



# FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH THE GOSPEL



November 9, 2025



## Prelude

## Welcome

## Silent meditation

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. II Corinthians 5:17

“Christianity and morality are so different in two ways. Putting off and putting on morality means becoming nice. Putting off and putting on a new self means becoming new. Christianity is not about being nice; it’s about being new. It’s not about niceness; it’s about newness.” -Tim Keller, “The New Self.”



**Introit** *My Sins, My Sins, My Savior!*

by John Monsell  
arr. Susan Guerra

My sins, my sins, my Savior! They take such hold on me,  
I am not able to look up, save only, Christ, to thee;  
in thee is all forgiveness, in thee abundant grace,  
my shadow and my sunshine the brightness of thy face.

My sins, my sins, my Savior! Their guilt I never knew  
till with thee in the desert I near thy passion drew;  
till with thee in the garden I heard thy pleading prayer,  
and saw the sweat-drops bloody that told thy sorrow there.

Therefore my songs, my Savior, e'en in this time of woe,  
shall tell of all thy goodness to suffering man below;  
thy goodness and thy favor, whose presence from above  
rejoice those hearts, my Savior, that live in thee and love.

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

**Call to Worship** Psalm 73:25-26

Bruce Baugus  
Theologian in Residence

Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

*\* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*



\* *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

The Southern Harmony, 1835



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed,
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty
3. Come ye wea - ry hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed



sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
by the Fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,



full of pit - y, love and power. to Verse 2  
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. to Verse 3  
you will nev - er come at all. to Refrain



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.



**\* *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*** Trinity Hymnal 455 Verses 1, 3, 5

**\* Invocation**

**\* The Apostles' Creed** spoken together

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I 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.

***Agnus Dei*** choir

Peter Williams

Agnus Dei,  
qui tolis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei,  
qui tolis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.



## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading I John 1:5–10

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Elder:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### \* Prayer

*8:30 service: After the prayer, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

*11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.*



**Sermon**      The Grace of Confession

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

Two Sides of the Same Coin

An Incredible Freedom

A Surprising Unity

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## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### Call to confession James 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

### Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

### Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 66:16-20

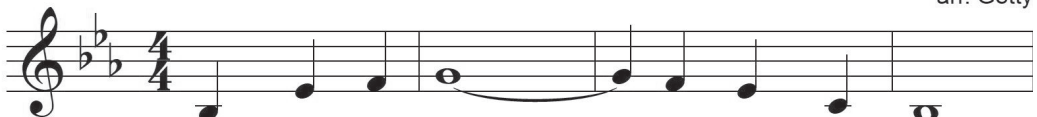
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
I cried to him with my mouth,  
and high praise was on my tongue.  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!

### \* *When I Survey*

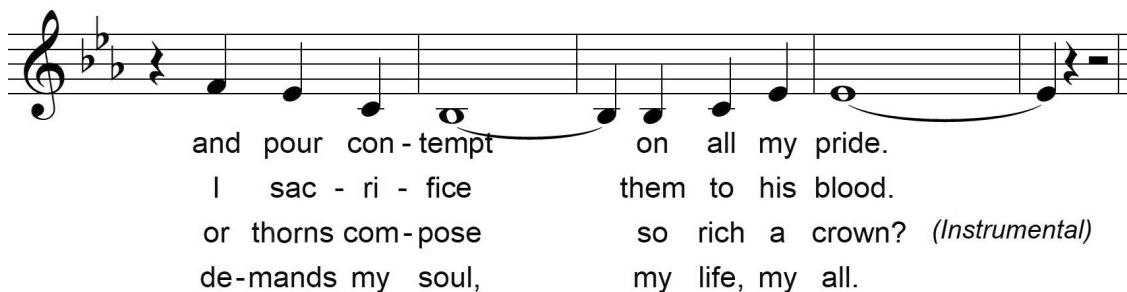
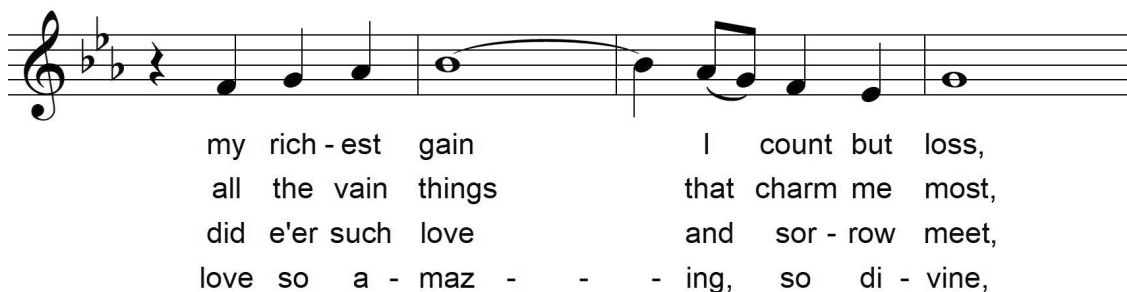
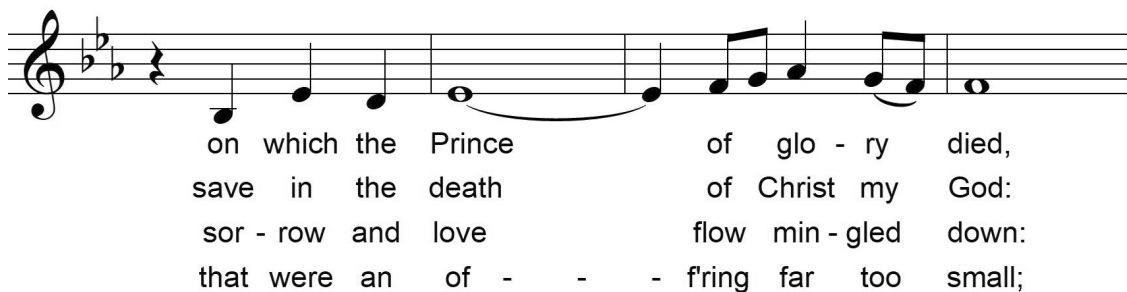
text: Isaac Watts

Appalachian Folk melody  
arr. Getty



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,





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**Offertory:** *Psalm 66: Come, All You People, Praise Our God*

text, The Psalter, 1912  
music, Gregory Wilbur

*Verses - song leaders*

Come, all you people, praise our God  
And tell his glorious works abroad,  
Who holds our souls in life;  
He never lets our feet be moved  
And, though our faith he often proved,  
Upholds us in the strife.     *to Refrain*

text, The Psalter, 1912  
music, Gregory D. Wilbur

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system features a piano introduction in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The piano part has a treble and bass staff. The vocal part is a single line with lyrics. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics, followed by a piano accompaniment for the final phrase.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, a - men! Come, all you peo - ple,  
lu - ia, a - men! We come with of - frings  
lu - ia, a - men! Come, lis - ten, all who



praise our God who holds our souls in life.  
to his house, the lives his mer - cies bless.  
fear the Lord, for he has set me free.

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We come with off'rings to his house,  
And here we pay the solemn vows  
We uttered in distress;  
To him our all we dedicate,  
To him we wholly consecrate  
The lives his mercies bless. *to Refrain*

We come with offerings to his house,  
The lives his mercies bless.  
Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,  
While I with grateful heart record  
What God has done for me;  
I cried to him in deep distress,  
And now his wondrous grace I bless,  
For he has set me free. *to Refrain*



**\* The God We Love (Nicene Creed chorus)**

by Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson  
& Matt Redman

All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all

hon - or to the Son. And praise the Spir - it,

now and al-ways. This is the God we love.

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**\* Benediction**

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and wave the colorful flags as we sing our closing Amen song.*



**\* Let the Church Say Amen**

Let the Church say "A - men." Let the Church say "A - men." —

God has spok-en, let the Church say "A - men."

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 4/4 time. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with accompaniment in the Bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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**\* Postlude**

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**Worship musicians**

Allison Bossenbroek, song leader  
Mason Jones, song leader  
Leah Jones, flute  
Grace Cheong, violin  
Susan Guerra, piano

Adult Choir  
Sarah Helder, director