

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

*Prelude in F Major*

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 25:1-10*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; for you I want all day long.

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

# OPENING HYMN

## *Because He Lives*

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my  
 and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
 - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

*Refrain*

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He

lives all fear is gone; Be - cause I know

TEXT: Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither  
 MUSIC: William J. Gaither

RESURRECTION  
 Irregular meter

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He holds the fu - ture. And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He

lives.

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you have made it clear to us that your desire for us is to enjoy sharing life with you and our neighbors. Yet, we do not fully trust you. In our fear and self-obsession, we seek ways to manipulate your invitation in order to raise ourselves up and to limit our liability. We fail to do justice to our weak, lowly, needy, and destitute neighbors. Have mercy on us, Lord ...*Time of silent reflection***

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God does not desire punishment, is slow to anger, and abiding in steadfast love. Therefore, God hears your confession and forgives you all your sins, working toward the day when God's will is done throughout the earth. Amen.

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

1. \*Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish

ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In

pur - er lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.

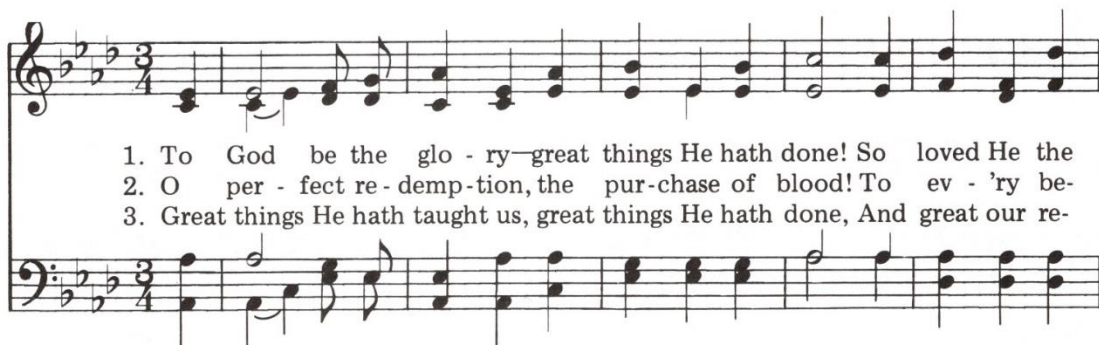
## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

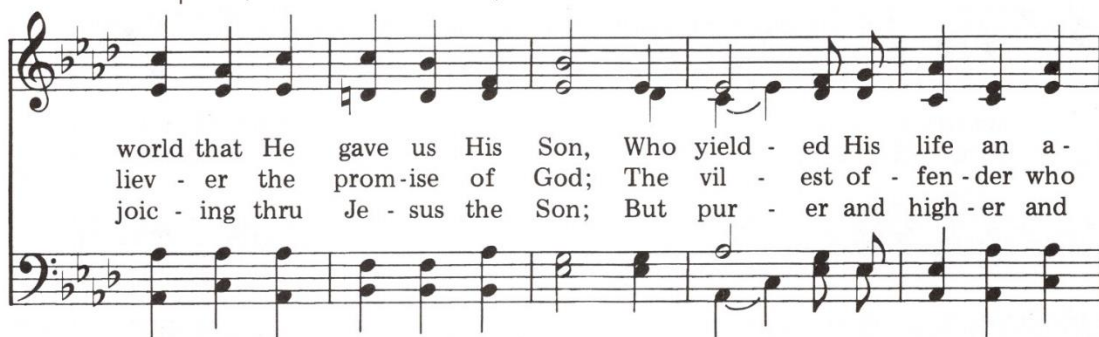
SCRIPTURE READING      Colossians 1:1-14

### SERMON

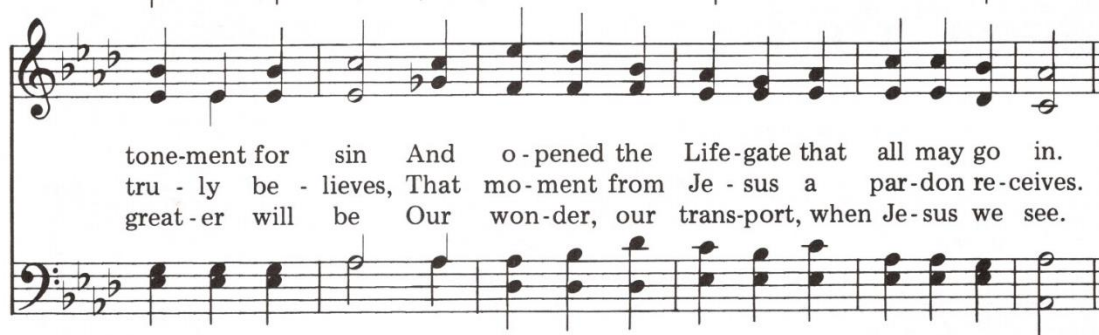
## HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*

1. To God be the glo - ry—great things He hath done! So loved He the  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -  
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

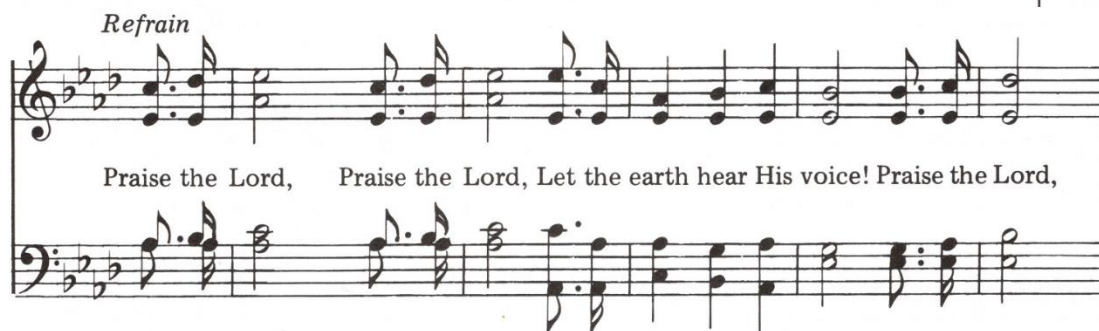


world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -  
liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fen - der who  
joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; But pur - er and high - er and



tone-ment for sin And o - pened the Life-gate that all may go in.  
tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
great - er will be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

TEXT: Fanny J. Crosby  
MUSIC: William H. Doane;  
Descant and choral ending by Doug Holck



Praise the Lord, Let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je-sus the Son, And give Him the glo-ry—great things He hath done!

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

4 This gift we now bring, this pres-ent, this to-ken,  
these words can't con-vey it, the joy of this day!

When grate-ful we come, re-mem-bering, re-joic-ing,  
this song we now of-fer in hon-or and praise!

Text and music: Jane Marshall (b. 1924)

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We stand under a shower of your constant and never-ending gifts, Lord God, knowing that they are offered freely and without thought of repayment. We respond in the only way we can, by reflecting and imitating your love in the gifts that we bring before you, to be used in the service of our neighbors both in our community and throughout all the earth. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER with 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the  
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and  
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and  
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter Thy  
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just  
 wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er— all pow - er— sure - ly is  
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall

will, While I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 now, As in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me! A - men.

TEXT: Adelaide A. Pollard  
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins

## CLOSING BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue in F Major*

J.S. Bach