

Sent To Share Your Faith

Because it is so difficult to live faithfully in the world, we are tempted to retreat from the world of sin and unbelief, and to develop a negative and superior attitude toward our neighbors in the world. Consequently many barriers arise between us and other people whose beliefs and way of life are different from our own. These barriers might come from pride in our own convictions and our own perceived rejection of worldliness. Or, we may find ourselves being hostile to others because of their beliefs or because of their manner of life. Such barriers may lead us, our church members, and our children to personal separation from them...Yet we ought not to be surprised or shaken by the false beliefs, disinterest, or even hostility of the world. Jesus' prayer, and the whole Scripture, teaches us that this is exactly what we are to expect in the world. All through this age we will be living and working among unbelieving people: people who do not know the Lord; people who do not love him; people who believe very differently from us; people who do not walk in obedience to his laws. However, it is precisely this world to which the Lord sends us; it is such people whom the Lord calls us to live among; and he calls us to reach out to them-whether we want to hear such a calling or not. Even the most surface reading of the New Testament makes it clear that this is the church's task all through the present age. Jerram Barrs

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 10, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty. (Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)	
Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.	
Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. In Room 103 Infants/Toddler Nursery will be open at 10:30am. Room 100 is now available throughout the whole service for children2–3 years old. The lesson won't start until the sermon begins. Jr. Church (4yrs to 2 nd grade) does not meet on Communion Sundays.	
Gluten-free bread (in small, clear, zippered bags) is available for communion.	
Welcome	PASTOR BARBER
WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Prelude	HIGO RODRIGUES, Piano
* GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP Call to Worship (from The Worship Sourcebook)	PASTOR BARBER
Pastor: Let us Praise the Lord! All who thirst, come to the water.	
People: Come, all who are weary;	
Pastor: come, all who yearn for forgiveness.	
People: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,	
Pastor: and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.	
All: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.	
* Hymn (Trinity #97) — We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator (music next page)	



Julia Cady Cory, 1902 Mod. KREMSER 12.11.12.11. Adrianus Valerius's *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank*, 1626 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877 PASTOR POST

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith

(Ch. 35.4, The Gospel of the Love of God and Missions)

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith comes by hearing the word of God, Christ has commissioned his church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

ELDER DAVID HALLEY New Testament readings — 2 Timothy 1:7–8; 1 Peter 3:15–16; Ephesians 6:19–20 (Pew Bible, pp. 1267; 1295; 1246)

 $^{2\,\mathrm{Tim.}\,1:7}$ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God. [continues next page] ^{1 Peter 3:15} but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

^{Eph. 6:19} Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Father, forgive me, I am a sinner in desperate need of your grace. Forgive me for those moments when I fail to give others the grace you've given me. Forgive me for those times I want control rather than resting in your control. Forgive me for when I doubt your wisdom, mercy, and love. Forgive me for every moment when I am angry because I did not get my own way. Forgive me for those times I fail to witness to your rescuing grace. Forgive me for often loving earthly treasures more than the spiritual treasures you have lavished on me. Forgive me for those many moments when I have failed to love my spouse as you love your church. Knowing that my penalty has been paid, I come to you for what only you can offer. Please work to keep my heart tender and may my mouth always be willing to confess my need for your forgiveness. PASTOR POST

Assurance of Pardon

This is the message we have heard from Christ and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out 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, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:5–7 (Pew Bible, p. 1301)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



Vou can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

ALAN MASON. Double Bass

Offertory Response — Abendlied (R. Schumann, Op. 85, No. 12; adap. F. Grützmacher)

* Song — Psalm 121 / I Lift My Eyes (music next pages)

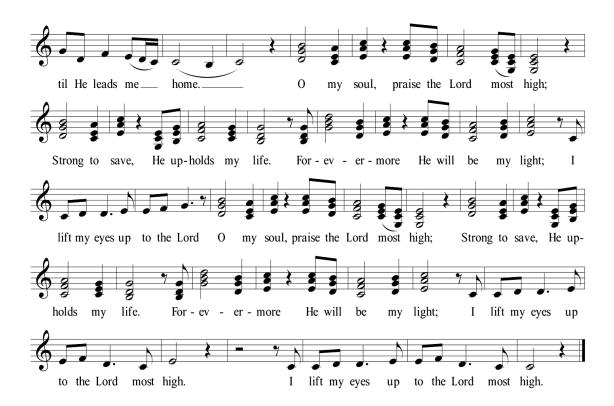
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Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)

Words and Music by Kristyn Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa



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GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

Sent to Share Your Faith — John 4:25–42 (Pew Bible, p. 1131)

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

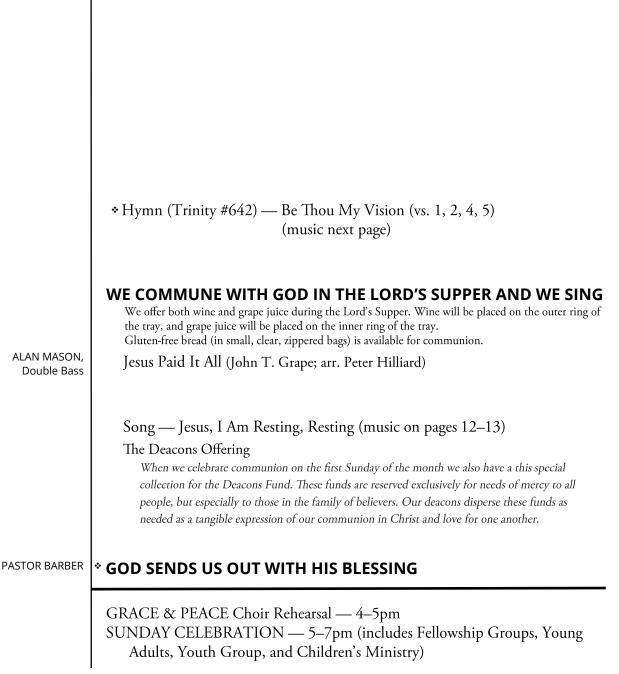
²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

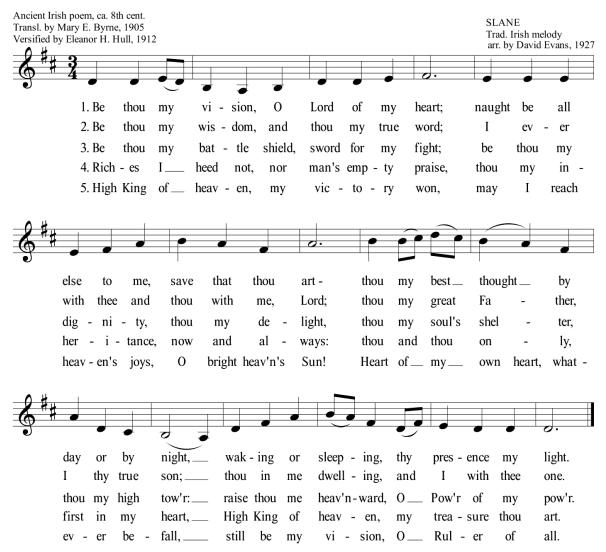
³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4:25–42

PASTOR BARBER



Be Thou My Vision



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Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting



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OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ. We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP-10:45AM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—March 28, 7:00pm PALM SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAM-March 24, 6:00pm EASTER SERVICE-March 31, 10:45am

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Thursdays from 8:00-9:00AM in Room B202 and online. "Sojourners and Exiles" by Sinclair Ferguson.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30an and 6:30-8:00pm. SUNDAY CELEBRATION/FELLOWSHIP GROUPS—Meet tonight from 5-7pm

SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES-David & Jill Martin - MTW: Ukraine (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT-March 17, 5:45-7:45pm at Christiana Skating Center

EASTER EGG HUNT-March 23, 10:00-11:30am

EASTER FOR THE WORLD!-Host an international student at your Easter dinner table. Contact Rick Gray for more information

Attendance and Financial Information for March 3, 2024		
	SS: 203 - AM: 3	18
<u>General Fund</u>		
Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 26,390.36	
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.08	
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$170,731.99	
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$200,160.72	
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$182,215.41	



OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING

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