

## POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

JANUARY 22, A. D. 2017

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace.

PRELUDE & PREPARATION

Psalm 29

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139

*Pastor:* O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People:** **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.**

*Pastor:* Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**People:** **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**

*Pastor:* If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**People:** **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

*Pastor:* If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

**People:** **For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

*Pastor:* Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**People:** **Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

*Pastor:* How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

◇ HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!" Trinity 76

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH Shorter Catechism, 67-69, 82-85 Trinity 874

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Romans 3:30, 8:1

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us.**

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 7:23-27

*Pastor:* The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

**People:** **Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.**

*Pastor:* For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Trinity 295

SERMON "Abortion and the Gospel" Ezekiel 16:1-15a, 59-63

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "Under His Wings" Trinity 84

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

