

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*The prophet Joel (2:23) says: "Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful." Welcome, this autumn day, as we rejoice together in God's goodness!*

## *Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost World Communion Sunday*

*October 4, 2026*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Creator God, thank you for the beauty of your world as we gather to worship you.*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #548 – "Glory to His Name"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,*

**WHO COMES TO US, RISEN AND WHOLE!**

*Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ*

**WHO BRINGS TO US PEACE AND NEW LIFE!**

*Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future:*

**THE FUTURE CALLING US TO BE A RESURRECTION PEOPLE!**

*Come, gather together, disciples, and praise the Living God*

**WHO CALLS US TO HIS KINGDOM OF LOVE.**

*Come, gather together, disciples, around God's table of forgiveness,*

**THROUGH THE BREAD OF LIFE, WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE IN LOVE AND GRACE.**

**AMEN.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession (in unison)*

GOD, WHO KNOWS US BETTER THAN WE KNOW OURSELVES, YOU TRUST US WITH YOUR MESSAGE OF LIFE AND LOVE. YOU CONTINUE TO CONNECT WITH US DESPITE ENCOUNTERING OUR OWN EGO-NEEDS WHICH RESIST YOUR CALL. FORGIVE US OUR INABILITY TO LISTEN AND FOLLOW THROUGH. FORGIVE US OUR LISTS OF JUSTIFICATIONS FOR LIVING THE WAY WE WANT TO INSTEAD OF THE WAY YOU WOULD WISH US TO LIVE. FORGIVE US, TOO, WHEN WE USE YOUR NAME TO CLAIM OUR "RIGHTNESS" RATHER THAN REMAINING ATTENTIVE TO YOUR GENTLE CORRECTIONS. FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE LIFT THEM WITH CONTRITE HEARTS. AMEN.

### *Announcements*

#### *\* Hymn of Preparation #380 — "Higher Ground"*

*Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"*

*Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14 (vv.4b-6, 7-9, 11-14)*

*Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Calls Us to Press Toward the Mark 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*

|                  |               |                                                                                                |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11:00 AM      | <b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month) |
|                  | 12:00 PM      | <b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> in Hahn Hall.                                                    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 5:00-9:00 PM  | Bushiken Karate                                                                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7:00 PM       | Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining                                     |
|                  | 5:00-9:00PM   | <b>Bushiken Karate</b>                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:30 PM       | Women's Alcoholic Anonymous                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 12:00 noon    | <b>Online Bible study:</b> 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:

Casey \* Diane \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Katie \* Lily \* Nick \* Steve \* Kevin Martz's sister-in-law Rosanne \* Debbie Mahon \* Alana & Kathryn Ingram \* Jim Mahon \* Owen \* Mildred Shannon \* Theo Beksha \* Lester \* Maddie \* Jeannie \* Ed Bungert \* Catherine Gomez \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Danielle \* Carole Mahon \* Pat \* Rev. Liz Brantum \* Frank & Sean Font \* Sharon Alexander \* Rosa Stewart \* Damon Hayden \* Janet (friend of Mahon family) \* Patti Zeig \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \*

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Donny and Tammy, Tia and Stephanie, Rob & family \* Pat's family \* Heather \* Donny & Carolyn Rosemond \* Jay Escobar & family \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Wintress \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

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

Heather \* Zachariah Bungert \* Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons \* Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Steve \* Richard

Prayers for World Concerns:

The deaths and destruction from the hurricanes and earthquakes around the world \* An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* 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 and all active-duty members & their families

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

Michelle Correa

### 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

### 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,*

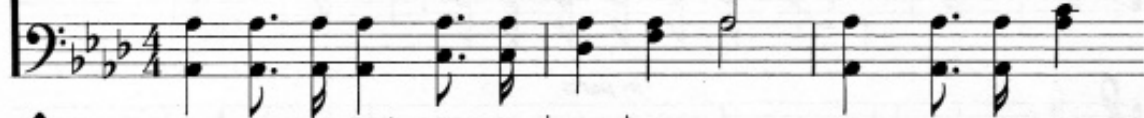
# Glory to His Name — 548

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

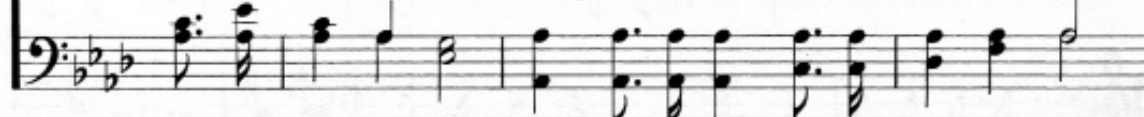
JOHN H. STOCKTON



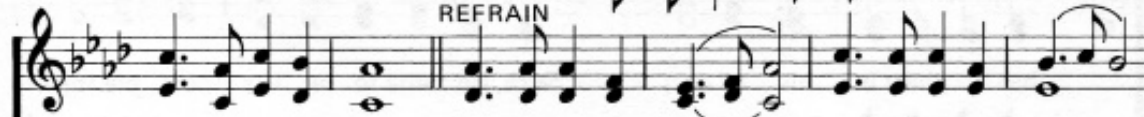
1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans -
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet -
3. O pre - cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul



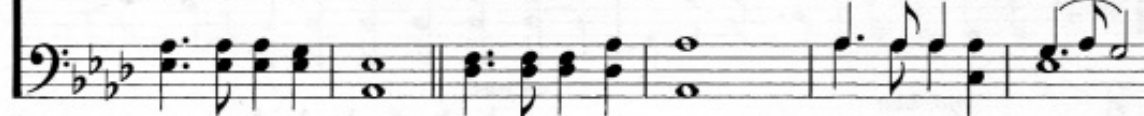
ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood ap - plied—  
ly a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in—  
I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean—  
at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day and be made com - plete—



## REFRAIN



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

## **Philippians 3: 4b-14 (vv. 4b –6, 7-9, 10, 11-14)**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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, the righteousness from God based on faith.

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

<sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly 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.**

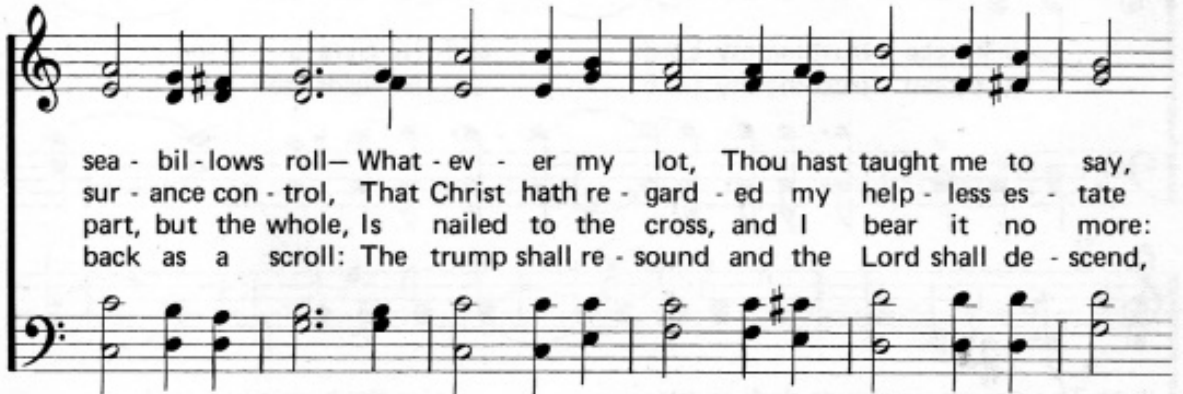
# It Is Well with My Soul — 321

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

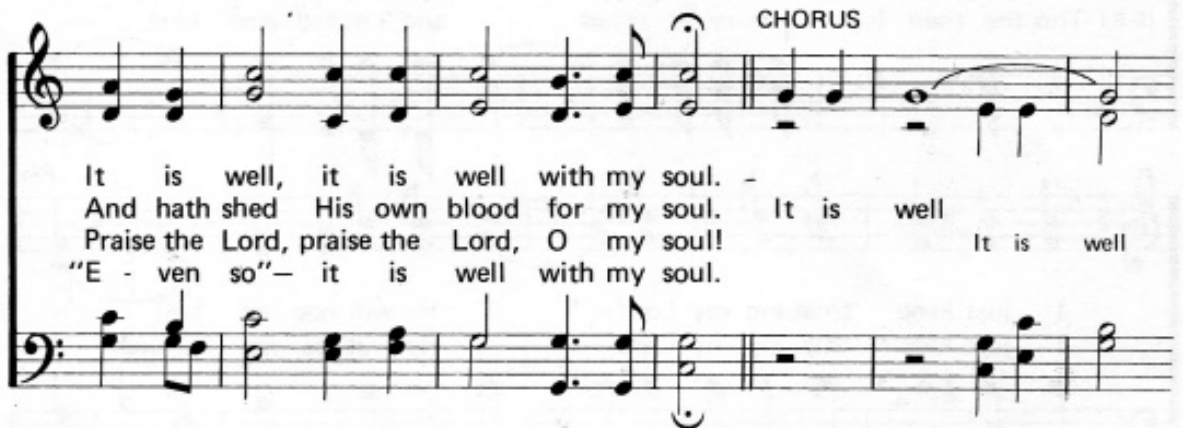
PHILIP P. BLISS



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