

TRINITY CHURCH OF PORTLAND

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CALL TO WORSHIP

**Please stand as we hear the Call to Worship.*

—Psalm 30:1-12

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Brief Prayer.*

WE RESPOND IN CONFESSION

In Response To: Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 55:8-9; Mark 9:24; Psalm 13:1-3

Almighty God, we confess that we are people of little sight and understanding.

We confess that we often live in confusion about your ways, failing to trust your wisdom when circumstances perplex us.

We confess that we forget your promises in seasons of sorrow, and we lose hope when you seem distant.

We confess that we seek answers on our own timeline rather than waiting for your perfect revelation.

We confess that we doubt your goodness when trials come, and we question your love when joy seems far away.

Forgive us for our spiritual blindness and our failure to believe that you turn our sorrow into joy.

Transform our hearts to trust in your perfect timing and your unfailing promises.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSES

Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Isaiah 55:8–9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

Psalms 13:1–3 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

GOD GRANTS US PARDON

—Psalm 103:8–12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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SERMON TEXT

—Word Life: John 16:16-24

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COVENANT RENEWAL

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Christian, what do you believe?

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. 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.

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One, Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BENEDICTION

—Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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