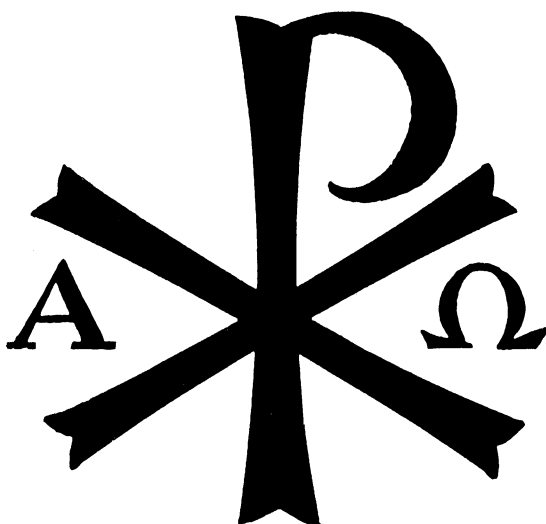


THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2026

6:00 pm Worship Service



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Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

** The congregation is invited to stand.*

+ The congregation is invited to kneel.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Prayer**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

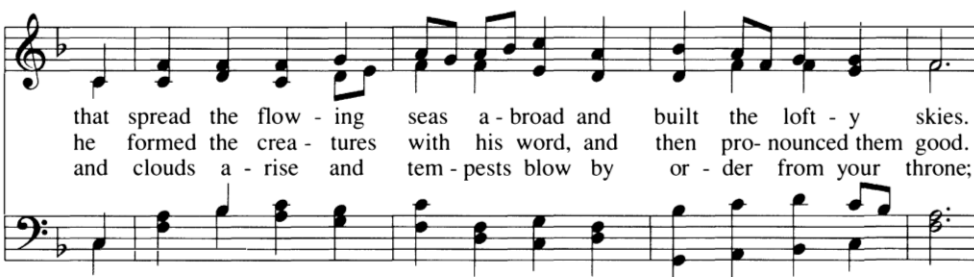
*Hymn

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

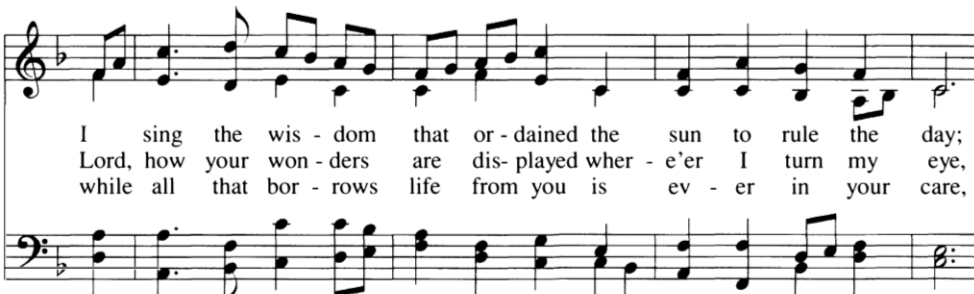
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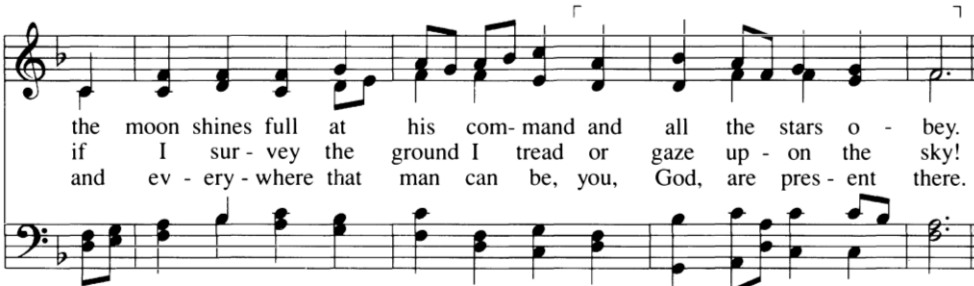
1. I sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea - tures with his word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that man can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

*Psalm 41

Minister: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

***Congregation:* In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

² the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;

he is called blessed in the land;

you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

³ The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;

in his illness you restore him to full health.

⁴ As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,

"When will he die, and his name perish?"

⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,

while his heart gathers iniquity;

when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

⁸ They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;

he will not rise again from where he lies."

⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,

and raise me up, that I may repay them!

¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me:

my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,

and set me in your presence forever.

¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting!

Amen and Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

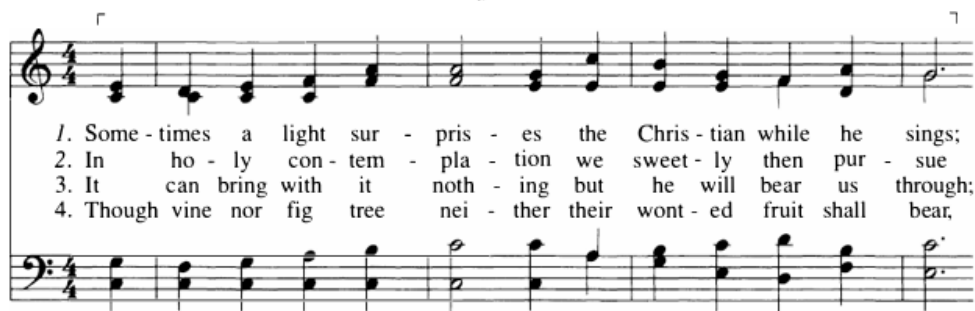
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Hymn

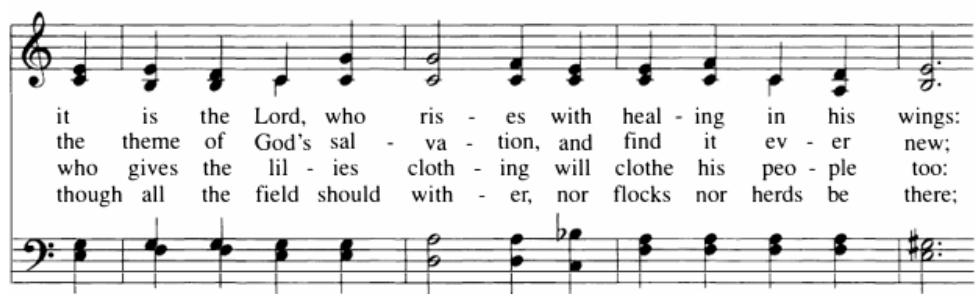
"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

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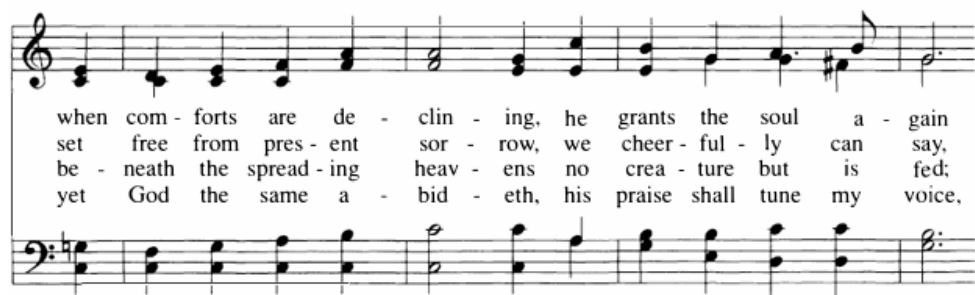
*For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing
in its wings. Mal. 4:2*



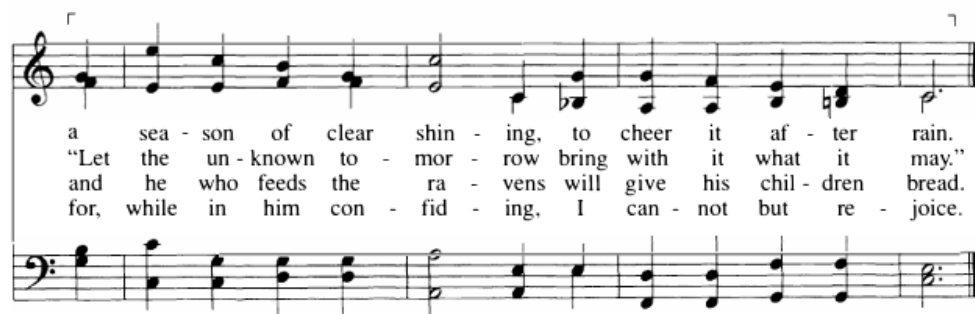
1. Some - times a light sur - pris - es the Chris - tian while he sings;
2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3. It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit shall bear,



it is the Lord, who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings:
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple too;
though all the field should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there;



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet God the same a - bid - eth, his praise shall tune my voice,



a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.
"Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
for, while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

Catechism

The New City Catechism, Questions #19-20

Minister: Is There Any Way to Escape Punishment and Be Brought Back into God's Favor?

***Congregation:* Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.**

Minister: Who is the Redeemer?

***Congregation:* The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.**

Hymn

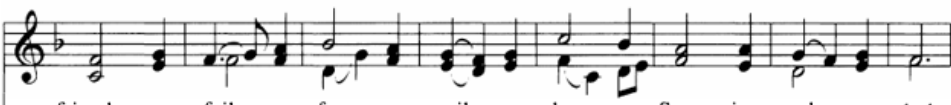
"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

No. 498

A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some-times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Prayer

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 8 (ESV)

¹ When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ² The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³ Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹ Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹ He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹ But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²² And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

*Hymn

"Day Is Dying in the West"

No. 408

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3

1. Day is dy - ing in the west; heav'n is touch - ing
 2. While the deep - 'ning shad - ows fall, Light of light, on the
 3. And when fad - ing from our sight, pass the stars, the

earth with rest; wait and wor - ship while the night
 whom we call through the glo - ry and the grace
 day, the night, Lord of glo - ry, on our eyes

sets her eve - ning lamps a - light through all the sky.
 of the stars that veil thy face, our hearts as - cend.
 let e - ter - nal morn - ing rise and shad - ows end.

REFRAIN
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts! Heav'n and earth are

full of thee! Heav'n and earth are prais - ing thee, O Lord Most High.

Mary A. Lathbury, 1877
Alt. 1961

EVENING PRAISE. 7.7.7.7.4.ref.
William F. Sherwin, 1877

***The Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Postlude

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