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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Psalm 89

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Psalm 89:17-39

Sung to the tune of “Ode to Joy”

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

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. *Romans 13:8, 10*

Most holy and merciful God,

**We confess that we have not loved you
with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our minds;
Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

Of this, we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us so that by your Holy Spirit
we may delight in your law, and love you more perfectly.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 1:22-2:3

Pew Bible p.1014

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Good News of Love"

Pastor Ian Hard

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

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

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know: for the Bible tells me so:
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;
From his shining throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
if I love him, when I die he will take me home on high.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: The Good News of Love