

SONG OF SENDING *

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all -
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid -
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay -
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
'Til He returns or calls me home -
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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BENEDICTION *

*We are a family in Christ worshipping in Spirit
and truth, growing together in God's grace,
and connecting the community with the gospel.*

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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness
to all generations.**

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

~ Psalm 89

HYMNS OF PRAISE *

O Come, All Ye Faithful Hymn 208

As with Gladness Men of Old Hymn 226

INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say rejoice.

**Lord forgive us for allowing cynicism and despair
to rule our hearts instead of joy and love.
We confess we have forgotten that you alone
are the source of all good things.**

** Stand as you are able*

Bold Print – speak together in unison

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us for clinging so desperately to the passing things which give us comfort, making them into our idols. Forgive us for our worship of the inglorious and for settling on the works of the hands of men, instead of delighting in the gifts of you O God.

Lord we have grown forgetful.

We have forgotten that we were once strangers and rebels.

Forgive us for not extending the gracious invitation of welcome and reconciliation you have given to us. Fill us with joy overflowing in you that we might declare the wonders of your grace anew.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 1:11-14
May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

~ WSC 33-36

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*For parents who are interested in nursery care
Children 3 and under
may be brought to the nursery at this time.
Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.*

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.**

SONG OF PREPARATION *

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus;
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

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SCRIPTURE READING *

Colossians 4:2-6

(pew Bible, page 985)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Praying with Eyes Open”

~ 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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COMMUNION

*Wine is in the inner rings in purple colored cups.
Juice is in the outer ring in clear cups.
The communion bread is gluten free.*

MERCY AND MISSION OFFERING