

Singing Unto God

My God, how wonderful thou art, Thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat, In depths of burning light!

Together with Moses and the Israelites assembled on the shores of the Red Sea, the people of God through all time and in eternity lift their voices to praise God with song. The use of song in the worship of God is a natural and a pleasant thing and it is commanded by God.

“Sing praises to God, sing praises” is the repeated exhortation of the psalmist. Not only does the Bible record that God’s people have always sung praise for God’s great glory and grace in every one of their earthly experiences, but as he allows us a glimpse within the curtain of eternity God shows us the redeemed hosts in heaven singing “the song of Moses...and the song of the Lamb.”

Songs of praise are thus a basic element of our worship of God. The hymns that we sing are the vehicle of presenting our sacrifices of praise to the eternal God. As such they deserve our closest scrutiny as well as our most fervent singing in order that the praise we offer may be in accord with the character of God.

In our use of hymns we must be careful not to engage in a meaningless act. Our songs of praise must consciously reflect the glories of God and each word must help to express our love and devotion to him of whose glories we sing. “Sing ye praises with understanding” is the divine command.

*Then Moses and the
people of Israel sang
this song to the Lord,
saying,
I will sing to the Lord,
for he has triumphed
gloriously...*

Exodus 15:1

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor! We would like to keep in touch with you. Please use the QR code to tell us about yourself.



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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, asking you, through your grace, to relieve our distress. Remind us of your compassion, O Father of mercies. Remind us of all the benefits that are ours in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. We also ask that you grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness, which are pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Matthew 11:28-29 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 372

"Praise Waits for Thee in Zion"

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 520

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Sermon Text

Isaiah 51:7-11, pew Bible p. 612

Sermon

MY RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE FOREVER

THE LORD'S TABLE

*Hymn of Preparation # 426

"Till He Come!"

Celebrating the Supper

*Hymn of Response # 263

"Lift High the Cross"

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Prayer Meeting. Church doors will open at 10:00am for gathering and sharing prayer requests. Prayer will begin at 10:15am. Children are welcome to attend.

Today. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church.

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Joshua. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Registration is open for the 45th Annual Women's Retreat in Folsom, CA on Friday & Saturday, October 23rd & 24th. Emily Van Dixhoorn will be speaking on "Contentment." Nursing infants and young ladies 12+ are welcome to join! Cost: \$50 per attendee. Please register online at <https://pncnopc.org/womens-retreat/>.

