

## At Church of the King on May 7th, 2023

The 4th Sunday after Easter

"Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

## Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

**Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word:** [congregation standing]

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:19-23 Come Worship the King of Kings!

**God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration:** [based on Psalm 145:10]

O worship the King all glorious above, Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?

O gratefully sing his power and His love. It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

Our shield and defender, the ancient of days, 
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;

**Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Hebrews 1:1, 2]

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

Jehovah be with you! And also with you!

God spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

God has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.

Whom He has appointed heir of all things,

Through whom also He made the worlds.

## Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

""Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us" Hebrews 12:1a

#### The Call for Confession From God's Word:

"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, *God* also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? *Hebrews 2:1-4* 

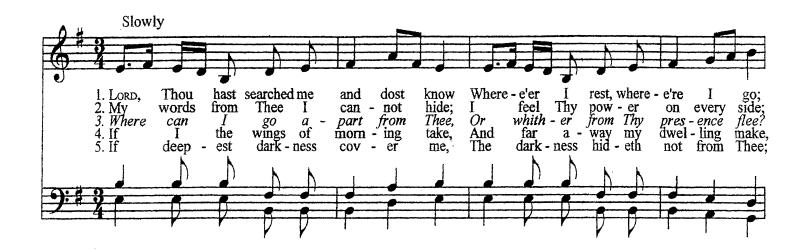
**God's People Sing Our Hymn of Confession:** 

[congregation standing]

## LORD, Thou Hast Searched Me

Psalm 139:1-12

Tender Thought Pentatonic American Folk Melody Harmonized by J. B. Jordan





**Silent Confession:** "We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." *Hebrews 6:11,12*Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

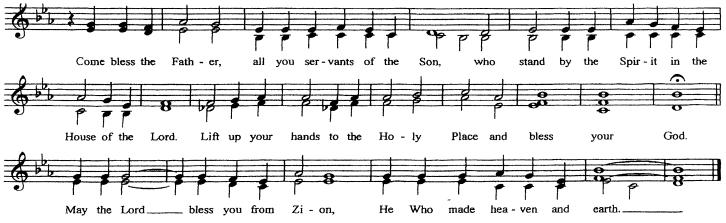
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But have mercy upon us, as miserable sinners, O Lord. Spare us, O Lord, for we humbly confess our faults. Grant unto us 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 we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives; to the glory of your holy Name. AMEN!

### Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:17-20

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!** 

#### Come Bless the Father:









Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

#### From Heav'n O Praise the LORD

Psalm 148



## Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Hebrews 8:1,2,10-12

#### THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

**Exodus 20:1-17** with responses from the words of Jesus

[20:1] And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." Matthew 4:10

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, Jehovah your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

"You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear and understand: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." Matthew 15:10-11

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of Jehovah your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. For *in* six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which Jehovah your God is giving you.

He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' Matthew 15:3-4

"You shall not murder.

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Matthew 5:21-22

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

"You shall not steal.

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." Luke 3:12-14

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:11-12

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Luke 12:15

Jesus reminds us that the Law of God was given as the perfect standard for righteousness and holiness: Matthew 5:17-19 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

### God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1,

#### The Law of God Is Good and Wise

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Ps. 19:8



- 5. The law is good; but since the fall its holiness condemns us all; it dooms us for our sin to die and has no pow'r to justify.
- 6. To Jesus we for refuge flee, who from the curse has set us free, and humbly worship at his throne, saved by his grace through faith alone.

#### God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

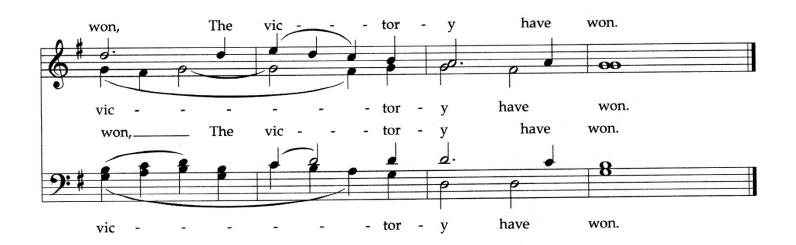
## "Jesus Feeds Four Thousand"

### From **Pastor Deonte Walters**

Based on Mark 8:1-21

# God's People respond with a Hymn of Praise: 2 pages [congregation standing] O Sing a New Song to the LORD





- 2. The great salvation wrought by Him Jehovah has made known.
   His justice in the nations' sight He openly has shown.
- 3. He mindful of His grace and truth
   To Isr'el's house has been.
   The great salvation of our God
   All ends of earth have seen.
- 4. O all the earth, sing to the LORD And make a joyful sound.

  Lift up your voice aloud to him;

  Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

- 5. With harp make music to the LORD;
   With harp a psalm O sing!
   With horn and trumpet raise a shout
   Before the LORD, the King.
- 6. Let seas in all their vastness roar, The world, its living horde. Let rivers clap, let mountains sing Their joy before the LORD!
- Because He comes, He surely comes,
   The judge of earth to be!
   With justice He will judge the world,
   All men with equity.

**The Heidelberg Catechism** – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord's Day 19

51. What does this glory of Christ, our Head, profit us?

First, that by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members;[1] then, that by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.[2] [1] Eph. 4:10–12. [2] Ps. 2:9; Jn. 10:28–30; \*1 Cor. 15:25–26; \*Acts 2:33.

52. What comfort is it to you that Christ "shall come to judge the living and the dead"?

That in all my sorrows and persecutions, I, with uplifted head, look for the very One who offered Himself for me to the judgment of God, and removed all curse from me, to come as Judge from heaven,[1] who shall cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation,[2] but shall take me with all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.[3] [1] Lk. 21:28; Rom. 8:23–24; Phil. 3:20–21; Tit. 2:13. [2] 2 Thess. 1:6, 10; 1 Thess. 4:16–18; Matt. 25:41. [3] \*Acts 1:10–11; \*Heb. 9:28.

### God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

"For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils." Hebrews 7:1-4

## **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:**

## With the singing of Psalm 27:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

- 1: One thing from God have I desired, That in His house I may inquire, So on His beauty I may gaze. I seek to dwell there all my days.
- 2: In troubled times He makes me hide. He hides me secretly inside. Within His tabernacle home, He sets me high upon a stone.
- 3: 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.

### The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

"Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9

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 [Matthew 6:9-13]

## Communion: Where God Communes With His People

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

### **Preparation for Communion:**

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ's Church 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 our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels] Piano migh - ty, earth;

#### **THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE:** (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

#### How Sweet and Awful Is the Place



Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." I Corinthians 11:26

## Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." *Hebrews* 12:22-24,28-29

### **God's People Go Forth Singing:**



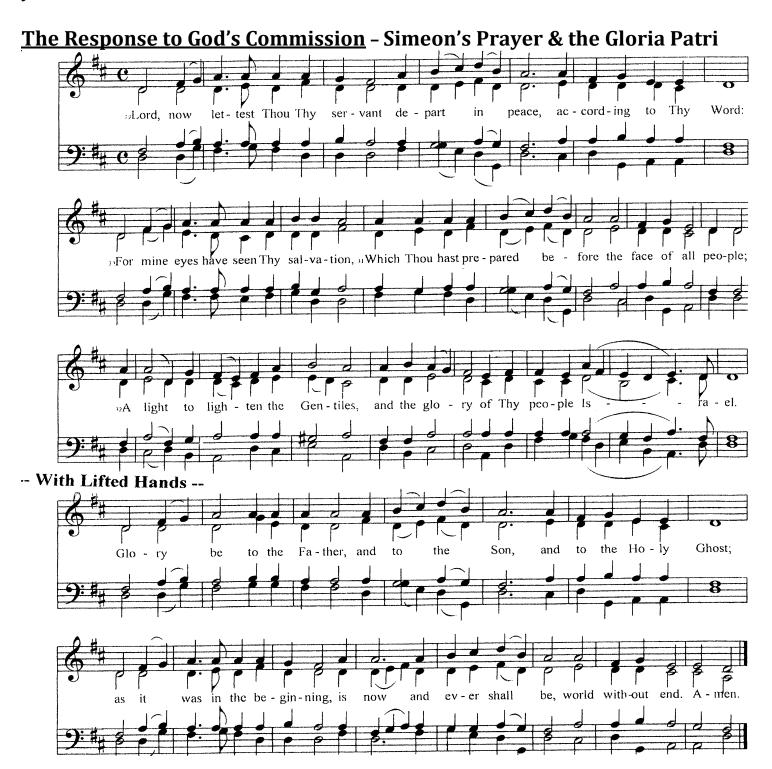


### **God Blesses His People - The Benediction:**

[congregation standing]

Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.... Grace be with you all. Amen" Hebrews 13:20, 21, 25





~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply: Deonte Walters ~

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Marianne Poindexter, Alma Ryan, and Marie Choban, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong; for Baby Theodore Poindexter, that his post-delivery heart surgery would restore him to health & he would quickly recover & be able to be home with his family; & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governor Newsom, & all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, & that His Name would be glorified as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

#### Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food, For life and health and every good. By Thine own hand may we be fed, Give us this day our daily bread.

#### Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading A New Day of Small Beginnings by Pierre Courthial. Contact Pastor

#### Sacramento Area Bible Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays at Richard Otterstad's. Contact Patrick Avanto.

#### Grass Valley Area Book Study:

Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; viewing Reformed Basics video series from Canon Press. Contact John Pekarek.

#### Ladies' Book Study:

Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading <u>How To Be Free From</u> Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian Relationships by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda

#### Vallejo Area Study:

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

#### **Birthdays**

Matthew Choban ~ April 30th Igor Avanto ~ May 1st Maddy Avanto ~ May 5th Miriam Jeong ~ May 6th Penny Poindexter ~ May 7th

**<u>Hall Takedown Today</u>** Nathan & Spencer Pettyjohn, Damell Kendrick, Jonathan Liberati, Sean VanNess

#### Next Week's Playground Duty

Will need a volunteer to sub for the Ryans