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At Home Bulletin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the deer pants for flowing streams, so pant our souls for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with us.

Hope in God; for we shall again praise him,
our salvation and our God.

We shall go with the throng

and lead them in procession to the house of God

with glad shouts and songs of praise,

a multitude keeping festival.

Adapted from Psalm 42

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Tune: AZMAN C.M.; Carl G. Glaser 1784-1829

Arranger: Lowell Mason 1829

Psalm 145:1-10

Tune: Jesus Shall Reign

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You. (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love, as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Bridge:

"Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You."

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. *Exodus 20:4-6*

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.

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

I Peter 1:3-5

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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 MESSAGE

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.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;

I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
for by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!

O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!

Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. *(Refrain)*

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
and thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed. *(Refrain)*

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. *(Refrain)*

Text: Jean Sophia Pigott (1876; Alt.); Tune: TRANQUILITY, James Mountain (1876)

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Know God, Know Joy”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Gloria 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 *

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [*Refrain*]

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [*Refrain*]

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. [*Refrain*]

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home. [*Refrain*]

Charles Wesley (1746; alt.)

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Know God, Know Joy