

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Suite du Premier Ton, mvts. I and II Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-4 Joan McAlonan

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

All: sing the glory of his name;

One: give to him glorious praise!

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

One: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

One: we sing praises to your name."

Prelude Improvisation on *Diamentata*
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Ringling 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 #85** Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation

***Prayer of Confession** Philippians 2, Exodus 17, Matthew 21

All: We praise you for your patience O God. We grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Exodus 17

One: Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. In the name of Christ Jesus, receive his forgiveness and know that Christ's blood on the cross cleanses you from your sin. This is our Good News!

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

***Anthem**

I Hear A Voice A-Prayin'

Houston Bright

Covenant Choir

I hear a voice a prayin', prayin', Lord. I hear a voice a prayin', Hallelujah.
I hear a voice a cryin', cryin'. Oh, Lord, save-a my soul. Hallelujah, Lord.

I hear a voice a prayin', prayin', Lord. I hear a voice a prayin', Hallelujah.
I hear a voice a cryin', cryin'. Oh, Lord, save-a my soul. Hallelujah, Lord.

Every time I hear a sinner pray, I wonder if I'm ready for the Judgement Day, Lord.
Every time I hear a sinner cry, I wonder where I'm goin' when I come to die.
Hallelu.

I hear a voice a prayin', prayin', Lord. I hear a voice a prayin', Hallelujah.
I hear a voice a cryin', cryin'. Oh, Lord, save-a my soul.
Hallelu.

I hear a voice a prayin', prayin', Lord. I hear a voice a prayin', Hallelujah.
I hear a voice a cryin', cryin'. Oh, Lord, save-a my soul. Hallelujah, Lord.

Every time I hear the parson preach, I wonder if salvation is in-a my reach.
Every time I hear a sinner pray, I wonder if I'm ready for the Judgement Day.
Hallelu.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Prayer to Jesus

Arr. John Ness Beck

Covenant Choir

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;
From selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point out the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.
Amen.

***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #112** Away in a Manager

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Pew Bible Page 831, Large Print Bible Page 1827

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A "U" Shaped Life

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

***Hymn #62**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***Benediction**

Postlude

Improvisation on *Coronation*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.

Presbyterian Corner



Why Do We Have Offerings? That's a question we hear often. In the Reformed stream of churches (of which Covenant-First is joyfully a part) our worship flow moves from gathering to praise, to the Scripture lesson and then thanksgiving response - our "offering". Stewardship of life is an important part of our heritage and the offering reminds us that we are to give ourselves as an offering to God. Romans 12:1 teaches us "to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Passing the plate for our financial gifts is a symbol of our sacrificial offering to God of our time, gifts, finances, daily life, even prayer, which the Bible says rise to heaven as a sacrificial offering

like incense in the Tabernacle of the Old Testament (Psalm 141:2 and Revelation 5:8). Though much our member's financial giving happens through checks in the mail, bank transfers and electronic deposits, the act of financial giving is our way of remember to be faithful stewards of all our life as we walk with Jesus.

Looking Ahead



During the weeks of September and a few of October we will continue our look at the Letter to the Philippians. Today is a beautiful hymn sung in the early first-century church — Philippians 2:5-11. Jesus' life is held up for our example of faithful living. Chapter 3 is Apostle Paul's faith autobiography and chapter 4 is a goodbye and "I hope to see you soon" conclusion. Our take away from Paul is that his life was immersed in the Gospel of God revealed in Jesus . . . and may this be our spiritual growing edge.

85 Crown Him with Many Crowns

... And on His head were many crowns... Rev. 19:12

Matthew Bridges, 1851, and
Godfrey Thring, 1874

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2. Crown Him the Son of God Be - fore the worlds be - gan,
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side,

Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
And ye, who tread where He hath trod, Crown Him the Son of Man;
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save;
Those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Who ev - ery grief hath known That wrings the hu - man breast, And
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy

hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
takes and bears them for His own, That all in Him may rest.
died e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

This tune in a higher key. No. 422

JESUS CHRIST

Away in a Manger 112

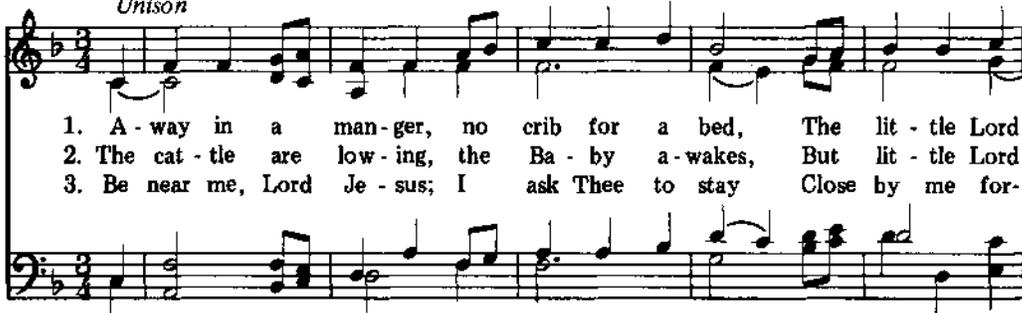
She brought forth her firstborn son . . . and laid Him in a manger. Luke 2:7

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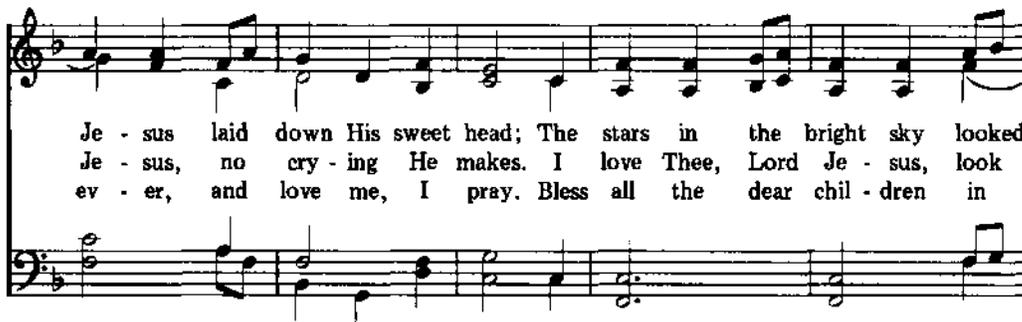
William J. Kirkpatrick, 1895

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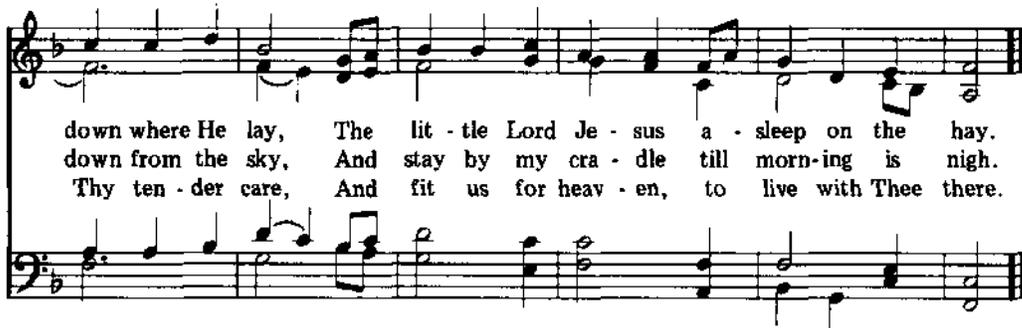
Unison



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

HIS BIRTH

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 62

He hath ... a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Rev. 19:16

Edward Perronet, 1779
Adapt. by John Rippon, 1787

DIADEM C.M. Ref.
James Ellor, 1838

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored of the
3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

fall, Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a -
fall, Ye ran - sored of the fall; Hail Him who saves you by His
ball, On this ter - res - trial ball; To Him all maj - es - ty as -
fall, We at His feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

dem,
grace, And crown Him, crown Him,
cribe,
song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown

crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all. A - men.
Him, And crown Him

Alternate tunes. CORONATION and MILES LANE, No. 63

HIS PRAISE

This Week at CFPC

Sunday, September 11

- 9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 AM — Worship
- 11:30 AM — Fellowship Time in Metzger Hall
- 3:00 PM — Church Family Picnic

Monday, September 12

- 6:30 PM — Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

- 12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Thursday, September 15

- 6 PM — Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, September 16

- 4:30 PM — Wedding

Saturday September 17

- 7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Planning Ahead at CFPC

Sunday, September 18

- 9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 AM — Youth Bible Study Resumes
- 10:30 AM — Worship
- 11:30 AM — Fellowship Time in Metzger Hall
- 4 PM — Music Scholar Concert

Wednesday, September 21

- 12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday September 24

- 7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel



Church Family Picnic

If you haven't signed up for today's picnic, it's not too late! Just let Elders Rene McPhedran or Carol Carhartt know you will be coming and bring a side or appetizer to share. See driving directions on the next page.