



November 26, 2023 – At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150:1-6

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:

Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!
We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:
Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

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Psalm 133

Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Hymn #363

Psalter p. 114

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (*chorus*)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (*chorus*)

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. *Romans 12:9-13*

O Lord, your are slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

We have been quick to anger and slow to forgive.

Your anger is righteous and your judgments just.

We are prone to outrage and outburst.

**We have judged others in our hearts,
with our mouths, and through our actions.**

You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us for hatred, wrath, and violence

May you grant us grace and strength.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

— *Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

How do you know this?

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— *Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39*

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

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but his smile quickly drives it away;
not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
can abide while we trust and obey. (*refrain*)

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. (*refrain*)

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. (*refrain*)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we will walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey. (*refrain*)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 4:4-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Ready and Waiting”

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

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.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Ready and Waiting