



ST. MARK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**Worship Bulletin**  
**July 5, 2026**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty God, ruler of all things seen and unseen, through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you show your power and mercy. You cast out evil, tear down walls of division, comfort and challenge your people, and show signs of your kingdom coming into the world. Grant that we may lift up the discouraged, strengthen the doubting, and join with all who seek to thank you for your goodness. Glory be to you, O God, who, with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Son, together is worshipped and praised; One God forever. Amen.

### PRELUDE

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Brad Nix

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

### † HYMN

**“We Gather Together”**

**Hymnal #336**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we wander from you. We listen to voices who distract us from your call. We submit to powers competing for our loyalty to you. We confuse being good citizens with being faithful disciples. We trade your life-giving authority for the trinkets of temporary power. Forgive us, dear Savior. Renew us and mold us into mirrors reflecting Jesus' love. We ask this in the name of the only One with the power to save.** (Silent Confession)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### † GLORIA PATRI

**Hymnal #581**

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

### † HYMN

**“This Is My Song”**

**Hymnal #340**

### SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:26-29

### SERMON

**“Yearning to Breathe Free”**

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 27

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**A. Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people,<sup>1</sup> and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood<sup>2</sup> and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.<sup>4</sup> This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision,<sup>5</sup> which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.<sup>6</sup>**

OFFERTORY

When You Believe

Steven Schwartz, arr. Audrey Snyder

Vocalists: Kelly Beekman, Haley Benson, Scott Lunte, Pianist: Debbie Lunte

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Hymnal #609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

† **HYMN**

**"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"**

**Hymnal #354**

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

**"Blessed Be Your Name"**

**RESPONSE**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

POSTLUDE

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

arr. Lloyd Larson

*†In body or spirit, please rise.*

*There are two floral arrangement for worship service. One is donated by Chris and Troy Hargrove. Happy birthday, Olivia! We love you! The second is donated by Susan and Ronald Goff in celebration of Shirley Goff's 90th birthday on July 7th.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

5 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

6 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

8 VBS Work Day, 4 pm

9 Chair Exercise, 10 am

10 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

13 – 17 VBS

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1. Matt. 3:11 – "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

1 Pet. 3:21 – "And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"

Eph. 5:26 – "in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word,"

2. 1 John 1:7 – "but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 Cor. 6:11 – "And this is what some of you used to be. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

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1. Rev. 1:5 – "and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood"

Rev. 7:14 – "I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one who knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'"

1 Cor. 6:11 – "And this is what some of you used to be. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

2. Mark 16:16 – "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned."

Gal. 3:27 – "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

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1. Gen. 17:7 – "I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

2. Matt. 19:14 – "but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

3. Luke 1:15 – "for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 1:44 – "For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy."

Ps. 22:9–11 – "Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help."

Isa. 46:1–5

Acts 2:39 – “For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

4. Acts 10:47 – “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

5. Gen. 17:9–14 – “God said to Abraham, ‘As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from

any foreigner who is not of your offspring. Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

6. Col. 2:11–13 – “In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,”

## We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine,  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

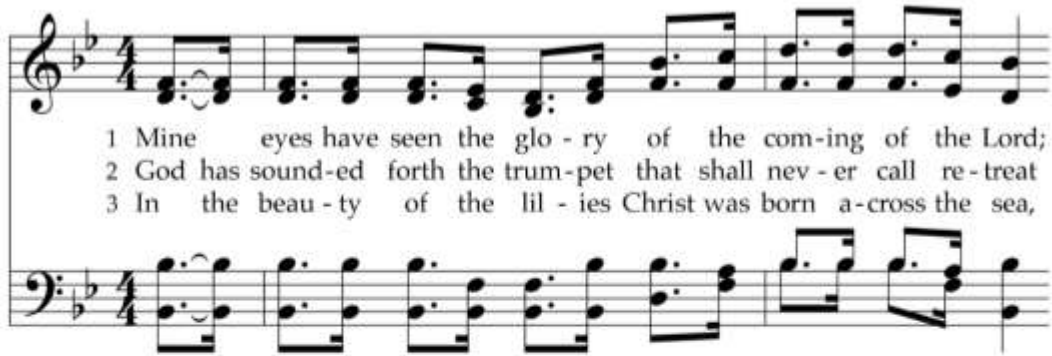
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

# 354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



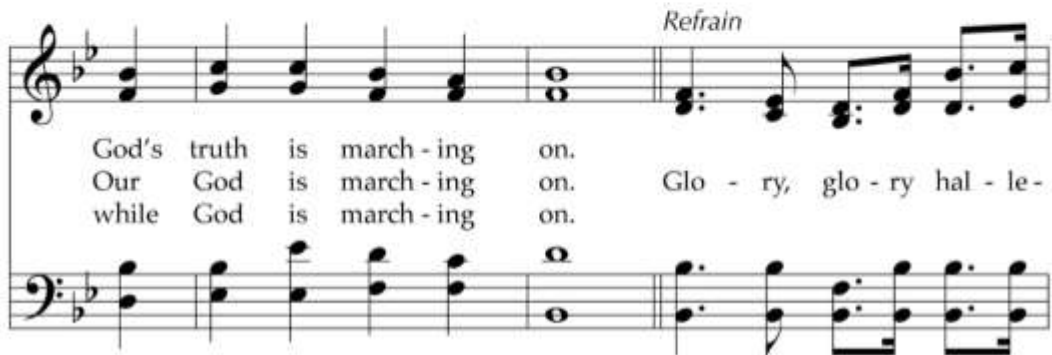
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.  
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!  
as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,



*Refrain*  
God's truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -  
while God is march - ing on.

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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

The image shows a musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

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