



# Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Sing Praises to God,  
Sing Praises;  
Sing Praises to Our King,  
Sing Praises.

PSALM 47:6

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.<sup>a</sup>  
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose stream is sweet, and the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup>God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.  
<sup>6</sup>Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth trembles.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
<sup>8</sup>Come and see what the LORD has done to the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields<sup>b</sup> with fire.  
<sup>10</sup>He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 47<sup>c</sup>  
For the directors of music of the Sons of Korah.

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.  
<sup>2</sup>For the LORD Most High has taken the throne; he has established himself over all.  
<sup>3</sup>He has chosen our inheritance from among the nations; he loves us above all peoples; we are the people of his inheritance, the people of his love.  
<sup>4</sup>God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.  
<sup>5</sup>Sing praise to God, sing praises to God, sing praises to God, sing praises to God, sing praises to God.  
<sup>6</sup>For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.  
<sup>7</sup>God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.  
<sup>8</sup>The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the Kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

<sup>a</sup>3 The Hebrew has *Selah* (a word of uncertain meaning) here and at the end of verses 7 and 11. <sup>b</sup>9 Or *chariots*. <sup>c</sup>In Hebrew texts 47:1-8 is numbered 47:2-10. <sup>d</sup>4 The Hebrew has *Selah* (a word of uncertain meaning) here. <sup>e</sup>9 Or *shields*.

Psalm 47:6 Bible Journaling, Unknown

# The Service of the Lord's Day

## Order of Worship

*\*Please stand if you are able.  
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Binkley

### PRELUDE

“Arabesque in C” by Steven Scott

Valerie Adelung

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Christa Burns

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

God reigns over all the earth.

**We sing praises with joy.**

Christ has been raised,

**and His witnesses are sent into the world.**

We come with questions.

**We come with hope.**

We come waiting for the Spirit.

**Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN # 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

The disciples looked toward heaven, but the risen Christ had already given them work to do on earth. We know that tension, too. We can become so focused on what is beyond us that we miss the people beside us. We can ask when God will act, while avoiding the ways God is calling us to act. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

**God of mercy, we confess that we often stand still when You call us to bear witness. We look up, waiting for signs, certainty, and answers, while You keep sending us toward our neighbors, toward the wounded, toward the lonely, toward the world You love. We want faith to lift us above the mess, but Jesus keeps meeting us in it.**

**Forgive us when our hope becomes avoidance. Forgive us when our prayers become excuses. Forgive us when we keep looking for You far away while You are already near.**

**Turn our eyes toward Christ. Open our hearts to Your Spirit. Teach us to pray, to wait, and to move with courage and love. Amen.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Christa Burns

Hear the good news: The risen Christ does not abandon His disciples in their confusion, fear, or waiting. Christ meets us with mercy, sends us with purpose, and promises the gift of the Spirit.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Rev. Christa Burns

May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

**Holy God, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, draw our eyes toward Christ  
and our hearts toward the world You love. Help us hear what You are saying.  
Help us trust what You are doing. Help us receive the Spirit’s courage for the  
work You place before us. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Donna Marshall

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us  
and nations under our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“On Eagle’s Wings I Lift You”

Chancel Choir

by Felix Mendelssohn

*On eagle’s wings I lift you; my hands will bear you up.*

*I will be your refuge; I will guard your life and keep you.*

*I will be with you, I will guard your life; I will be with you.*

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**I believe in God, and the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontious Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Christa Burns

**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.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

The Rev. Christa Burns

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and devoted themselves to prayer. They did not yet know everything that would come next, but they trusted that God was still at work.

Our offering is one way we practice that trust. We give not because we have all the answers, but because we believe Christ is risen, the Spirit is moving, and the church is still called to bear witness in the world. Let us bring our gifts to God.

*During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.*

## OFFERTORY

“Near My God to Thee” by Jason W. Krug

Valerie Adelung

\*DOXOLOGY # 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;  
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Christa Burns

**Risen Christ, receive these gifts and use them for Your work. Use them to strengthen this congregation. Use them to serve our neighbors. Use them to help us bear witness with courage, humility, and love. By Your Spirit, make our giving part of our discipleship, and our lives part of Your good news. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

\*BENEDICTION

The Rev. Christa Burns

POSTLUDE

“The Call of the Trumpets” by Henry Purcell

Valerie Adelung

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Thank you to our guest preacher: The Rev. Christa Burns

I attended Union Theological Seminary in NYC and was ordained by the Long Island Presbytery, where Harry Schill was a colleague. I've served churches in Long Island, Brooklyn, and Baltimore. I have four children and 7 grandchildren. Currently, I am on the board of GEDCO and serve on the Administration Co. and the Commission on Preparation of the Presbytery.

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# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)  
 (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.