

# HILLS CHURCH



## CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday, September 5, 2021

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*Due to COVID precautions, we are asking everyone in the congregation to remain masked and to refrain from singing.*

PRELUDE: Prelude in G major  
John Finney, organist

*Felix Mendelssohn*

WELCOME

*All who are able, please rise for the Call to Worship.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With word and wonder, sacrament and song,  
we gather to worship and praise You O God!

All: **Come among us O God, fill us with  
Your healing spirit, make us whole.**

One: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear  
Your words of compassion.

All: **Help us to truly listen to You.**

**One:** Create in us hearts open to receive your call.

**All:** **Make us ready to serve as living examples  
of Your healing love. AMEN.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN:** We Gather Together

*Kremser*

Hymns of Truth & Light (*blue hymnal, front supplement*) #H-15

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we admit that we do not live the way we should, we do not love You with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us O patient one. Open our hearts to your forgiveness and the hope found in your unending mercy and grace. We pray all this in the name of Jesus The Christ. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### GLORIA

*Music by Alice Jordan*

**Glory to God the Creator,  
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*All who are able, please rise for the Passing of the Peace.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please be seated.*

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 7:24-37

SERMON: “Be Opened...”

Anne Marie Holloway

SOLO: Lord God of Abraham (from *Elijah*)  
Garrett Murphy, baritone

*Mendelssohn*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SURSUM CORDA

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Music by Ronald A. Nelson*

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,**

**The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!**

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### ACCLAMATIONS

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

#### OUR 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, forever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### THE POURING OF THE CUP

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*  
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #26 (verses 1, 3, 4)

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*Please remain seated during the Postlude.*

POSTLUDE: We Praise Thee, O God

*J. G. Walther*



Preaching	Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
Liturgist	Sarah Howe
Soloist	Garrett Murphy, baritone
Deacons	George Pettee and Team B

## H-15

## We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing,  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine,  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

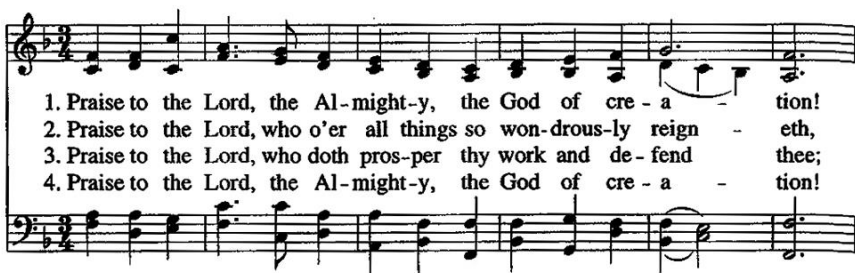
Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine.  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

WORDS: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934  
 MUSIC: 16th century Dutch melody; arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914

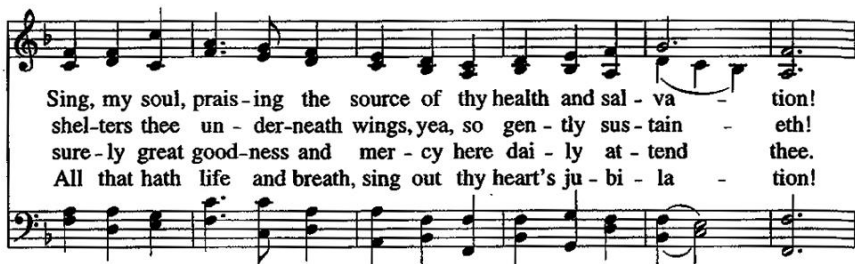
KREMSER  
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Written by an unknown Dutch patriot to celebrate the Netherlands' freedom from Spanish rule, this text was originally sung to this folk tune, later named for choral director Kremser who rescued it from obscurity.

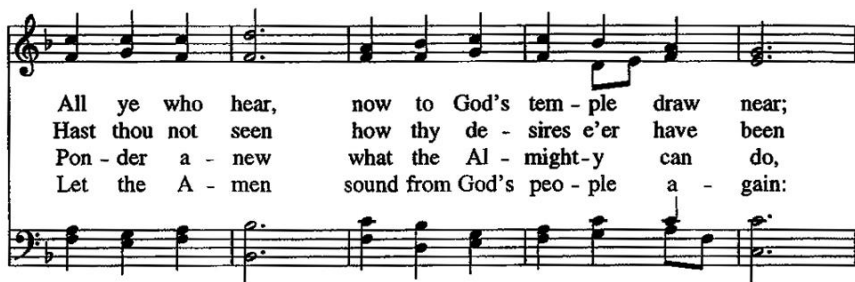
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the God of cre - a - tion!  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;  
 4. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the God of cre - a - tion!



Sing, my soul, prais-ing the source of thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 shel-ters thee un - der-neath wings, yea, so gen - tly sus-tain - eth!  
 sure-ly great good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at-tend thee.  
 All that hath life and breath, sing out thy heart's ju - bi - la - tion!



All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw near;  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can do,  
 Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 grant - ed in what God or - dain - - - eth?  
 who with great love doth be - friend thee.  
 join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN  
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English Anglican Catherine Winkworth penned remarkable translations of a host of German chorales. This text is based on Psalms 103 and 150.

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Baritone Soloist	Garrett Murphy
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GOD  
IS STILL  
SPEAKING

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.  
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,  
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE  
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.