



But I will
hope
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and will
praise
You more
and more.

Psalm 71:14

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Gardeners know the importance of good root development before leaves & flowers emerge. So, too, our life in God should be deeply rooted and grounded before we presume to produce flowers & fruits. (C. Spurgeon)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign & pass the red Friendship

~ OPENING PRAYER ~

LET US WORSHIP

PSALM 71 (all read the bold)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

*Rescue me from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.*

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord.

From my birth I've leaned on you,

You who have been my protector since my mother's womb.

I continually praise your name!

***HYMN 396 "BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP"** (stand in body or spirit & sing)

Share the peace of Christ with those around you!

Children's time with the Pastors

"Amazing Grace"

(Wycliffe Belles ~ arr. M. Z Adolf)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; 'twas blind, but now I see.

Hear these words from the prophet Jeremiah (1:4-10, NIV)



The word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. And before you were born I consecrated you and appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.”

But I said, “I don’t know how to speak; I’m only a boy.” And the Lord said, “Don’t say that. You’ll go to all to whom I send you, and speak as I command. Don’t be afraid.”

Then the Lord touched my mouth and said, “I’ve put my words in your mouth and will appoint you over nations to pluck up and pull down, to build and to plant.”

“The Hem of Your Robe” (P. Choplin)

*When our worship moves higher, let us touch the hem of Your robe!
For all heaven’s praise and all heaven’s song make all our humble
worship seem lowly for our highest praise
is just a tiny glimpse of Your glory!*

A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)

*Eternal God, you call us to live faithfully, to live boldly,
to proclaim your name, to do what is just.*

*Yet we look for something so beyond our ability
it’s easy to just ignore it and say “oh, not me!”*

Forgive us.

Help us remember we are not whole by ourselves; only whole in you.

All sing ~ “TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM” (on screen, or p. 698 in the hymnal)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all respond: Thanks be to God!

Luke 4:21-30

The Word of God is Opened to Us

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg

HYMN 468 “IN MY LIFE, LORD, BE GLORIFIED” (remain seated)



The Prayers of the People

followed by The Lord’s Prayer (p. 35-hymnal)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

A follower of Jesus once wrote

*'Think what kind of people you are whom God has called:
not many wise by human standards, not many powerful or of noble birth.
Yet to shame the wise, God has chosen what the world counts foolish;
and to shame the strong, God has chosen what the world counts weak.'*

It is not for our virtue that we are here.

It is not for who we are that we are called to this table.

It is only for one reason - that God wants us.

*So come, leaving behind the baggage of self-importance ~
or the burden of self-loathing.*

How you feel, what you've done, at this moment does not matter.

*There is a greater cause, a stronger voice,
and it belongs to Jesus who, in bread and wine, says,
"I am here ~ for you."*

Hymn 525 "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" (seated, v. 1)

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you ~ **and also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts ~ **we lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God ~

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

*It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.*

You conceived the universe and hold all life in your hand.

*You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear we shed,
and hear every prayer we make, and you will never let us go.*

*So with rain, wind, and sunshine; with all that moves in time with its Maker,
we join with angels and archangels, with saints from long ago,
and with our loved ones gathered around your heavenly table, and sing ~*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



Blessed is he who was born among us, who grew up without privilege or status, and walked the road to heaven through the back streets of this world, and who told the deepest truths in ordinary language. He touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favor, and showed inclusive love; yet, for all this, was crucified, died, and was buried, and for us all, rose again, and is with us here and now.



(all sing) **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great Thou art! How great thou art!**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*(The usher will direct you to the front to receive the elements (gluten-free bread is available).
As you return to your seat, please discard your empty cup in
the receptacles on the outer ends of the first pew.)*

***HYMN 69** **"I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY"** *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

***BENEDICTION**



*Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks
or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at
www.wycliffepresbyterian.org*



**The chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Bob Prestridge, in thanks for my two daughters**

Upcoming Week: Feb 2– Feb 8

TODAY: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 am (Zoom/room 209)

TODAY: CHOIR PRACTICE at 9:30 am (music room)

TODAY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 am (education wing)

TODAY: MUSIC MAKERS at 11 am (music room)

TODAY: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11 am (room 108)

TUESDAY: PASTOR'S LUNCH at 12:15 pm (Racha Thai)

FRIDAY: FELLOWSHIP OF THE ORDAINED SERVICE at 7 pm (sanctuary)

SATURDAY: MEN'S BREAKFAST at 7:30 am (Sunrise Café)

NEXT SUNDAY: SCOUT & SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY at 11 am (sanctuary/narthex)