THE HAVEN

A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church,
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Then they were glad that the waters were quiet
and He brought them to their desired haven.
Psalm 107:30

The Lord's Day,
September 1, 2019
A Service of Covenant Renewal
4:30 p.m.

Welcome

✢ **A warm welcome to our visitors:** If this is your first visit, we invite you to sign the guest register at the welcome table in the foyer. Your name and contact information will be kept strictly confidential, and used only for personal contact with you and your family. Please also accept our Welcome Pack for first time guests. Learn more about The Haven, OPC and why we want you to come back and be part of this growing community of people learning about Jesus Christ as the Great Haven. Also, please join us in the gymnasium for Haven Food and Fellowship after this afternoon's worship service.

✢ **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

4:30 p.m. Worship/Outreach

6:00 p.m. **Open Forum:** Today: *What's Ahead for the Haven in 2019?*

6:20 p.m. The Haven Food and Fellowship in the gymnasium.

✢ **Nursery** is available during worship for children ages 2 and under. Please speak to one of the greeters if you wish to use the nursery for your child. If you'd like to volunteer for nursery duty, e mail Margaret Shishko: mamashish123@gmail.com

✢ The concept of **"covenant renewal"** is beautifully introduced in our Directory for Public Worship: *"The triune God assembles his covenant people for public worship in order to manifest and renew their covenant bond with him and one another. The Holy Spirit engages them and draws them into the Father's presence as a living sacrifice in Christ. God himself has fellowship with them, strengthening and guiding them for life in his presence and service in his kingdom."*

✢ **We celebrate the Lord's Supper** every Sunday as the climax of our covenant renewal worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite to the Table those who have received Christian baptism, have publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a church in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully taught and practiced. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us you are publicly acknowledging that you are seeking to walk in godliness before the Lord,. If you have any questions about whether you should partake of the Supper, please speak to the pastor either before or after the service.

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✢ **Pastoral Needs:** To contact Pastor Bill, his study phone number is (516) 593-1507, or you can reach him by e mail at **WShishko@gmail.com**

Worship/Outreach
The Lord's Day — Sunday, September 1, 2019
Worship 4:30 PM
Preparation for Worship: Psalm 15:1-5

THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US

Salutation:

Pastor: Congregation of the People of God: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!
People: **Amen!**

†Call to Worship: From Psalm 8

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Pastor: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have established strength because of your foes to still the enemy and the avenger.

People: What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Pastor: You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings, and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands. You have put all things under his feet.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

† Opening Psalm: *"Lord, Our Lord, in all the Earth" (Psalm 8B, TPH)*

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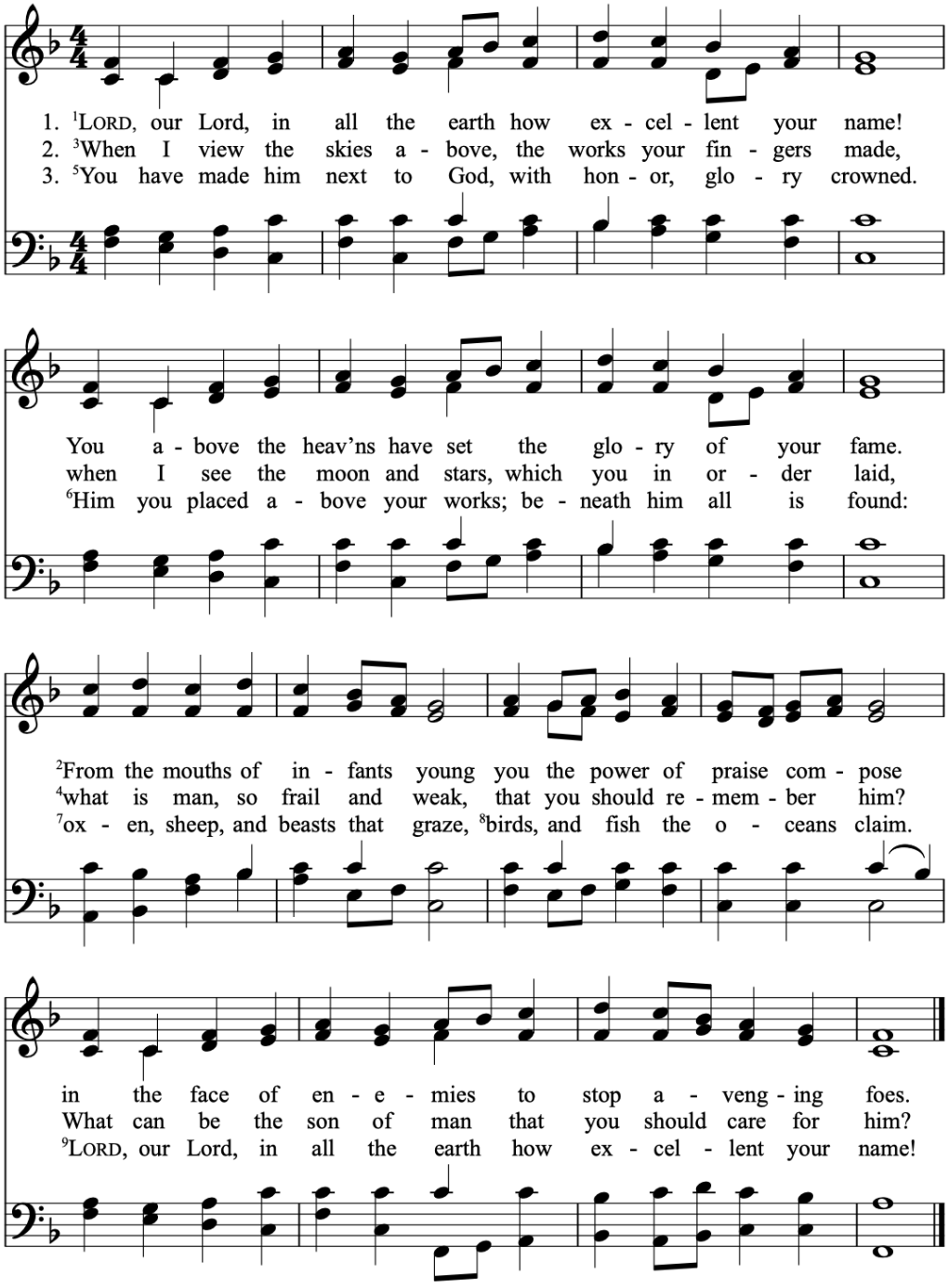
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†Greeting

***Pastor*: The Lord be with you!**
People: And also with you!
***Pastor*: Our help is in the name of the Lord,**
People: Who made heaven and earth!

†Opening Prayer
People: Amen!

THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSES US

Meditation on the Tenth Commandment - and back to the First!

Confession of Sin *(kneeling if able) - Begin with personal confession before God.*

Corporate Confession: *Our perfect God. We thank you that we come to you as a God of mercy and grace as well as a God of justice and truth. And we praise you that you are a God who makes no mistakes. Forgive us for all of the ways we are discontent with what you have ordained for our lives. Forgive us when we covet what we do not have rather than thank you for what we do have. And forgive us for making idols of the things that we covet - replacing you the Creator with all kinds of merely created things. Grant us grace to not only be content with the abundance you have given us, but also to, by the Holy Spirt, put to death all cravings for things you have wisely withheld from us. And remind us constantly that we are heirs of all things in Jesus Christ - in whose Name we pray. Amen*

†Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:8-15

People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

†Our response of Praise: "*Complete in Thee!"*

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Complete in Thee

Stanza 1

Complete in Thee! No work of mine
May take, dear Lord, the place of Thine.
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,
And now I am complete in Thee.

Refrain:

Yea, justified![1] *O blessed thought!*
And sanctified![2] *Salvation wrought!*
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,
And glorified[3]*, I too shall be.*

Stanza 2

Complete in Thee! No more shall sin -
Thy grace hath conquered – reign within!
Thy voice shall bid the tempter flee,
And I shall stand complete in Thee!
Refrain

Stanza 3

Complete in Thee! Each want supplied;
And no good thing to me denied.
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be,
I ask no more - complete in Thee.
Refrain

Stanza 4

Dear Savior: When before Thy bar[4]
All tribes and tongues assembled are,
Among Thy chosen will I be,
At Thy right hand, complete in Thee.
Refrain

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[1] *Justified*: To be forgiven of the punishment of all sin and declared righteous through faith alone in Christ alone. Not guilty!
[2] *Sanctified*: To be set apart as holy through union with Jesus Christ by grace through faith.
[3] *Glorified*: To be perfectly holy in body and in soul in the New Heavens and the New Earth.
[4] *Bar:* The judgment seat of Christ - after He returns to judge the living and the dead.

THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

Old Covenant Reading 1: Genesis 1:26 - 31; 2:15

1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2:15: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Old Covenant Reading 2: Exodus 20:8-11

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

New Covenant Reading 1: I Corinthians 7:17-24

17Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. 18Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. 19For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. 20Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. 21Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) 22For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. 23You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. 24So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

New Covenant Reading 2: Colossians 3:23-24

23Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Pastor: *The grass withers, and the flowers fade away; but the word of our God will stand forever!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

†Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: *Christians, what do you believe, and in whom do you trust?*

All:

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 to 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!

†We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:

Hymn: "*Behold Our God*!"
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Behold Our God

Stanza 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:
Behold our God seated on His throne!
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King! Nothing can compare!
Come let us adore Him!

Stanza 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

Stanza 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand -
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
Chorus (2X)

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Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation
People: **Amen!**

Sermon: ***"Calling: Your Work in God's World"***

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached
People: **Amen!**

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

†**Pastoral Prayer** (followed by the Lord's Prayer with hands raised)
All: *Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 the Evil One. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!*

The Lord Our God <u>Communes</u> With Us

Meditation
Lord's Supper Celebration
(Heads of households, please come forward to receive the elements for your household. Enjoy communion with one another while the elements are being distributed.)
Prayer of Thanksgiving
People: **Amen!**

Closing Hymn of Celebration: *"Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!"* (Psalm 150)

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The Lord Our God <u>Commissions</u> Us

†[Hands Raised] *Pastor*: Benediction
People: **Amen!**
Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name!

PSALM TO LEARN: " *THE LORD IS MY REFUGE" (PSALM 11B, TPH)*
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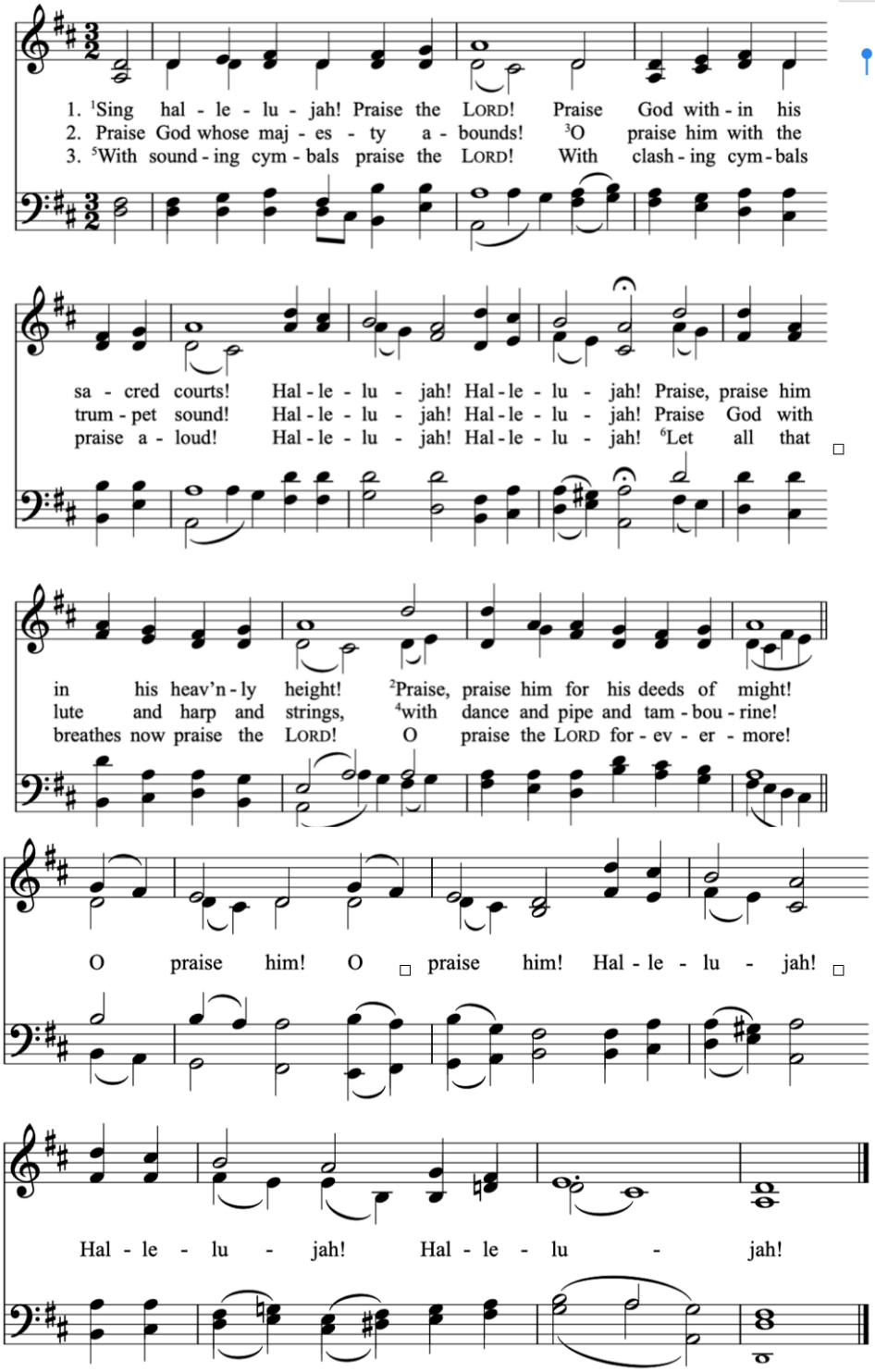
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Announcements

☩ **Haven Hope Givers**: That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to a couple of inmates who are regular listeners to *A Visit to the Pastor's Study.* Send a message of Gospel hope to: Mr. Darren Emanuel, #03A2176, Fishkill Correctional Facility, POB 1245, Beacon, NY 12508 & Mr. Arthur F. Tomlinson #12B1623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458

☩ **The Haven Young Adult Disciples (age 13 and up):** We're taking a break for the summer, but we'll resume our meetings in October. Stay tuned for the date!

☩ **Sing!** Our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip) on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m This is a time to build our repertoire of "Haven Hymns. Our next *Sing!* meeting is this Wednesday, September 4. (Send hymns you'd like to sing at these meetings to Pastor Bill at **WShishko@gmail.com** and Mary Vaeth at **maryscoop714@gmail.com).** For this meeting we'll be learning new Psalms and Hymns from the Trinity Psalter Hymnal. Come to be enriched in the Word!

☩ **"A Visit to the Pastor's Study,"** the weekly radio program hosted by Pastor Bill Shishko is broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays on WBWD, 540 AM. You can also to listen to the podcasts on sermonaudio.com (Search *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*) or visitthepastorsstudy.org Upcoming Programs for September - Education Month:

Date:	Topic:	Guest
September 7:	Children's Literature	Janie Cheaney
September 14:	Teaching Science God's Way	Pastor Ned Suffern
September 21:	Rerun: Financial Planning	Fran Caraco
September 28:	Foster Parenting, pt. 2	Pastor Drew Eenigenburg

☩ **Haven Food and Fellowship:** This is a way for you to show hospitality following our worship each Lord's Day. At our Haven Food and Fellowship time this afternoon we'll begin signing up volunteers to provide refreshments in the weeks ahead. Tami Toto, Pastor Shishko, or Margaret Shishko are happy to answer any questions, and also to encourage you in this ministry to others.

☩ **Today's Sermon** will be available by tomorrow evening on sermonaudio.com at "The Haven, OPC" site (Search *The Haven, OPC)* You'll also be able to access the sermon from our own website www.thehavenli.com

☩ **Your Tithes and Offerings:** Make your checks payable to "The Haven, OPC" Your gifts provide so that we can pay our weekly rent and other ministry expenses.

The Haven Heart to Heart

Pastor Bill answers your questions about The Haven, OPC and its ministry

Question: *I notice that you put a lot of emphasis on singing the Old Testament Psalms. Why? And aren't some of these Psalms out of place in this New Testament period?*

Pastor Bill responds (pt. 1):

Yes, you're right, we do put a lot of emphasis on singing the Psalms (especially now that we have digital access to all of the Psalms - and hymns - from the T*rinity Psalter Hymnal* that was published by Great Commission Publications last year). There are some denominations in the Presbyterian and Reformed community of churches that only sing Psalms (and at least in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America they do that magnificently - singing in all four parts!). But, in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, most of our congregations (like The Haven) sing both Psalms and hymns. I like to say that we're not "*exclusive* Psalm singers", but we are "*intensive* Psalm singers".

But, "*Why?*" - as you ask in part one of your good question.

The first reason is that we always want to sing those things that are most faithful to the Word of God. And it's hard to beat singing the Word of God itself! (There's actually a revival of chanting the Word of God in worship - but that's not on our radar screen at The Haven). When the apostle Paul speaks about "singing in the Spirit", cf. I Cor. 14:15, he is speaking about what was true for that time before the New Testament was completed: The Holy Spirit gave inspired songs that were to be sung in worship. These are not recorded in Scripture, but, now that the Scriptures are complete, II Timothy 3:16f., we want to always sing songs that are conformed to the Word of God. And that's certainly true of the 150 inspired Psalms (which were the songbook - the hymnal, if you will - of the Old Testament).

And the New Testament specifically commands us to sing the Psalms. We are to "address one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs…" (Ephesians 5:19f., cf. Colossians 3:16). You can make the case that these three terms, i.e *Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs,* are actually specific references to the types of the 150 Old Testament Psalms. Whether or not that's the case, this is a mandate for us to sing the Psalms.

Another reason (although there are many others) is that singing the Psalms makes us sing things that many hymns avoid. In the Psalms we sing about God's mercy and grace; but we also sing about God's justice and judgments. We sing about forgiveness; but we also sing about how serious sin is and what it does to us, to those around us, and to our world Rightly understood (and the one who leads you in worship should help you with this as you prepare to sing), the Psalms bring out dimensions of the person and work of Jesus Christ that hymns - especially more modern ones - frequently miss. And that impoverishes both our worship and our piety.

More on that next week. But keep in mind, as you sing the Psalms, that they are first of all about Jesus and His Kingdom, cf. Luke 24:44ff. That fascinating theme will be part three in this *Haven Heart to Heart* series.

My Notes on Today's Sermon:

"Calling: Your Work in God's World"

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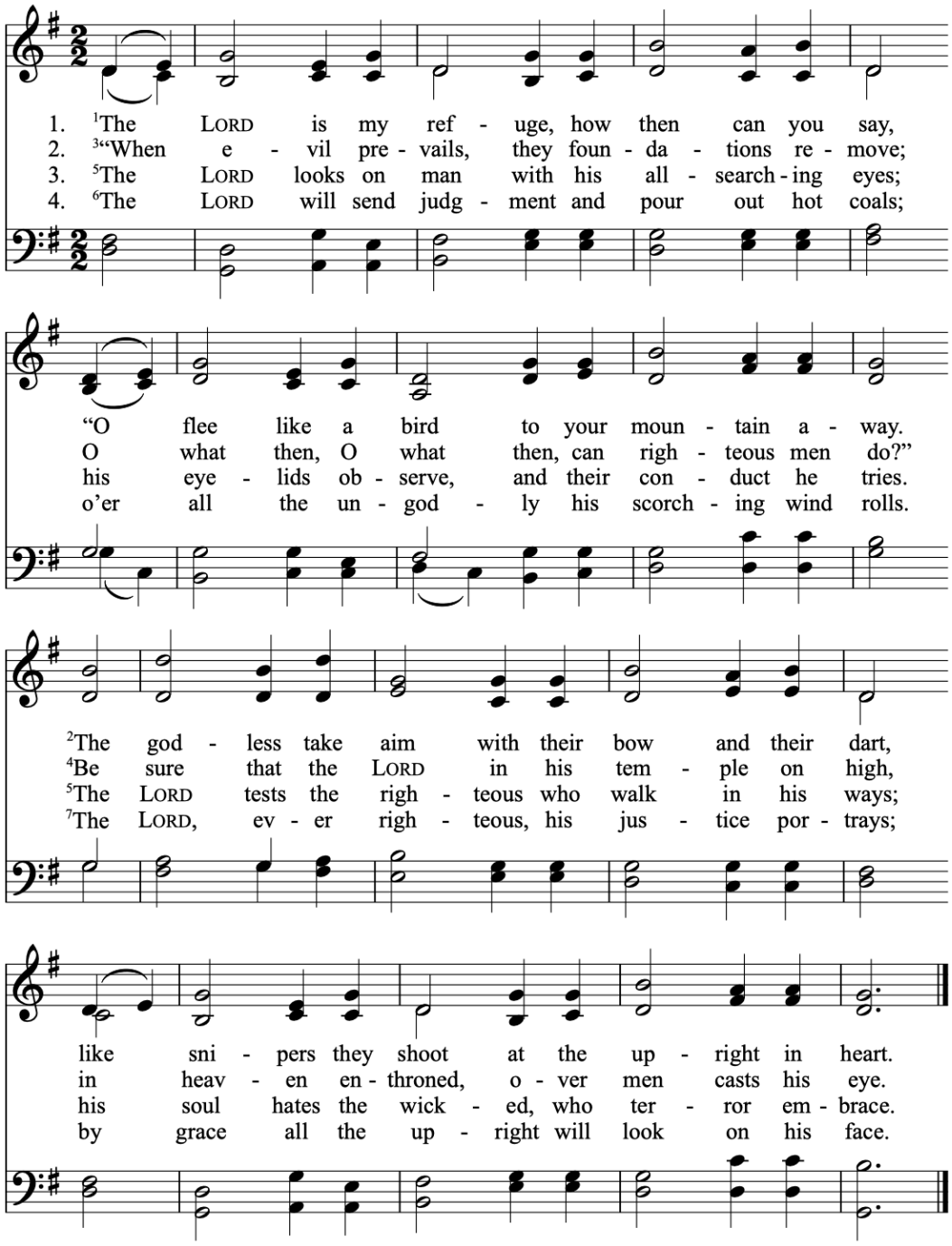
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