praise the Lord Ye Nations 'Round



DOCTRINE

Sermon: "Following the Light" Devin Smith **Next Week:** "John 8:30–59" Devin Smith

Nursery: Juli Cone & Elizabeth Traub
Next Week: Susanna Poindexter & Catie Barnard

Greeters: Lisa & John Next Week: Alice & Grace

FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, July 7: Sunday Service time change! Sunday School: *9 AM* Worship Service: *10 AM*

Tuesday, July 9: Young Men's Book Study M&E Lortz house 7 PM
Wednesday, July 10: Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 10: Elder Meeting 7 PM

BREAKING OF BREAD

Agape Cleanup: D&K Forster, T&D Mahar, Tistadt, Traub **Next Week:** J&H Forster, M&E Lortz, Evans, Couture, Hughes

Dishwasher Today: Team 3: James, Eric, Ezra, Jerome **Next Week:** Team 4: Judah, Jonathan S., Josiah, Isaac

PRAYER

Worship

Prayer for wisdom and guidance for our Elders and Deacons.

Mission

Prayers for the emerging development of a Provisional Presbytery in Europe and Asia, made up of Anselm Presbytery churches. Prayer that this development will promote maturity and unity among the churches in those regions.

Discipleship

Prayers for all of the Sunday School teachers, for wisdom as they go through the Sunday School year.

Prayers for the upcoming camp that Evangelical Reformed Church is putting on for the kids of Nazareth House.

Prayers for Bubu Jarmulak and Bez Zedek Smith, for wisdom as they give talks on Christian marriage.

Community

Please pray for Jesse and Leah Nieman, that they would be a blessing to everyone that they interact with in Mexico, and that God would keep them and their team safe and be willing to serve in whatever way God calls them to.

Prayers for strength, communication, and courage for Lauren as she serves Nazareth House in Ukraine.

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7: Moses Dau Monday, July 8: Paul Barnard Tuesday, July 9: Asa Lopez Friday, July 12: David Spears

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, July 14: Michelle Young Monday, July 15: Mira Nieman Wednesday, July 17: Minden Tooze Thursday, July 18: Carolyn Hangartner Thursday, July 18: John Barnard Friday, July 19: Tom Dahlin