

February 26th, 2023

*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Order of Worship (*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Rock of Ages

Robert A Holly

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As we see the signs and symbols before us of a new season, they remind us of God's very self present to us in Christ, God's heart broken for us and life poured out for us in Jesus, our Savior.

People: In response, we gather to do God's will, to share God's truth, to sing of God's faithfulness, and to proclaim the good news as we follow Jesus into the wonder of his kingdom.

***Hymn #331**

God of the Ages

(music and lyrics page 4)

Call to Confession

Leader: We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God.

Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, kyrie eleison, (Lord, have mercy)

Kyrie, kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison, (Christ, have mercy)

Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, kyrie eleison,

Kyrie, kyrie eleison, eleison.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:32, "If you continue in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 35:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn** #353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (music and lyrics page 5)

Second Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

Sermon Victory in Jesus

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions

Questions for the Congregation

1) Do we, the members of the church, accept David Apy, John Hanley, and Carol Streeper as ruling elders, and Peter Bruguere, Joyce Davies, Brian Sergeant, Cari Suarez, Rich Vodhanel, and Andy Wolf as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

2) Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Prayers of Ordination and Installation

Offering

Offertory

Meditation

Lani Smith

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #298 Lord, You Give the Great commission

(music and lyrics page 6)

***Benediction**

Postlude O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Alfred V. Fedak

Flowers today are in loving memory of our father Charles Banks, by his daughters Tracy and Alison Banks and his wife Jane Banks .

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Liturgist:	Sean Starke
Organist:	Marcello Velame
Ushers:	Brian Sergeant
	Sue Starke
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Christian Education

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

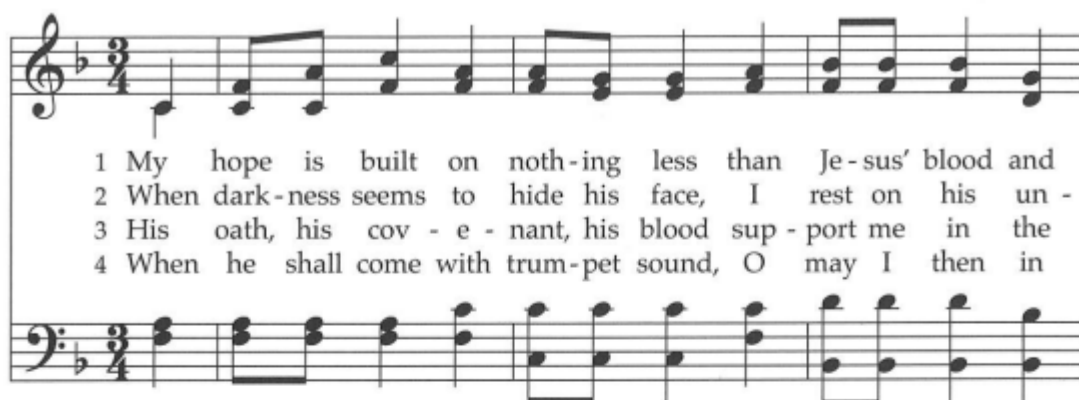
1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

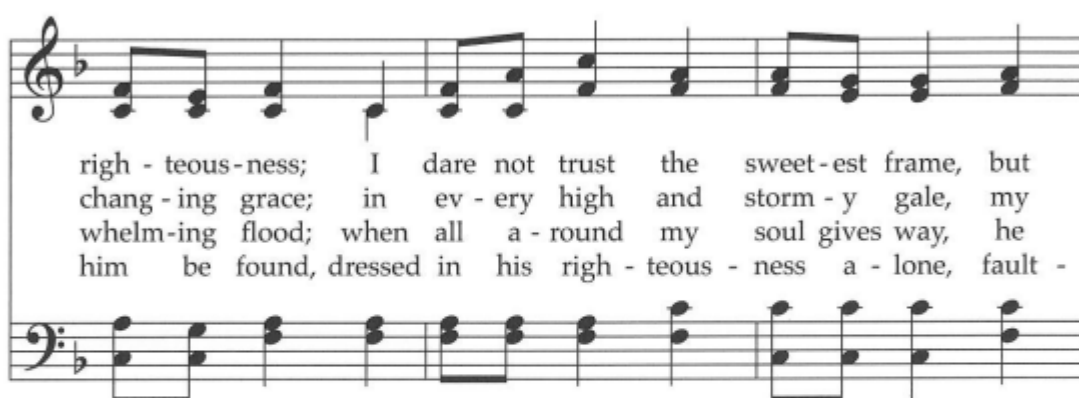
of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

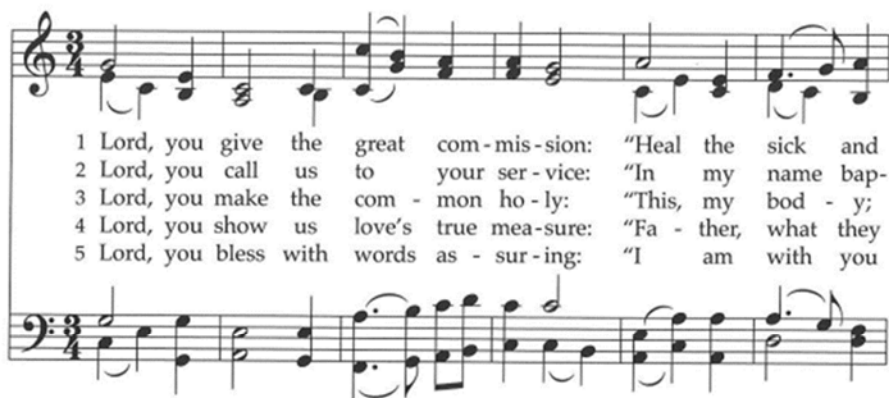


whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

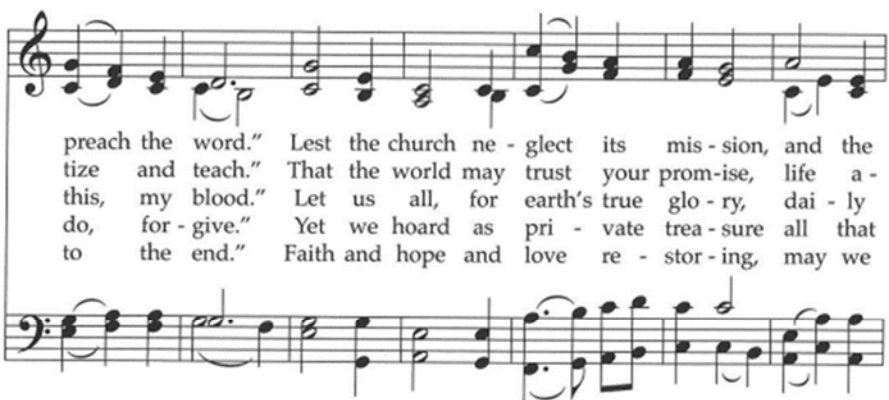


oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

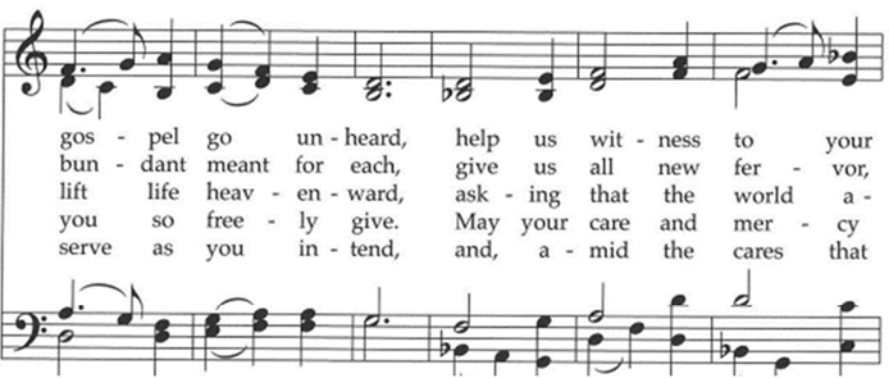
298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that



pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:
 draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:
 round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty: with the Spir-it's
 lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

The Healing Tree

*There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.*

*Its name is Jesus, name that says "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see, there the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.*

*See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!"
Give me your sickness; give me all your sorrow; I will give blessing."*

Text from a 17th century hymn written by Hungarian pastor Pecselyi Kiraly Imre

Throughout the Lenten season, you are invited to use the green leaves in the pew racks to "grow" the tree - to name lives and places in your life or in the world where you see Christ's work of reconciliation and healing happening - even if only in tiny ways! It all counts! You may add leaves to Christ's tree before or after the service, or during the passing of the peace, or you may place them in the offering plates for the worship committee to add. As the tree "grows", we will have a visible sign of Christ's vital work among us.





On Wednesday February 22
Lent began. As you
remember, we are collecting
items that the young people of
Ocean's Harbor House need.,

The first week we collected
reusable water bottles. This week we are concentrating
on PAPER PRODUCTS. Think paper towel, tissues,
[boxes and individual packs], paper plates and cups [all
sizes} napkins, lunch bags toilet paper wipes, notepaper
and folders and note papers. -or use your
imagination.!!

Think of how many of these
items you and your family
use in a week's time and
multiply it by 25 to 40. This
is a need that is hard to
comprehend. These children
cannot buy these things or
other personal things for themselves. They really need
our help.



There is a box in the Church House for your
contributions (and we can accept money ,too.} We are
stressing different items each week but
you are welcome to contribute any or
all of them at any
time.



HAPPY SHOPPING!!!



Schedule Week of February 20th

27	FEB, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(studio)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
28	FEB, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(studio)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
2	MAR, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Yoga for Bone Health (studio)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (Social Room)
4	MAR, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
5	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 10:15 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 1pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Deacon's Meeting (O)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)