

June 26, 2016

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.

May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty, our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

# SONGS of ASCENT

# Psalms 120-134

"We have help as troubled sinners, being delivered from the punishment and guilt of our sin.

We have help as dull students being taught to know and understand God's Word.

We have help as timid witnesses for Christ.

God gives us words to speak and blesses our testimony in the lives of others.

We have help as inexperienced travelers on life's journey,
being guided on the right paths and kept from perilous pitfalls and wasteful detours.

We have help as feeble workers. God blesses the work of our hands and makes it of lasting value."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

## God Calls Us Into His Presence and Receives Our Praises

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.	
♥"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	Edward Mote, John Stainer
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#CALL IO WORSHIP	Michael Davis

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

## God Calls Us to Offer Ourselves to Him

#### WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Had it not been the Lord who was on our side; Had it not been the Lord who was on our side,

The anger of the enemy would have swallowed us alive,

Had it not been the Lord who was on our side.

Blessed be the Lord who would not give us up.

Blessed be the Lord for His unfailing love.

The snare is broken and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord; blessed be the Lord.

Had it not been the Lord who was on our side;

Had it not been the Lord who was on our side,

The water would have engulfed us. We would have surely died,

Had it not been the Lord who was on our side.

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#### **†GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We ask that everyone, including members and visitors, write their names, addresses, and other information in the spaces provided on the attendance pad as it is passed down the row.

## God Speaks to Us His Word

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Help for a Dangerous Journey

Dick Cain Associate Pastor Pastoral Team Leader

## God Invites Us to His Table

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion tonight. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time.

We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten-free bread is offered in the center aisle.

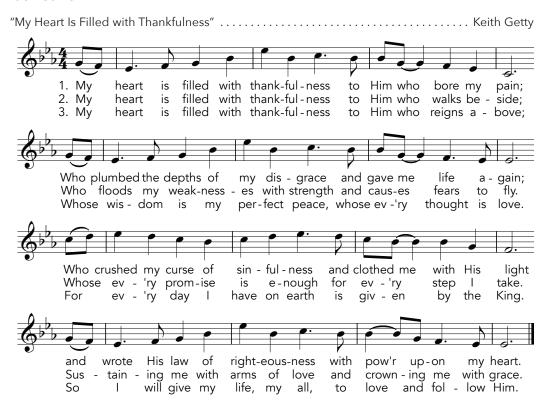
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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SONGS FOR THE TABLE



Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace! One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ, my Savior and my God.

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, The agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

#### Chorus:

Your blood has washed away my sin: Jesus, thank You. The Father's wrath completely satisfied: Jesus, thank You. Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table: Jesus, thank You.

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near; Your enemy You've made Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace; Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

#### Chorus

Lover of my soul: I want to live for You.

Chorus

### God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **†BENEDICTION**
- †Indicates congregation standing

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Worship Leaders: Michael Parsons, J Hickman, Andrew Isbell, Steve Hancock Christy Young, Malaney George, Hope Howard, Gabe Statom

## World Refugee Sunday

Today, churches around the world are focusing on and praying for refugees in acknowledgment of World Refugee Sunday. The UN reports that there are 65 million people forcibly displaced – 21 million are registered refugees, over 10 million of whom are children. Of the 21 million refugees, 4.9 million are from Syria, 2.7 million from Afghanistan, and 1.1 million from Somalia.

Refugees come from all classes of society and, while within this huge mass of dislocated people perpetrators of evil certainly hide, the overwhelming majority are simply people trying to survive. Our civil government, charged with national security, has already set in place thorough screening procedures for refugees, particularly from Syria. The Church's primary responsibility in this situation is to provide hospitality to those who have had to flee from bombs, executions, and starvation. Many missionaries have noted that people from the hardest countries to access are now fleeing to historically Christian countries, and our partners in the Middle East are reporting Muslims turning to Christ in unprecedented numbers.

Tonight, let us turn to God as intercessors for these refugees, asking Him to fulfill I Kings 8:41-43 in Memphis: "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name."

#### Ways to pray:

- Pray for the successful delivery of resources needed to respond to the desperate physical needs of refugees.
- Ask God to forgive us for our complacency with respect to this great humanitarian crisis.
- Pray that God might use workers with World Relief and our other partners on the front lines to demonstrate His mercy and compassion so that in the midst of this suffering the Gospel message of hope will be shared and received by many refugees.
- Pray that the many disaffected with the majority religion of their countries might find hope and new life in Jesus.

Sermon Notes	

# Getting Connected at Second

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.



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