The Lord's Service

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: 1 Peter 5:6-9

> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† **SALUTATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*
And also with you!

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Luke 12:32

> Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 115:** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

† **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

† Congregation stands, if able | * Seating for latecomers at this time | All Scripture readings are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®). ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Assistive listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please inquire at the sound booth

GOD CLEANSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

† **GLORIA PATRI** (with hands lifted)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 535:** "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1:10

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God will stand forever! *Isaiah 40:8*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 77, NO. 66:** "God Is Known Among His People"

† **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-34** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

Do Not Be Anxious

1. The General Principle (v. 25)

2. Food (vv. 26-27)

3. Clothes (vv. 28-30)

4. The Summary (vv. 31-32, 34)

5. The Kingdom (v. 33)

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,[1] but belong—body and soul, in life and in death[2]—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.[3]

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,[4] and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.[5] He also watches over me in such a way[6] that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;[7] in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.[8]

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life[9] and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.[10]

[1] 1 Cor. 6:19-20 [2] Rom. 14:7-9 [3] 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14 [4] 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2 [5] John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11 [6] John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5 [7] Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18 [8] Rom. 8:28 [9] Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14 [10] Rom. 8:1-17

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** (with hands lifted)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

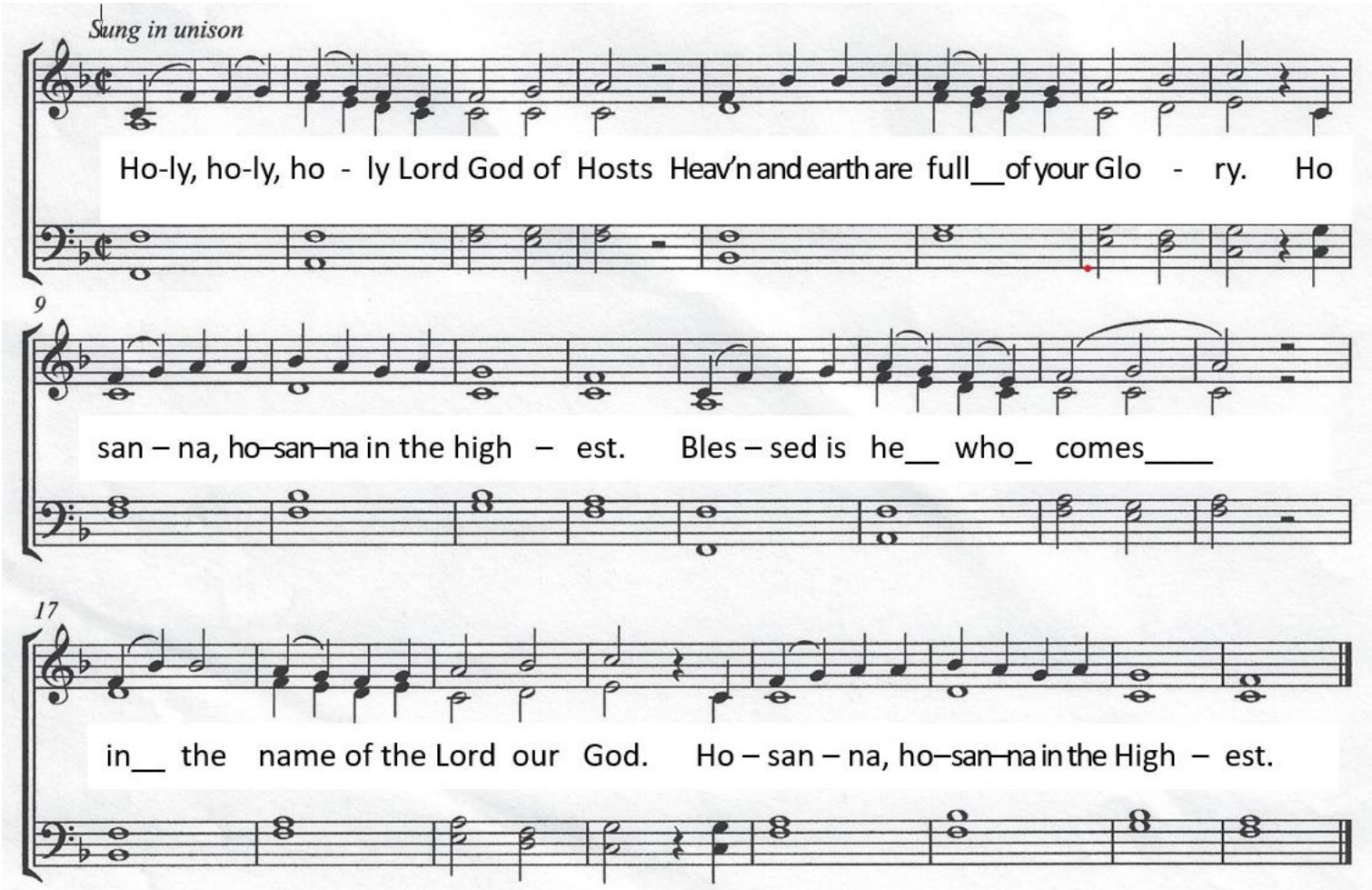
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing …

† SANCTUS



† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

EUCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ
Communion Meditation Silence
Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ
Communion Song: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" (printed on p. 8)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 32** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

† **BENEDICTION:** 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

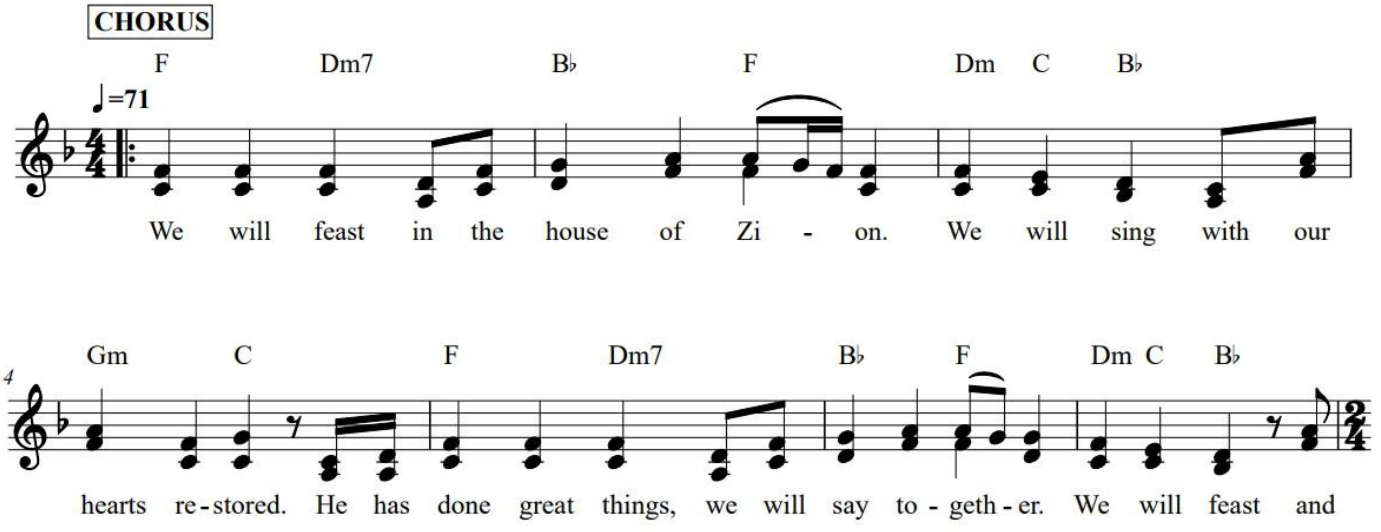
† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

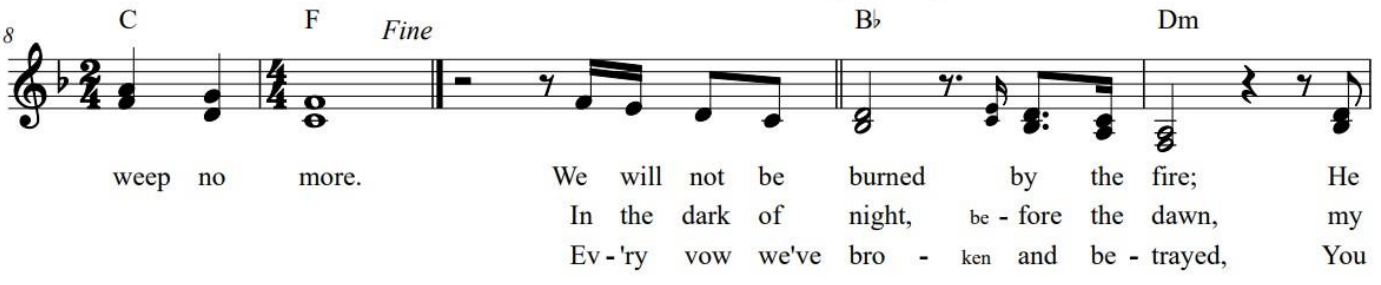
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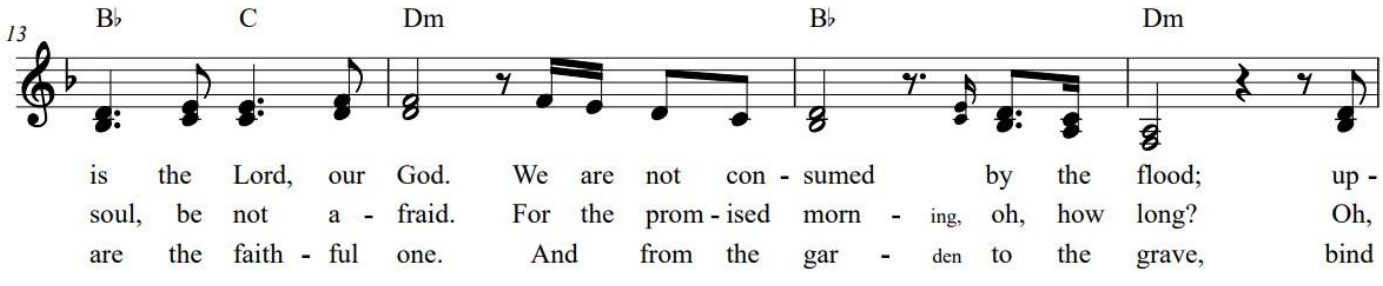
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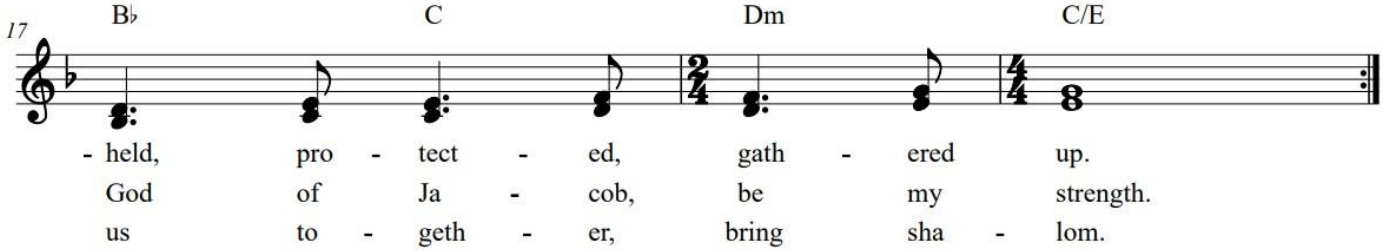
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