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**At Home Bulletin**

## **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

*From Psalm 67*

## **INVOCATION**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*Psalm 54*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*Abide With Me*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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### **GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION**

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD  
will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. *Exodus 20:7*

To you, O Lord, belongs all glory, honor, and power.

**Together we confess that we have not offered you  
the glory and praise due your name.**

**We have placed ourselves at the center of the universe,  
instead of glorifying you, the Creator of all things.**

Behold, you are making all things new.

**Forgive us for reducing the grandeur of your redemptive work  
to an act just about us.**

**Forgive us for forgetting that you revealed in Christ  
your plan to unite all things in him, things in heaven and on earth.  
Forgive us, for we have made ourselves so very big and you so very  
small.**

**Restore to us a motivation from your salvation to be your servants  
declaring your wonder in all that we do.**

**Forgive us and restore us even now, we pray.**

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Colossians 1:11-14*

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is Jesus Christ?

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.**

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.**

**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

**He is the head of the body, the Church.**

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

**In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow and worship Christ?

**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**

**After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

*-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4*

## 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

### *Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:20-18:8

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Waiting on the Kingdom”

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

### *The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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## **BENEDICTION**

**Sermon NOTES:** *Waiting on the Kingdom*