the new covenant

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Scripture Text

When I came to Troas to proclaim the good news of Christ, a door was opened for me in the Lord; but my mind could not rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said farewell to them and went on to Macedonia.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many; but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Service Outline

Prelude

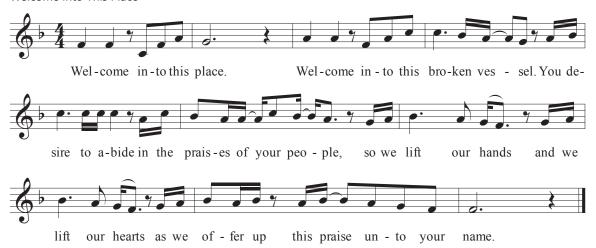
Welcome

God's Greeting

Praise

Psalm 103:1

"Welcome into This Place"



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Confession

Psalm 103:2-6

Prayer of Confession

"Hush, Hush, My Soul" Hush! Hush! My soul be calm and still. Come, bless - ed Sav - ior, For-give our sins, en - ter in. heal all our ills, give peace of mind. give strength for tasks, whol - ly thine. And make our spir - its And we shall praise thee ev - er A - men, a - men, a - men. more.

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Assurance

Psalm 103:7-12

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"





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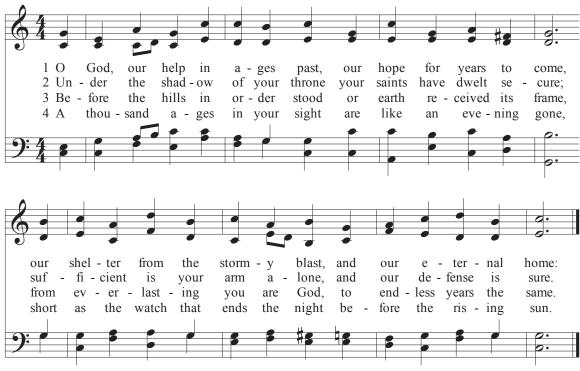
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Hope

Psalm 103:13-22

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

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God's Word

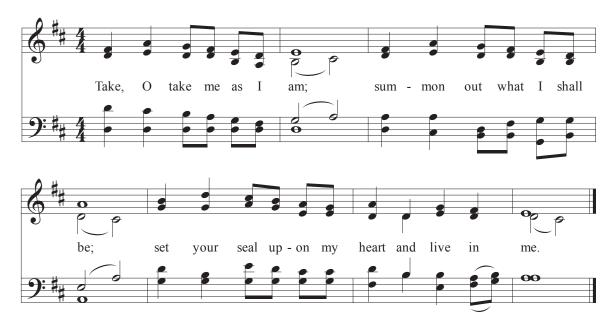
Prayer for Illumination

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Sermon: Aroma of Christ

Response to God's Word

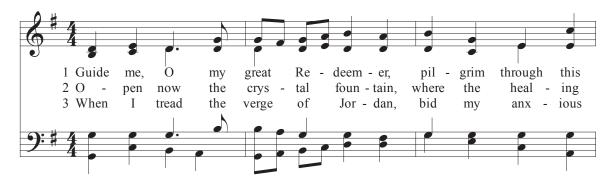
"Take, O Take Me As I Am"



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Prayer

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"





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