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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 97

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three
eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

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Psalm 54

Tune: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus:

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within. (*chorus*)

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? — *Micah 6:7-8*

Your Word, O Lord declares your infinite grandeur, majesty and power.

Our words and actions present you as small and powerless.

Your steadfast love endures forever.

**But we have loved one another so poorly,
that we can scarcely trust in such a love.**

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

**Yet we live in fear. We have denied your power with our attempts
to exert control over our own lives and the lives of others.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.

**Yet we have presumed to think that we can justify ourselves with our
deeds, seeking to proclaim our goodness instead of yours, O Holy God.**

In the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.

**We have doubted your promises and ignored your demonstrations
of covenant faithfulness, putting our trust in people and things that
cannot be trusted.**

Forgive us O Lord.

**We confess we need your mercy and cry out for the help of
your eternal Son.**

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

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

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 2:17-35

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

SERMON

“Careful What You Ask For”

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.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Rock of Ages Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778) (1776); TOPLADY Thomas Hastings (1830)

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Careful What You Ask For