

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.

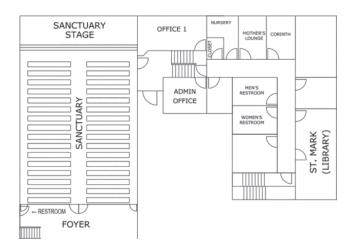
Nursery. We love having children involved in the whole service. Please don't worry if someone with you is wiggly – we are glad to have you all worshipping with us! During the sermon, the nursery room is available for children two and under. It is currently self serve, so please accompany your children. 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 on a visitor card, and give it to one of our Greeters, Deacons, or Elders.



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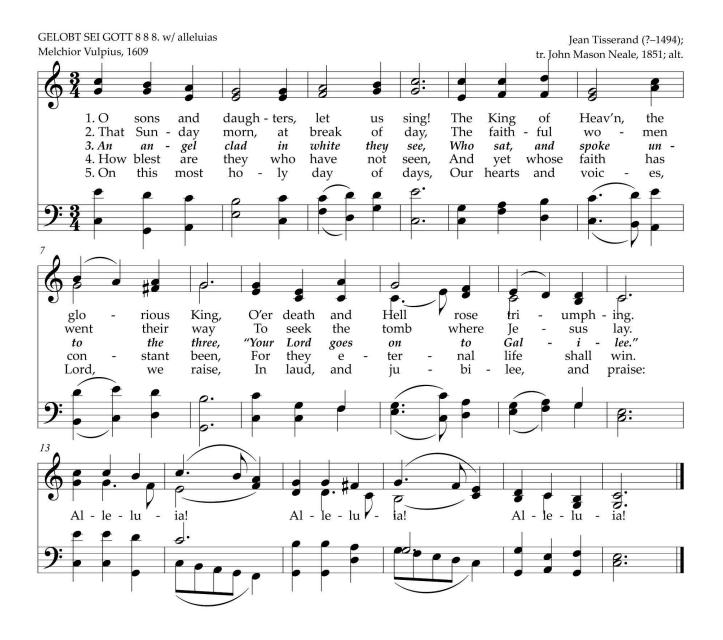
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O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



Pastor: The LORD is risen!

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed!

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on earth.

Alleluia, Amen!

Rev. 1:4-5



"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear."

Psalm 66:18

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

PASTOR GREETS

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

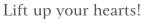
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■ O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against JOINT CONFESSION my neighbor, in thought, word, and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

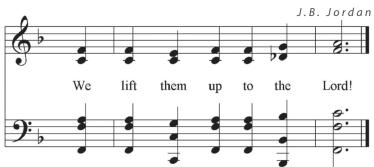
O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities."

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



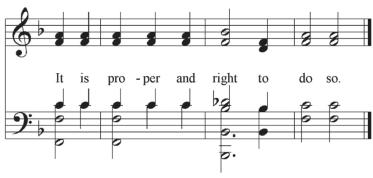
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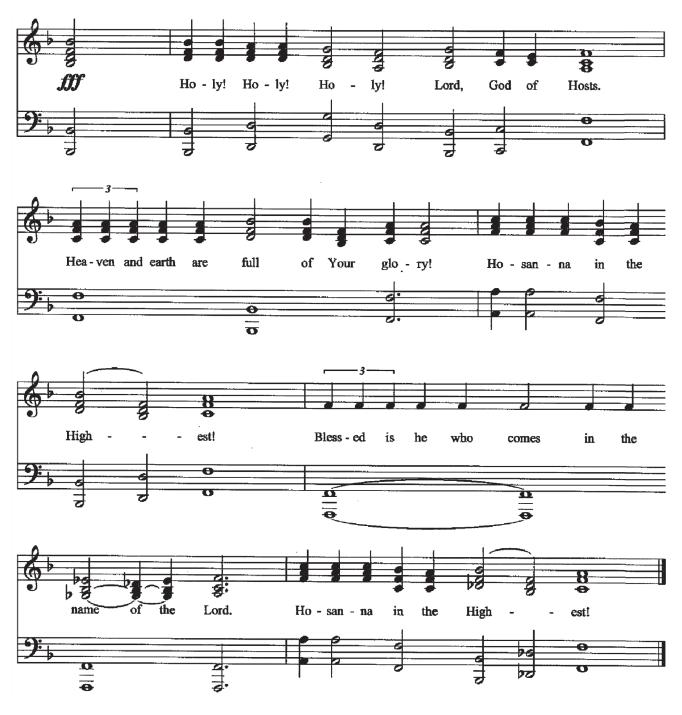


PASTOR LEADS LIFTING UP OF YOUR HANDS

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee!



Lord, Our Lord, In All the Earth



1 TIMOTHY 5:3-16

Honorwidows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, PASTOR STARTS let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach.

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, and having a reputation for good works:

If she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.

But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ.

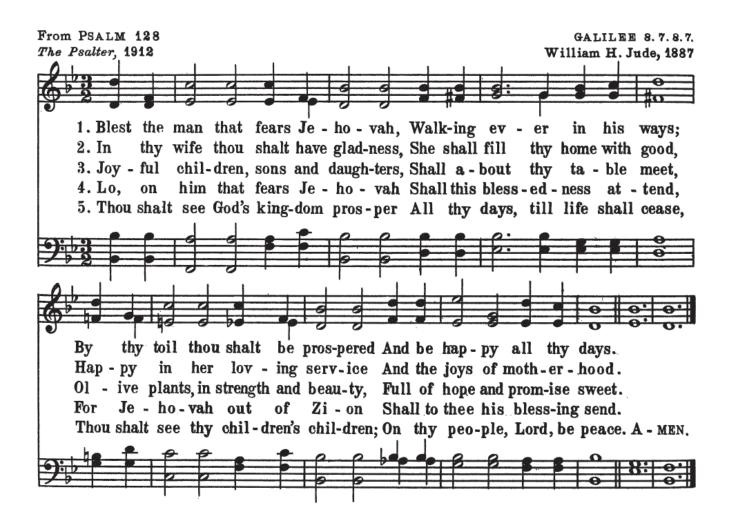
They desire to marry and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith.

Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not.

So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander.

For some have already strayed after Satan. If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them.

Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows.



PROVERBS 31:10-31

English Standard Version (ESV)

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.
- ¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
- ²² She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³ Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come
- ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
- ²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

AN EXCELLENT WIFE

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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



THE GREAT PRAYER

CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

■ Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. CONGREGATION 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.

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? LEADER BEGINS

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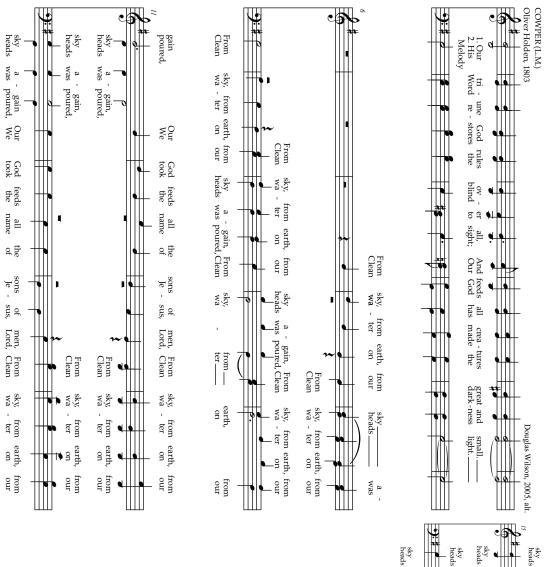
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EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG

Word and Water, Bread and Wine

"Our Triune God Rules Over All"



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- 4. The Lord has spoken living words, He gave us ears, and thus we heard. We will not give our sons a stone, We will not live by bread alone.
- Salvation comes and face to face He sets before us means of grace.
 We know all this was kindly meant;
 We taste the Word and sacrament.



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

Now Blessed Be Jehovah, God

