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At Home Bulletin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

O magnify the LORD with me.  
**Let us exalt God's name together!**

*Psalm 24:3-6 & 34:3*

## INVOCATION

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### *Psalm 145*

Tune: This is My Father's World

### ***Brethren We Have Met to Worship***

Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down  
Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren see poor sinners 'round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe  
Death is coming hell is moving can you bear to let them go  
See our fathers and our mother and our children sinking down  
Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters will you join and help us Moses' sister aided him  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin  
Tell them all about the Savior tell them that He will be found  
Sisters pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely let us love each other too  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new  
Then He'll call us home to heaven at His table we'll sit down  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.  
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### ***Come Thou Fount***

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.  
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## GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. *Deuteronomy 4:23-24*

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty!

**We confess that we are a people of unclean lips.**

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty!

**We confess that we are a people of unclean hearts**

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty!

**We confess that we are a people of unclean minds.**

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty!

**We confess that we are a people of unclean hands.**

Refine us with your holy fire.

**Sprinkle us that we may be cleansed,  
to serve your holy name as a holy priesthood.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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 to 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.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Psalm 119:103-104*

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.”

### RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

#### PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Psalm 51 – God Be Merciful to Me*

God be merciful to me on Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me make me pure within cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgment just speechless I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil born of sin, Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins O hide Thy face blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God my heart renew, make my Spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return O God to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove and my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips O Lord and my mouth shall praise accord.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-22

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Crying in the Wilderness”

Pastor Ian Hard

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking  
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated  
in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

## **HYMN OF SENDING**

### ***Nothing But the Blood***

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see – Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea – Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone – Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done – Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace – Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness – Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome – Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home – Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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## **BENEDICTION**

**Sermon NOTES:** Crying in the Wilderness