

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Chorale No. 3 (excerpt) César Franck
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship Randy Page

One: I will give the Lord thanks with my whole heart.

All: I will bow down towards God's holy temple and give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: When I call upon the Lord, God responds with strength for my soul.

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble God preserves me.

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let all of God's people call upon his name and rejoice and be glad in him.

Prelude Glory to God Alone in the Highest, BWV 715 J.S. Bach
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Hymn #209** Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

***Invocation**

***Prayer of Confession**

Listening God, we are grateful that you hear our prayers. You are able to help us when we call upon you. We are thankful. So it is with some dismay that we distance ourselves from you sometimes. We know the right things to do and don't do them. We care more what others think about us than what you think about us. We humbly ask for your forgiveness and grace today. Through our prayers help us draw close to you so that we will reflect your glory and love to others. Amen.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1

*One: Hear the Scripture promise: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us live with the joy of being God's forgiven people!
This is the Good News.*

All: Thanks be to God.***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

Esto les digo

Kinley Lange

Covenant Chamber Choir

Text: Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen, se ponen de acuerdo a qui, en la tierra para pedir, pedir algo en oración, mi padre que está en el cielo, se lo dará, se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres, porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos. Esto les digo.

Translation: Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.
-Matthew 18:19-20

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**Offertory**

Blessed Assurance

Arr. Patti Brennan

Isaac Owens, Tenor

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

***Doxology #572**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

At this time toddlers and preschool children are invited to go to Junior Church.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 11:1-8

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

pg. 727, Large Print pg. 1595

One: This is God's Word for God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Primer on Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #434**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

See next page

Today we celebrate all of our Elders and Deacons. Once ordained, Elders and Deacons retain that office title – regardless of whether they are serving on the Session or the Deacon Board at this particular time. As all Elders/Deacons join us for the Ordination/Installation, thank God for these leaders who continue to serve faithfully.

Today we ordain/install:

Elder

Jamie Jewell

Renee McPhedren

Dwight Poffenberger

Deacon

Charlotte Goering

Jennifer Maxwell

Today we install:

Deacon

Barbara Lambing

Joan McAlonan

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God by Don, Carol, David, and Ruth Ross in loving memory of Donald Ross Sr. A loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Ordination and Installation Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him as Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by the church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For Elder) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Christ?

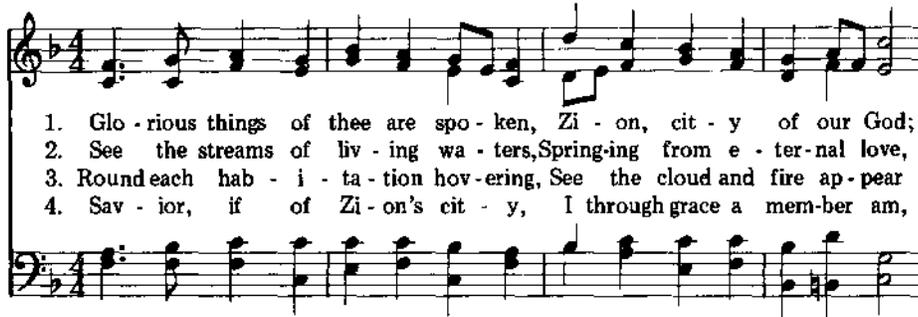
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Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Psa. 87:3

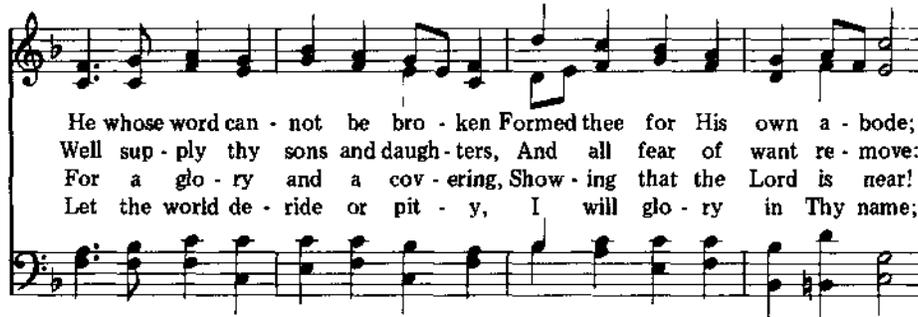
AUSTRIAN HYMN 8787 D.

John Newton, 1779

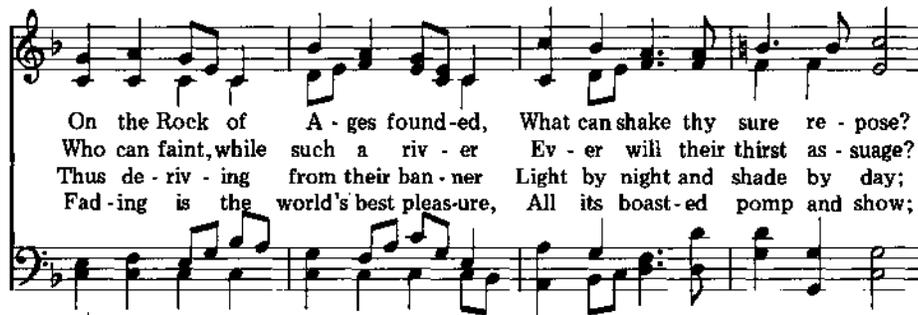
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797



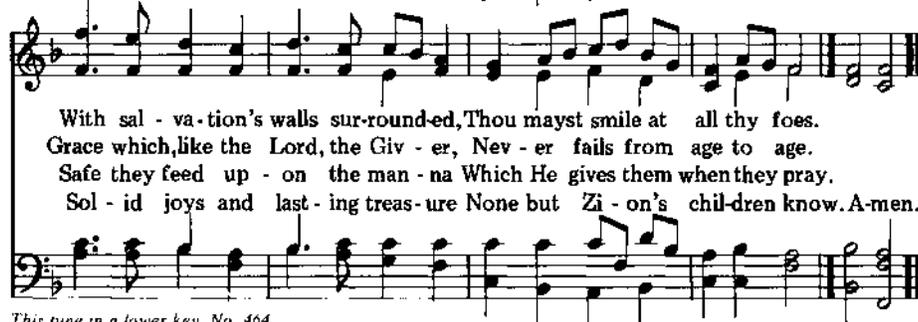
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber am,



He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed thee for His own a - bode;
Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move:
For a glo - ry and a cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near!
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name;



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?
Who can faint, while such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day;
Fad - ing is the world's best pleas - ure, All its boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
Safe they feed up - on the man - na Which He gives them when they pray.
Sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure None but Zi - on's chil - dren know. A - men.

This tune in a lower key, No. 464

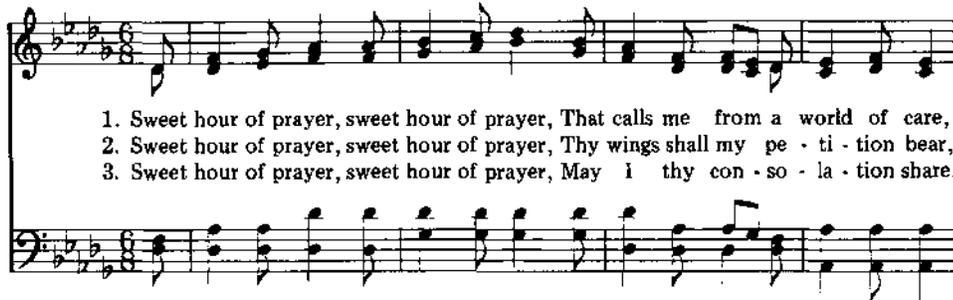
THE CHURCH: ITS NATURE AND FELLOWSHIP

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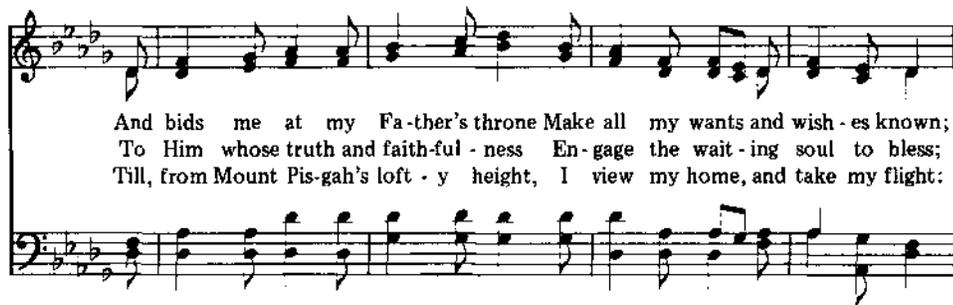
Now Peter and John went up together . . . at the hour of prayer. Acts 3:1

William Walford, 1845

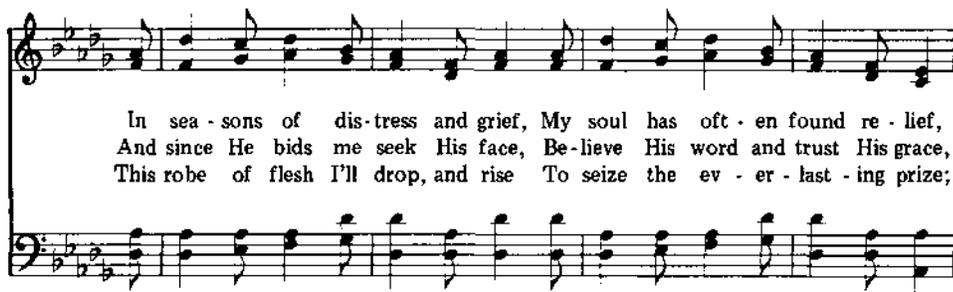
SWEET HOUR L.M.D.
William B. Bradbury, 1861



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so - la - tion share,



And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known;
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
Till, from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height, I view my home, and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My soul has oft - en found re - lief,
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace,
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize;



And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
And shout, while pass - ing through the air, Fare - well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!

Weekly Lenten Reflections 2021

Week of March 14, 2021

These thoughts will come to you each week of the Lenten Season. Let them shape your week as you take a couple moments to read, reflect, and respond with prayer. These thoughts are shaped by and adapted from *The Little Burgundy Book of Stewardship* by Rev. Ken Untener.

Read Matthew 4:18-23 (New Living Translation)

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” 20 And they left their nets at once and followed him. 21 A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. 22 They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. 23 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

Reflect - Imagine being asked by someone to leave your job and follow them. To where? To do what? Why? Try to imagine what was going through the minds of these simple fishermen. Maybe more importantly, what was it they saw in Jesus that compelled them to say “yes” to Jesus? Our normal human reactions might be rooted in his “charisma”, our need to “escape” our current life situation or curiosity – “let’s check it out for a little while.”

What is most powerful in this story might escape us at first glance – the power of invitation. Invitations are not imperatives or commands. Invitations are empowering – they give the one invited the power to think, ponder and choose yes or no.

During this Lenten season to what is Jesus inviting you to say, “Yes.” To whom is Jesus directing you this week who needs an invitation to follow Jesus with you?

Fourth Week of Lent Daily Bible Readings

Monday, March 15	Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday, March 16	Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Wednesday, March 17	Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20
Thursday, March 18	Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13
Friday, March 19	Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Saturday, March 20	Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

