

Order for the Worship of Almighty God

A Service of Confirmation and Reformation

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Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach
Julie Livingston, organ

The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum.

Greeting Pastor Devlin

Announcements Amy Lucas

Opening Hymn **No. 369** vv. 1, 2, 5 *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Worship **HMR No. 1** vv. 1-4 *Give Praise to God*

Unison Confession of Faith Apostle's Creed

*We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth.*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

*Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and was buried.*

He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead;

*He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.*

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

And now, O Lord, Thou art God, and Thy words are true, and Thou hast promised this good thing to Thy servant; now therefore may it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue for ever before Thee; for Thou, O Lord God, hast spoken, and with Thy blessing shall the house of Thy servant be blessed for ever.

Unison Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Statement of Faith

Virginia Gaither (8:30 AM)
Kendal Astor (11:00 AM)

Prayer for the Confirmands' Families

Elder Bob Thomson

Unison New Testament Lesson

Romans 10:14–17

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Hymn of Worship **No. 345**

vv. 1, 2, 4

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Prayer for the Confirmands' Futures

Elder Joe Williams

Morning Offertory

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Chad Winkler, trumpet; Julie Livingston, organ

arr. Curnow

Children dismissed as per back of bulletin.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Scripture Reading

Ezra 7:1-10

Sermon

Stirred to Rebuild:
Building by the Word

Pastor Devlin

Constitutional Questions and Reception of Confirmands into Membership

Prayer for the Confirmands' Faith

*Please join in the prayer for our newest members by stretching your hands out to the them
as they stand amongst us in the aisle of the Nave.*

Hymn **No. 92**

vv. 1-4

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Benediction

Postlude

Te Deum

Charpentier

Chad Winkler, trumpet; Julie Livingston, organ

On the cover is displayed a Seal of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church from 1789. It affirms both the primacy of the Word of God and the reformed doctrine of Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone). The Seal also makes reference to 1 Peter 1:23 which reads, “since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.” Today these students are confirmed in their faith, established in the church and built into membership all through the ministry of the Word of God.

The confirmands will receive a communion token from Pastor Devlin this morning. This is a practice that dates back to Puritan times when a communion token was given by an elder to members of a church family who, in his judgement and following an in-home examination, were spiritually prepared to receive the Lord's Supper. To those who did not possess the token, having been deemed insufficiently prepared to receive communion, the table was barred. The confirmands will present the token to Pastor Devlin at the next time they come to the table.

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

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*They will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain
in Jerusalem. Is. 66:20*

♩ C F G⁷ C ♭ G Am G

1. Shout, for the bless - ed Je - sus reigns; through dis - tant
2. He calls his cho - sen from a - far, they all at
3. Gen - tiles and Jews his laws o - bey; na - tions re -
4. O may his ho - ly church in - crease, his Word and
5. Loud hal - le - lu - jahs to the Lamb, from all be -

C Dm C G D G

lands his tri - umphs spread; and sin - ners, freed from
Zi - on's gates ar - rive; those who were dead in
• mote their of - f'rings bring, and un - con - strained their
Spir - it still pre - vail, while an - gels cel - e -
low, and all a - bove! In loft - y songs ex -

C D G ♭ G⁷ C Dm Em⁷ C G⁷ C ♭

end - less pains, own him their Sav - ior and their Head.
sin be - fore by sov - ereign grace are made a - live.
• hom - age pay to their ex - alt - ed God and King.
brate his praise, and saints his grow - ing glo - ries hail.
alt his name, in songs as last - ing as his love.

Give Praise to God

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*For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen. Rom. 11:36*

1. Give praise to God who reigns a - bove for per - fect
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un -
3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need for all things
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things

know - ledge, wis - dom, love; his judg - ments are di -
veil to his sharp eyes; he marks our paths be -
good from him pro - ceed. We praise him as our
else both good and true, come from and through our

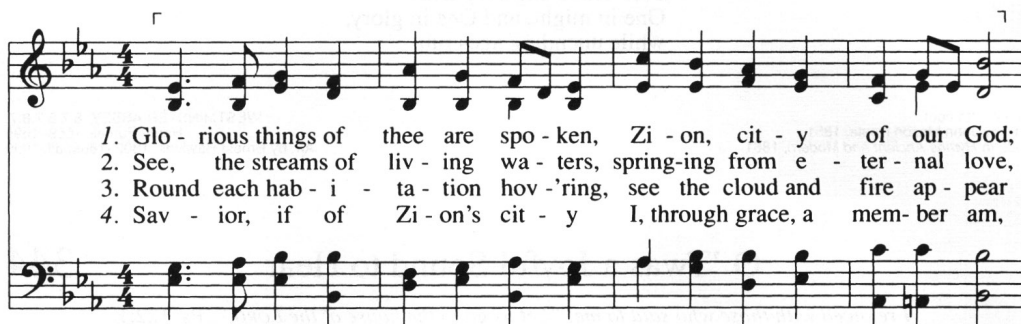
vine, de - vout, his paths be - yond all tra - cing out.
hind, be - fore; he is our stead - fast Coun - se - lor.
Lord, and yet we nev - er place God in our debt.
God al - ways, and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.

Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne,

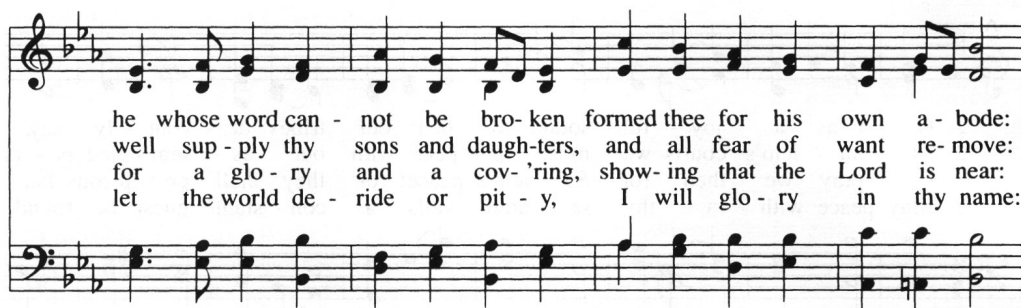
And glo - ry give to God a - lone!

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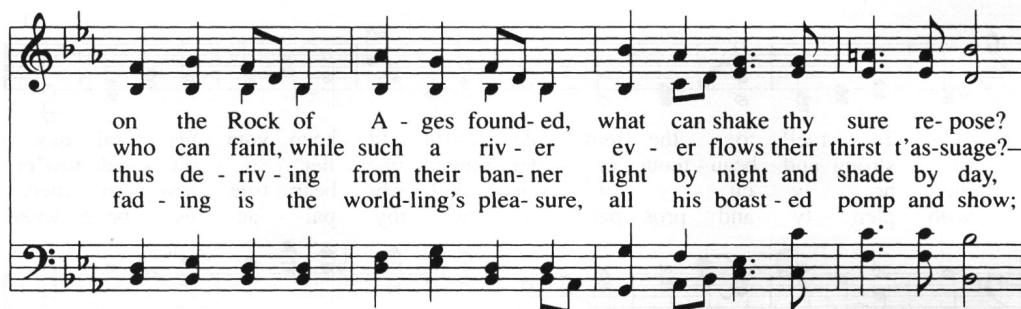
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3


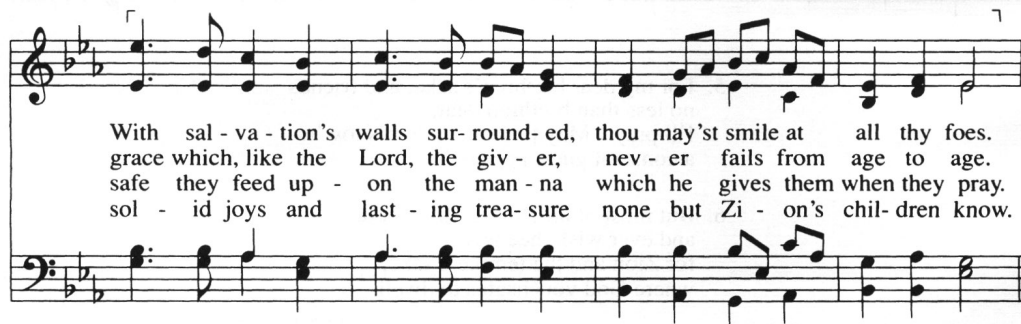
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov -'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
 for a glo - ry and a cov -'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.