

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

MAY 8TH, A. D. 2016

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 146

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

from Psalm 147

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: *The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: *The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

People: *He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly*

Pastor: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Trinity 345

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Galatians 5:1, 13

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good. For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive our iniquity, though it is great.

Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts have multiplied; free us from the anguish of our sin. Look upon our affliction and distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame, for we take refuge in you.

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 8:31-36

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH **Apostle's Creed** **Bible Songs, p. iv.**

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 97, Trinity 820**

HYMN "May the Mind of Christ My Saviour" Trinity 644

PREPARATION OF OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 15:22-33
SERMON "Living As Free Men"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ PSALM "Under His Wings" **Bible Songs 188**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ **Doxology** **Trinity 731**

◇ BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE "Now Blessed Be the Living God" **Bible Songs 155**

◇ Those who are able, please stand

† Music by Julie Evans, Emma & Helena Wheeler, and Maya Wylie

THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

The Lord's Day	9:45 am 10:45 am	Bible Study Lord's Day Worship
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Men's Group

A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- If you are our guest today, we are glad you are here. Please take a minute to fill out the **Guest Information Card** in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you better.
- We believe that Christian Worship is a renewal of **covenant vows** between Christians and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Consequently, our worship contains lots of congregational participation. Your part is in **bold**, but don't worry if you get a little lost. Just keep your bulletin handy throughout the service.
- We are a family of families worshipping together. We are teaching our children to worship as they worship with us. If they cry or squirm, it's OK; God has ordained "praise" from our children and infants. If things get **desperate**, a cry room is available in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Restrooms are located both in this building and in the Fellowship Hall.

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"Sharing this with our forefathers... that we too are desiring a better country; that is, the heavenly one."

Hebrews 11:16