



July 13, 2025

**Prelude**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*Kum Ba Yah*

arr. Catherine McMichael  
arr. Hopson

**Welcome**

Grace Cheong  
Jubilee Fellows Intern  
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**Silent meditation**

Where are we traveling (ascending)? *To Christ*.  
How shall we reach him? *Through Christ*.

- Augustine, Psalms, 6:38

Christ is the goal of our ascent... but it is also true that we ascend *with* Christ,  
and *through* Christ. - Christopher Ash, *The Psalms: A Christ Centered Commentary*, 333.

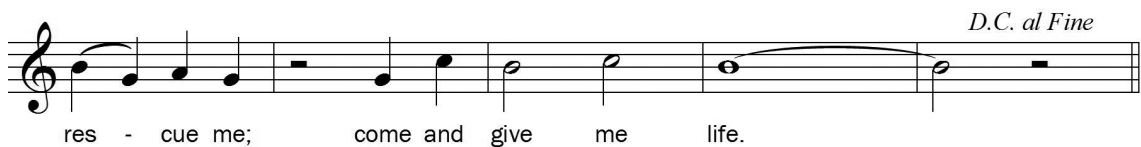
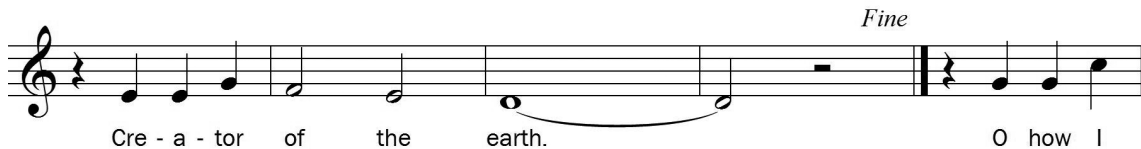
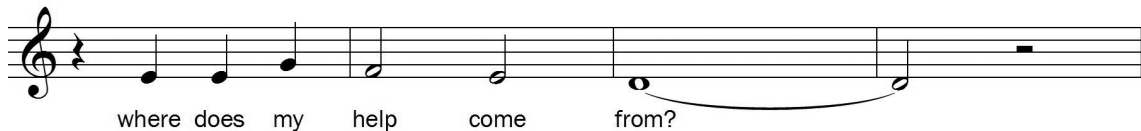
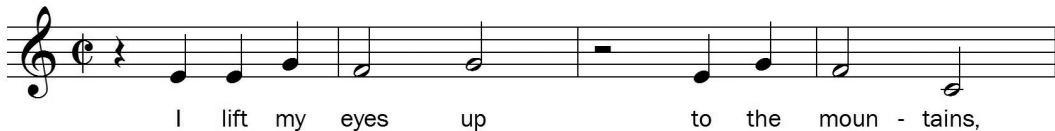
GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 68:19

Blessed be the Lord,  
who daily bears us up;  
God is our salvation.

\* Psalm 121: I Lift My Eyes Up



\* **Invocation** concluding with “The Lord’s Prayer,” spoken together

**Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### Call to confession

Psalm 66:20

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

**Prayer of confession** responsively, followed by a time of silent confession  
*Congregation, please read bold type.*

Father, I am so deep in the depths of the dark, so pressed down, covered over, long-forgotten, that sun and sky and light and laughter seem like nothing more than a dim dream. But could it be that even here my cries do not fall on deaf ears? That even in this quiet grave, you are—*somehow*—with me?

**If not for your mercy, your gracious forgetfulness, I would have no ground for hope, no expectation of deliverance.**

You have proven yourself to be Savior, Deliverer, Lifter of the Weak. I trust that in your good timing I will rise from this death, that the promises you have spoken will come to pass, that this broken earth, scarred by afflictions, will birth life—sevenfold, a hundredfold.

**I quiet my soul. I breathe in the Word of your promise. I wait, I trust, that the night will yield to the dawn.**

Is this not what you ask of us, Lord? To hope, in spite of unspeakable grief, debilitating sorrow, impenetrable darkness, that somehow, impossibly, this broken world will one day shake free from the bonds of death? That the former things will pass away? *How? When?*

**To that unreasonable end—that irrational redemption—I lift my voice with the redeemed and say, “Come, Lord Jesus! Come soon.” Amen.**

-Ryan Whitaker Smith and Dan Wilt, “Psalm 130,” Endless Grace: Prayers inspired by the Psalms

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Psalm 72:12-13**

...he delivers the needy when he calls,  
the poor and him who has no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

9:00 service      On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:00 service      Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.

**\* Beautiful, Scandalous Night**



1. Go on\_\_ up to the moun - tain of mer - cy\_\_  
2. Fol - low Christ to the ho - - - ly moun - tain, \_\_  
3. On the hill - side you will\_\_ be de - li - vered; \_\_



to the crim - son per - pe - - tu - al\_\_ tide. \_\_  
Sin - ner sor - ry and wrecked\_\_ by the\_\_ Fall. \_\_  
at the foot of the cross\_\_ just - i - fied\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Kneel down on the shore, \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ thir - sty no \_\_\_\_\_  
Cleanse your \_\_\_\_\_ heart and your soul \_\_\_\_\_ in the fount-ain that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and your spir - it re - stored \_\_\_\_\_ by the riv - er that \_\_\_\_\_



more. Go \_\_\_\_\_ un - der and be \_\_\_\_\_ pur - i - fied. \_\_\_\_\_ *Go to Vs. 2*  
flows for \_\_\_\_\_ you and for me \_\_\_\_\_ and for \_\_\_\_\_ all. *to chorus*  
pours from our bless - ed Sa - - - vior's side. *to chorus*



At the won-der-ful, tra-gic, my - ster - i - ous tree on that beau-ti - ful,



scan-da-lous night you and me \_\_\_\_\_ were a - toned by His blood and for - ev-er washed



white \_\_\_\_\_ on that beau - ti - ful, scan - da-lous night.

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \* Prayer

**Sermon**      Solving the World's Problems

Chase Smith  
Campus Director for Campus Outreach  
Western Michigan University

The *Path* of Our Rescue

The *Power* of Our Rescue

The *Promise* of Our Rescue

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## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

**\* From out the Depths I Cry, O Lord, to Thee (from Psalm 130)** Trinity Hymnal 552

*The song leaders will sing Verse 1 of the hymn, then congregation rise and join in singing all three verses.*

**Reception of New Member** (11:00 service)

Visakuo Tsurho

**Living out our faith** announcements about the life of the church

**Missionary greeting**

David Bhakiaraj, Pioneers  
ministering to Hindu and Muslim populations in Cardiff, Wales

**Prayers of the People**

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.*

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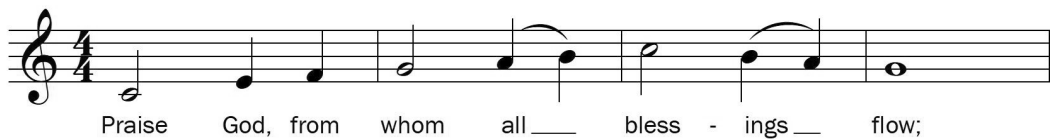
**Offertory** *O Sing a Song*

text, Louis FitzGerald (Vs 1), Edward Caswall (Vs 2)  
music, from the Middle Ages,  
harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
arr. Catherine McMichael

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

All you who seek a comfort sure in sadness and distress,  
Whatever sorrow burdens you, whatever griefs oppress;  
When Jesus gave himself for us and died upon the tree,  
His heart was pierced for love of us; he died to set us free.

**\* New Doxology**



praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

A - men. A - men.

### \* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward  
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

### \* *And All the People Said Amen!*

And all the people said "Amen!"  
Oh, and all the people said "Amen."  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.  
And all the people said "Amen!"

### \* Postlude

#### Worship musicians

Richard Mason, vocals & guitar  
Thomas Scofield, vocals  
Leah Paasche, flute

Grace Cheong, violin  
Susan Guerra, piano