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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Psalm 105:1-6

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest; Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings; Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings. Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

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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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CONFESSION OF SIN

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Lord we have turned away from you, our only hope.

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, yet we act as if there is no reason for hope.

Your Son sacrificed for us, rose victorious over sin and death. Forgive us Lord for our cynicism, our doubt, and our hopelessness.

We confess that we find it easier to trust in our gadgets, our bank account, and our reputations than in the hope of the Eternal King.

We claim to have the hope of the gospel, but despair at the prospect of suffering and persecution. Awake in us afresh a hopeful trust in you.

You are our only hope for forgiveness and restoration. Restore to us a love of holiness and delight in your way.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who were we?

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.

Who are we?

For the Scripture says,
"Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
for the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing his riches on all who call on him.
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Who will we be?

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more.

neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Adapted from Is 53; Rom 3; 10; I Cor 15; Rev 21

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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. John Wyeth | Robert Robinson; Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 23:1-29

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Rock of Escape"

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glori Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. 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.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Text: St. 1-5 John Newton, 1779; St. 6 A Collection of Sacrad Ballads, 1790: Music: AMAZING GRACE C.M., A traditional American Melody, Arr. By Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: A Rock of Escape