

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Reformed Church in America

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*We heartily welcome everyone into our fellowship as we worship the Lord.
May the love of God fill our minds and hearts so that we may
show it to one another with eagerness and sincerity.*

5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

Lord, thank you for leading me to worship today.

Help me hear what you have to say. Amen

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #548 - "Glory to His Name"*

** Call to Worship: (in unison)*

"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH, LEANING ON THE LORD. TRUSTING IN HIS HOLY WORD, HE'S NEVER FAILED ME YET." LET US MOVE MORE LOVINGLY, PRAYERFULLY AND CONTEMPLATIVELY INTO THE EMBRACE OF GOD'S SPIRIT AS WE FOLLOW THE ONE WHO CALLS US TO AN INTIMATE WALK OF WORSHIP, SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP, AS WE FOLLOW THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

LET US SHARE THESE WORDS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF ROMANS: "MY DEAR FRIENDS, WE MUST NOT LIVE TO SATISFY OUR DESIRES. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL DIE. BUT YOU WILL LIVE, IF BY THE HELP OF GODS SPIRIT, YOU SAY, 'NO' TO YOUR DESIRES. ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT ARE HIS CHILDREN. GOD'S SPIRIT DOESN'T MAKE SLAVES WHO ARE AFRAID OF HIM. INSTEAD, WE BECOME HIS CHILDREN AND CALL HIM OUR FATHER. GOD'S SPIRIT MAKES US SURE THAT WE ARE HIS CHILDREN. HIS SPIRIT LETS US KNOW THAT TOGETHER WITH CHRIST WE WILL BE GIVEN WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED. WE WILL ALSO SHARE IN THE GLORY OF CHRIST, BECAUSE WE HAVE SUFFERED WITH HIM." WITH THIS AS TRUTH, HEAR OUR CONFESSION AS WE PRAY ABOUT THOSE THINGS IN OUR LIVES THAT HAVE KEPT US FROM LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD'S LOVE. AMEN.

Announcements

- * *Hymn of Preparation #380 - "Higher Ground"*

Lent Theme: "Bread of Life!"

Scripture: Psalm 126:1-6 (vv.1-3,6)

Phil.3:4b-14 (vv.6-8,9-11,12-14)

Sermon- "The Bread of Life Has Done Great Things for Us and Enables Us to Press Toward the Mark for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus!"

- * *Doxology (#39)*

- * *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

- * *Prayer*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

- * *Closing Hymn #321 - "It Is Well with My Soul"*

- * *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

- * *Benediction (Pastor)*

- * Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Friday	7:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Nicky * Tommy * Cynthia * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Robert Solimando * John T * Michael Campinello * Michele * Anthony * Patti Zeig & John * Stephanie * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Pat Lynam * Carole Mahon * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Rosetta Grasso * Washington family * Cheryl & family * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Byrd family * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Devell * Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Mother of the Banes family

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our 2025 Classis Assessment is \$133.00 per member or if you'd like to pay quarterly, the amount is \$33.25. **Please help us make these payments every quarter by paying your share.**

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

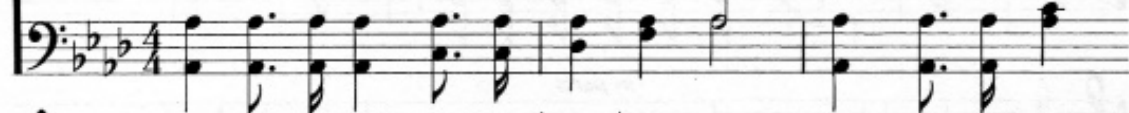
Glory to His Name — 548

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

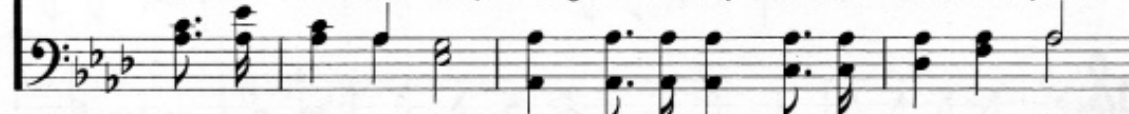
JOHN H. STOCKTON



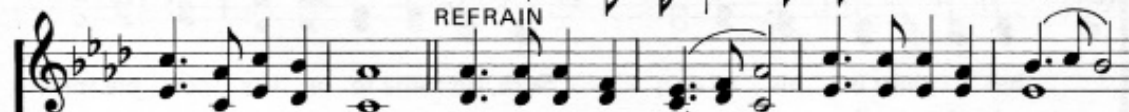
1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans -
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet -
3. O pre - cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul



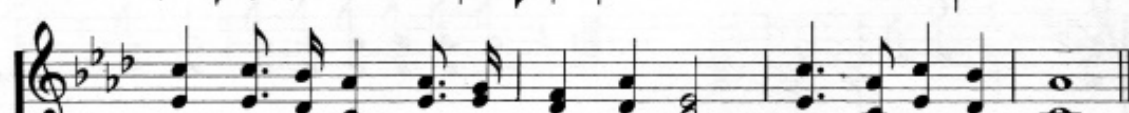
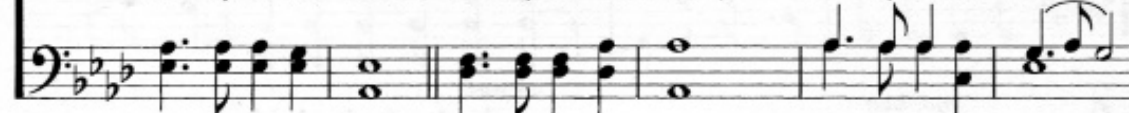
ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood ap - plied—
ly a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in—
I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean—
at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day and be made com - plete—



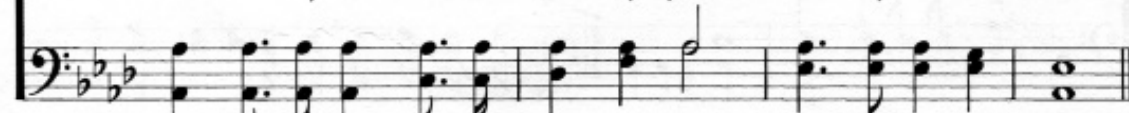
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Glo - ry to His name. Glo - ry to His name, Glo - ry to His name;



There to my heart was the blood ap - plied— Glo - ry to His name.



WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

The Apostle's Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius 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 Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

380 — Higher Ground

JOHNSON OATMAN, Jr.

CHARLES H. GABRIEL



1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, New heights I'm gain-ing ev-'ry day—
2. My heart has no de-sire to stay Where doubts a-rise and fears dis-may;
3. I want to live a-bove the world, Tho Sa-tan's darts at me are hurled;
4. I want to scale the ut-most height And catch a gleam of glo-ry bright;



Still pray-ing as I'm on-ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground."
 Tho some may dwell where these a-bound, My pray'r, my aim, is high-er ground.
 For faith has caught the joy-ful sound, The song of saints on high-er ground.
 But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high-er ground."



CHORUS



Lord, lift me up and let me stand By faith on heav-en's ta-ble-land;



A high-er plane than I have found—Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground.



Tune: HIGHER GROUND

ASPIRATION

Psalm 126:1-6 (vv. 1-3, 6)

Philippians 3: 4b-14 (vv. 6-8, 9-11, 12-14)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, ^[e] the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ ^[f] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; ^[g] but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, ^[h] I do not consider that I have made it my own; ^[i] but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly ^[j] call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament,
The Invitation
Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts!

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS

who forgives all your iniquity,

WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES

who redeems your life from the Pit,

WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

as far as the east is from the west,

SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR

TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US

as a father pities his children,

SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

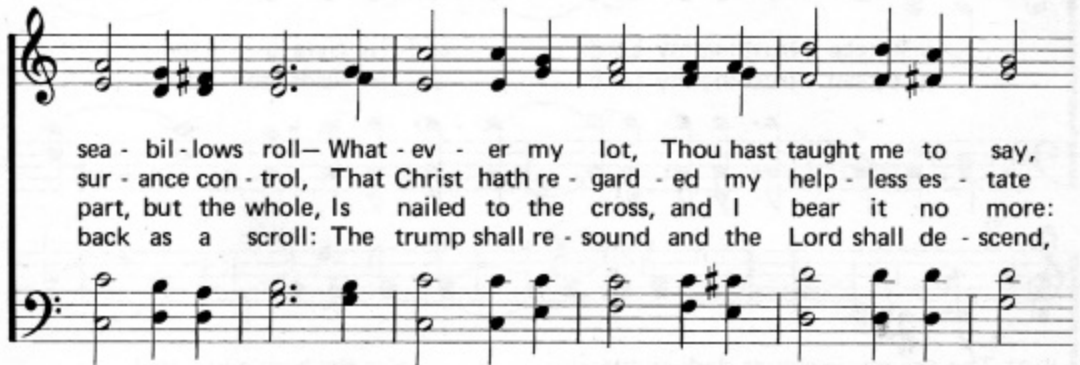
It Is Well with My Soul — 321

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

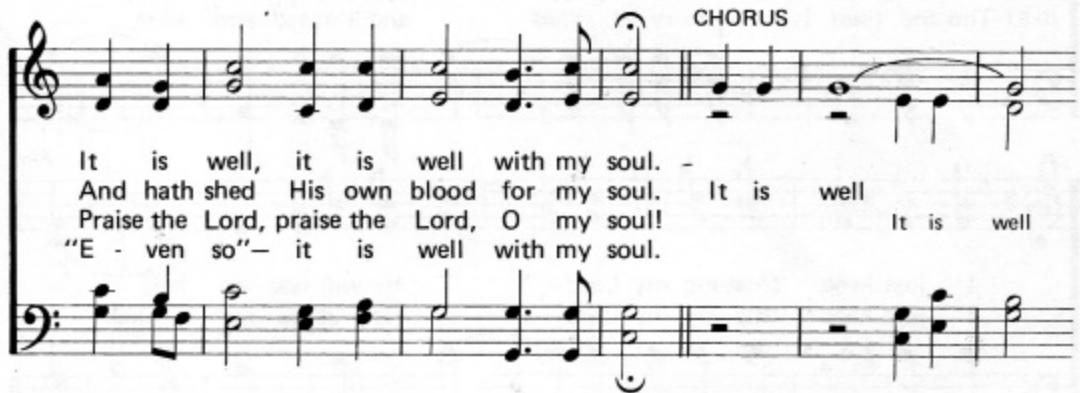
PHILIP P. BLISS



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Tho Sa - tan should buf-fet, tho tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't— My sin, not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

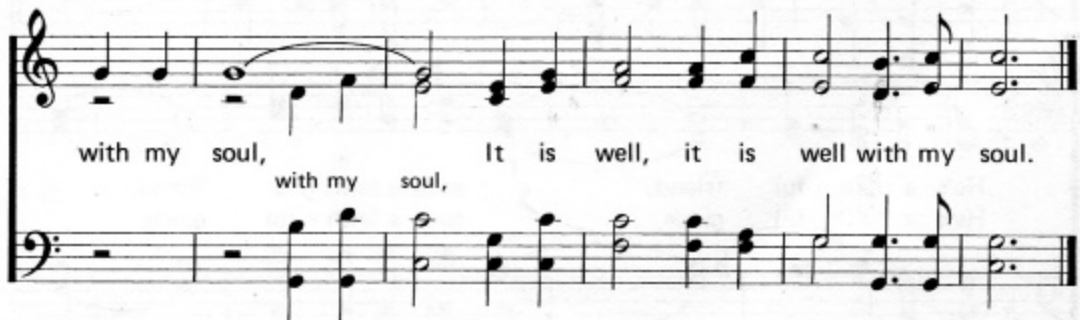


sea - bil - lows roll— What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate
 part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
 back as a scroll: The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



CHORUS

It is well, it is well with my soul. -
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



with my soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST