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At Home Bulletin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places,**

Blessed be the God who chose us in him before the foundation of the world
That we should be holy and blameless before him.

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.**

Based on Ephesians 1:3-6

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

Hymn #44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder -
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God! How great Thou art!”

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Psalm 92

Psalter, p.79

Tune: *Rejoice the Lord is King*

Praise Hymns and Choruses, 3rd Ed., Maranatha! Music, #7 (red book)

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*

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 5:8-10

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

How did God create man?

God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness with dominion over the creatures.

Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be God and man in two distinct natures, and one person forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #1, 10, 13, 20, 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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Blessed With a Limp”

Rev. Dr. Per Almquist

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

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

Refrain 1

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

Refrain 2

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

Refrain 3

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

Refrain 4

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (*repeat refrain 4*)

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When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (3xs)

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Sermon NOTES: *Blessed With a Limp*

BENEDICTION