# Revelation





Oakwood PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 9, 2025



# WELCOME

By God's grace, we long to become "Oaks of Righteousness," Growing roots deep in God's Word, Bearing fruit of God-centered holiness and worship, and Branching out with Gospel-centered witness and service to State College, Penn State, Central Pennsylvania, and the world.

March 9, 2025

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Silent Time of Reflection 8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Women's Spring Retreat

Preparing our hearts for worship

# **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **God's Word of Invitation**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

#### Psalm 96:1-9

#### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

#### **How Firm a Foundation**

#### **11:15 SERVICE MUSIC**

#### 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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#### CHORUS

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name 3. And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

#### The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

#### CHORUS

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

#### CHORUS

#### Our Prayer of Adoration

#### CHORUS

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### God's Law

#### **Our Prayer of Confession**

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

#### **God's Promise to Pardon**

#### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

#### How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

#### 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

#### I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

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1. I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned unclean

#### CHORUS

How marvelous how wonderful And my song shall ever be How marvelous how wonderful Is my Savior's love for me

2. He took my sins and my sorrowsHe made them His very own(And) He bore the burden to CalvaryAnd suffered and died alone

#### CHORUS

3. And with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see It will be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me

#### CHORUS

*1 Corinthians 6:9-10* Corporate Prayer of Confession

1 Corinthians 6:11

Hymn #551

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# **THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION**

#### **Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed**

In Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins. the resurrection of the body. and the life everlasting. Amen

#### God's Promise to Hear Prayer of Petition

*Ephesians 6:16-18* Elder Dave Borch

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, for ever. Amen. God's Promise to Provide Our Tithes and Offerings

#### 8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG\*

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

#### **11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG\***

#### **Salvation Belongs To Our God**

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 Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne And to the Lamb Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks Honour and power and strength

#### CHORUS

Be to our God for ever and ever Be to our God for ever and ever Be to our God for ever and ever Amen.

2. And we, the redeemedShall be strongIn purpose and unityPraise and glory, wisdom and thanksHonor and power and strength

#### CHORUS

\*Congregation remails seated; \*Children are excused to the nursery (7 mon-2 yrs) and Stepping Stones Bible Time (3 yrs-1st grade) during the sermon.

Hymn #353

# **THE WORD OF LIFE**

#### **Revelation 9:1-21**

## WAR FROM THE PITS OF HELL

<sup>1</sup>And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup> He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. <sup>3</sup> Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. <sup>4</sup> They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. <sup>6</sup> And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

<sup>7</sup> In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup> their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup> they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup> They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. <sup>11</sup> They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

<sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

# **THE WORD OF LIFE - CONTINUED**

<sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup> saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." <sup>15</sup> So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup> The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number. <sup>17</sup> And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup> By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup> For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

<sup>20</sup> The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, <sup>21</sup> nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

#### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC\*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC\*

#### **Our Great God**

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 Eternal God unchanging Mysterious and unknown Your boundless love Unfailing grace and mercy shown Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight Around Your glorious throne They raise their voices day and night In praise to You alone

#### CHORUS

Hallelujah glory be to our great God Hallelujah glory be to our great God

2. Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

#### CHORUS

3. Let ev'ry creature in the sea And ev'ry flying bird Let ev'ry mountain Ev'ry field and valley of the earth Let all the moons and all the stars In all the universe Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word

#### CHORUS

# THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### **God's Promise of Blessing**

Numbers 6:24-26

#### DOXOLOGY

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, Amen.

Postlude

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians



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# I WOULD LIKE TO:

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