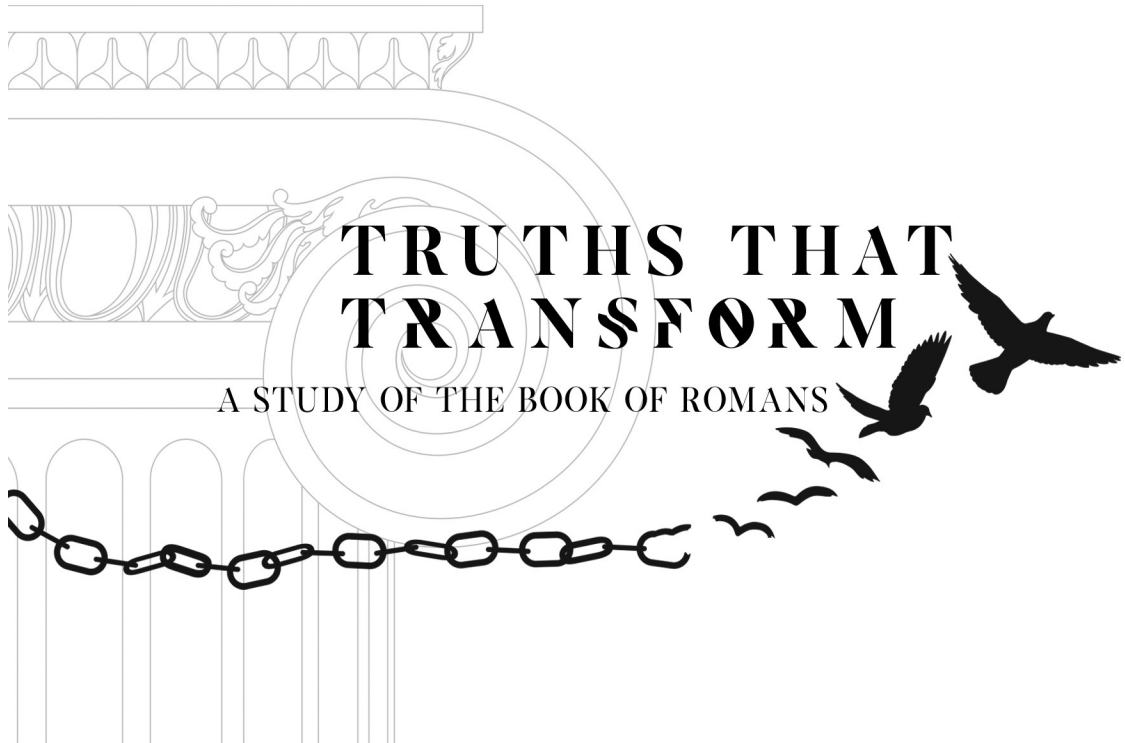




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**11:15 Service**  
February 16, 2020



# TRUTHS THAT TRANSFORM

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS

## Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and we welcome presence of children with their families in worship. Parents of young children are also welcome to use our nursery care (8 wks - 2 yrs), cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 - 1st grade). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need directions.

Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng

Themes and keywords: identity, struggle, growth, Spirit

## Prelude

## Something Within Me

Naima Wartts, Soloist

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; 103:3-4

Liturgist: Praise the LORD!

**All:** *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Liturgist: Bless the Lord,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.


**All:** *Hallelujah! Amen!*

# We praise God


## Behold Our God

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and Stephen Altrogge, 2011  
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**Verse**

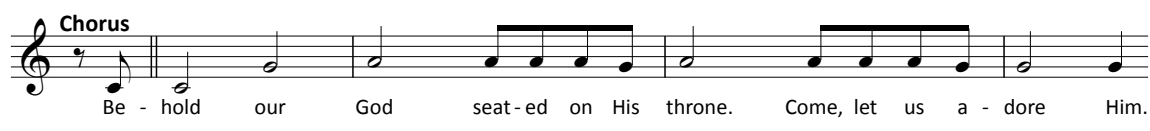


1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered ev-'ry grain of sand?  
2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?  
3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?




Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ris-es to re-joice.  
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath-om all His won-drous deeds?  
God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave: Je-sus, Sav-ior, ris-en now to reign!

**Chorus**

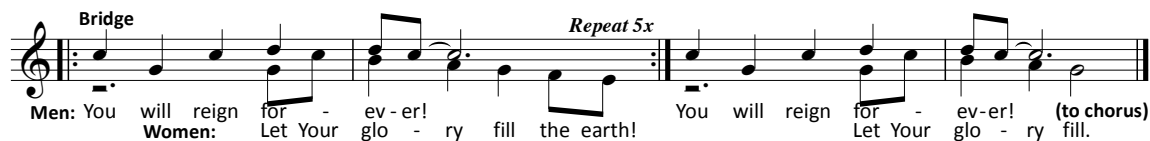


Be-hold our God seat-ed on His throne. Come, let us a-dore Him.



Be-hold our King: no-thing can com-pare, come let us a-dore Him!

**Bridge**



*Repeat 5x*

Men: You will reign for-ev-er! You will reign for-ev-er! (to chorus)  
Women: Let Your glo-ry fill the earth! Let Your glo-ry fill.

## We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All:** *He is risen indeed!  
He died for us that we might live for him.*

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## God calls us to confess our sin

from 1 John 1:5-6, 8-9

Liturgist: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.  
If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,  
we lie and do not practice the truth.  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just  
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## We confess our sin

Liturgist: God, our deliverer, you have set us free in Christ from slavery to sin.

**All:** *But we confess that sin continues to dwell in us.  
We struggle because we do not do the good we want to do,  
but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing.  
We delight in your law in our inner being,  
but our growth is often slow and hard  
because sin wages war against our minds and hearts.  
So we sin against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
Lord, have mercy on us  
and deliver us from this body of death.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, help us to embrace our true identity in Christ. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we will live in the true freedom of people brought from death to life. Help us to put to death the sin that remains in us and strengthen our desire for you and for all that is good and right, so that our lives will always be faithful and fruitful.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

# God declares our forgiveness

from 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1-2

Liturgist: God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

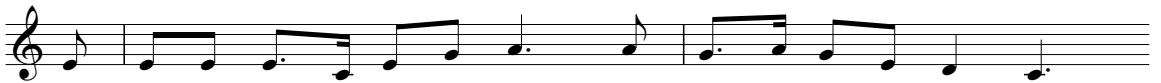
## We praise God

### Grace

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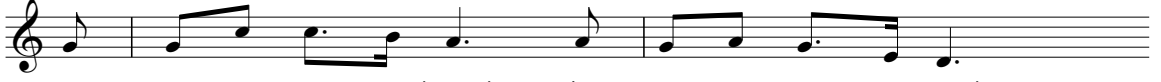


1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home from death to life for - ev - er  
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide to ev - ery tribe and na - tion  
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly wis - dom,  
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow, my song re - sound for - ev - er,



and sings the song of righ - teous - ness by blood and not by mer - it.  
has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of your sal - va - tion. **Chorus**  
the prince of life with - out a stain was trad - ed for this sin - ner. **Chorus**  
for grace will see me wel - comed home to walk be - side my sav - ior. **Chorus**

### Chorus



By grace I am re - deemed, by grace I am re - stored,



and now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

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## Take Me to the Water

Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual,  
arr. David M. Cherwien

Take me to the water to be baptized.  
None but the righteous shall see God.  
I love Jesus, oh, yes, I do.  
He's my Savior, oh, yes, he is

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## We greet one another with the peace of Christ

*Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Worship and will return during the offering.*

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## We pray for God to help us receive his word

### Show Us Christ

Text: Doug Plank and Bob Kauflin

Tune: Doug Plank

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Pre-pare our hearts, O God. Help us to re-ceive. Break the hard and ston-y ground.  
Help our un-be-leif. Plant Your Word down deep in us; Cause it to bear fruit. O-pen up our  
ears to hear, Lead us in Your truth. Show us Christ. Show us Christ.  
O God, re-veal Your glo-ry through the preach-ing of Your Word.  
Un-til e-very heart, con-fess-es Christ is Lord.

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# God instructs us in scripture reading

from Romans 7:7-25  
(pew Bible p. 943)

# God instructs us in preaching

"The War Within"  
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

# We offer ourselves in gifts and song

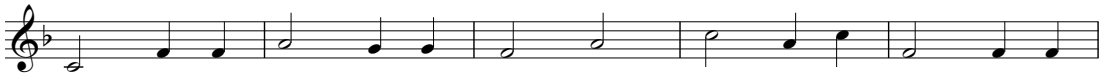
*Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.*

## How Firm a Foundation

Text: Robert Keen, 1787  
Tune: Anonymous



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of  
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf -  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I



faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What more can he say than to  
 God and will still give you aid. I'll strength - en you, help you, and  
 sor - row shall not ov - er - flow. For I will be with you, your  
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply. The flame shall not hurt you; I  
 will not de - sert to his foes. That soul, though all hell should en -



you he hath said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up held by my right - eous om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 dea - vour to shake, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

**STANDING** (IF ABLE)

## We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

**All:** *Our Father 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.*

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## God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

### **Bread**

The communion bread is gluten-free.

### **Eating and drinking**

Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

### **Prayer for those searching**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of new belief**

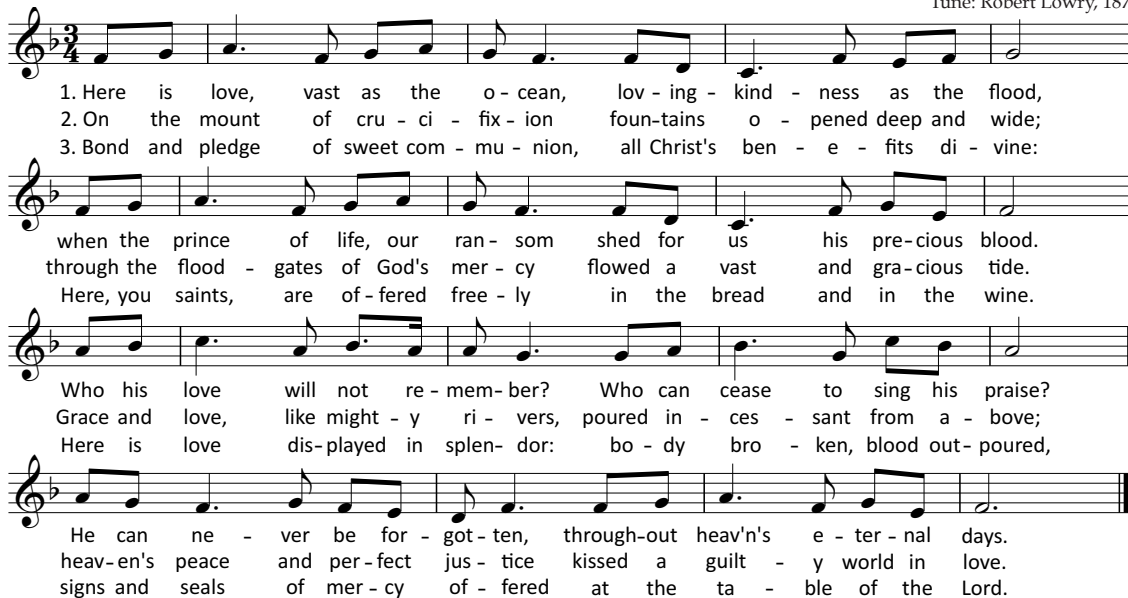
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please join by singing "Here Is Love" as communion is being served.*



# Here Is Love

Text: st. 1&2 William Rees; trans. William Edwards;  
st. 3&4 William Williams  
Tune: Robert Lowry, 1876



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood,  
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion foun-tains o - pened deep and wide;  
3. Bond and pledge of sweet com - mu - nion, all Christ's ben - e - fits di - vine:

when the prince of life, our ran - som shed for us his pre - cious blood.  
through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.  
Here, you saints, are of - fered free - ly in the bread and in the wine.

Who his love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
Grace and love, like might - y ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;  
Here is love dis - played in splen - dor: bo - dy bro - ken, blood out - poured,

He can ne - ver be for - got - ten, through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
heav - en's peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.  
signs and seals of mer - cy of - fered at the ta - ble of the Lord.

# We praise God

## Psalm 67

Text: trans. James McGranahan, 1890, alt.  
Tune: (verses) Henry T. Smart, 1836  
(chorus) Ryan Foglesong © 2010 Resolved Music



1. O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace, and cause to shine up -  
2. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing; in ev - 'ry land let  
3. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing. Then earth, in right a -



on us the bright-ness of your face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be  
prais - es and songs of glad-ness ring; for you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right-eous-  
bun-dance, to us her fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us, our God will bless-ing



known, and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.  
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con - fess. (chorus)  
send, and all the earth will fear him to its re - mot - est end. (chorus)



**Chorus:** So lead on, lead on King of heav - en. My light and my sal - va - tion,



Your faith - ful-ness en-dures. O lead on! Lead us to Your king - dom.



Through joy or tri - bu-la - tion, we fol - low You. We fol - low You a-lone.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

# God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

## Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709  
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

The first line of the doxology is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;"

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and

The second line of the doxology continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and"

Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men.

The third line of the doxology concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men."

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