# TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



January 15, 2023

10:00 a.m.

#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE** 

Leon Boellmann (1862–1897)

Priere a Notre Dame

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#### IN THE LIFE

All present are requested to sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed.

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Joseph Price

The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;

He guards the lives of His faithful;

He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous,

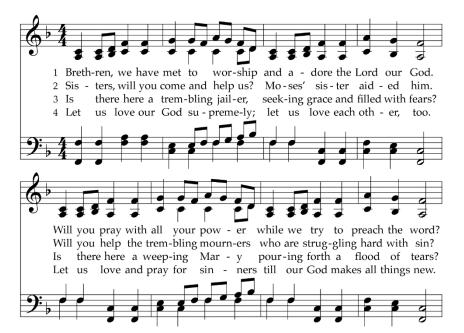
and joy for the upright in heart.

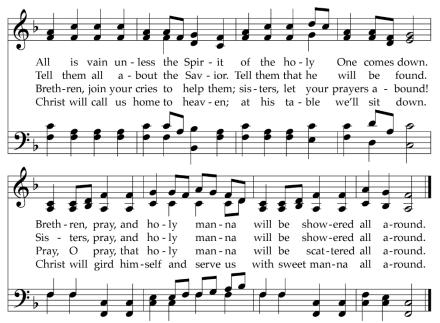
Let us rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to His holy name.

#### \* OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 396

# Brethren, We Have Met to Worship





This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12–13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

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#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heather Reithmeier, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that in devious and disregarding ways we have worked against Your purposes for an open and loving world. Redirect us, we pray, when we turn away from relieving those who are oppressed; when we postpone supporting those who suffer; when we take too lightly our commitments to compassionate care; and when we tolerate discrimination. Forgive us, O Lord we pray, for our callous conduct and for our feeble efforts to secure equal rights and justice for all. Amen.

A moment of silence follows for personal confession.

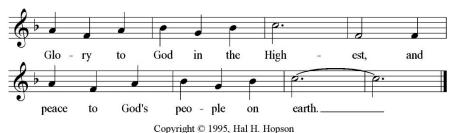
#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear again the good news: When we abide in Christ and His words reside in us, all things are made new, and our sins are forgiven. **Amen.** 

#### \* GLORIA

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

# Glory to God (sing twice)



# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

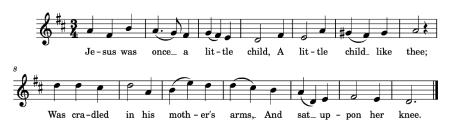
#### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

The children will remain seated.
Following the Children's Moment,
the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School.

#### **BLESSING OUR CHILDREN**

#### Jesus Was Once a Little Child



#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Free our hearts and minds, O Lord, we pray, from preconceptions that prevent us from realizing the liberating power of your Word. Amen.

#### **FIRST LESSON**

New Testament, Page 136

#### Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These

men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

# ANTHEM Claude L. Bass

# Love Is

#### TPC Chancel Choir

Love is the first we give to others, sharing God's love with all the world; love is the hand outreaching to the lonely one whose heart is breaking. Love is not looking on the outside, caring no matter what the cost; love is the prayer for healing faith, for matchless grace, for daring to be open to each other, for a will to help another when they seek to know what love is. Love is God's gift sent from heaven, sharing God's love with all the world; love is the hand of Jesus reaching out to all the poor and lonely. Love is God looking on the inside, longing to set people free; love is the fist of healing faith, of matchless grace, of daring to be open to each other, to be willing to help others, then at last we'll know what love is.

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#### **SECOND LESSON**

New Testament, Page 196

Philippians 1:3-13

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you

to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ;

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Price

**Letters from Prison** 

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys and Concerns** 

**Choral Call to Prayer** 

# **Prayers of the People**

We thank You for the personal and political freedoms that we enjoy in this nation...

We thank You even more for the spiritual freedom that we experience in forgiveness through Christ...

We beseech Your guidance as we exercise responsibilities attendant to our freedoms...

We pray for comfort for those whose lives have been upended by injustice...

We pray for those in need of safety and hope...

We pray for help to reflect Your image to the world...

We pray for healing of every kind...

We offer our hearts for You to change...

We offer ourselves to be bearers of Your Good News...

# Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

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.

#### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Arr. S. Drummond Wolff

# Oh, What Their Joy

TPC Chancel Choir

Oh, what their joy and their glory must be, those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see! Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be all, and in all ever blest. In new Jerusalem joy shall be found, blessings of peace shall forever abound; wish and fulfillment are not severed there, nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer. We, where no troubles distraction can bring, safely the anthems of Zion shall sing; while for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise Your blessed people shall evermore raise. Now let us worship our Lord and our King, joyfully raising our voices to sing: praise to the Father, and praise to the Son, praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in one.

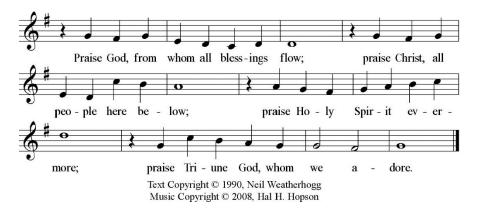
Tr. John M. Neale

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#### \* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 608

# **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**



#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us, O Lord, who have received so freely from You to give generously in our turn and in so doing to experience the joys of giving.

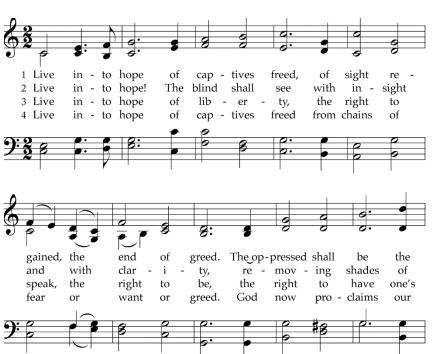
Amen.

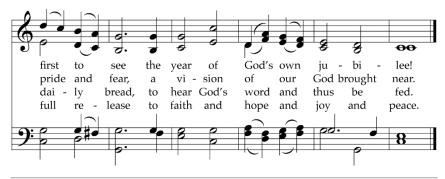
#### GO IN GOD'S NAME

#### \* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 772

# Live into Hope





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#### \* BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#### **POSTLUDE**

Emma Louise Ashford (1850–1930)

#### Fantasie in E minor

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# **Guest Preacher Today**

Joseph Price is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches U.S.A. He recently retired after teaching Religious Studies at Whittier College for thirty-six years after completing his doctoral studies in theology at The University of Chicago Divinity School. We welcome Dr. Price to our pulpit.