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**At Home Bulletin**

## **WELCOME**

### **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**

#### ***The Steadfast Love***

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases  
His mercies never come to an end  
They are new every morning, new every morning  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord  
Great is Thy faithfulness. *(repeat all)*

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#### ***Psalm 133***

Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#### ***And Can It Be***

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

‘Tis myst’ry all, Th’Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of live divine.

‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. *(refrain)*

He left his Father’s throne above (So free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free: for, O my God, it found out me. *(refrain)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fastbound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
*(refrain)*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
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## **GOD’S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION**

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love  
the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with  
all your might.” *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

Holy God, full of glory and majesty,  
**we confess that we have not loved you  
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.  
We have not placed you first in our lives,  
but have subsumed your mission under  
our own self interests. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Creator and sustainer of all humanity,  
**we have not loved each other as bearers of your image.  
In putting ourselves first, we have rejected Christ’s example of a servant.  
Father, forgive our pride, self-orientation, and ambition  
which deny that we are free only when we follow you.  
Restore to us a grasp of your glory and your goodness  
which enable us to follow after you.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Apostles Creed

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 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

*Jesus Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul let me to Thy bosom fly,

While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:

Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;

Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within;  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 2:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Returning to Our First Love”

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.*

## HYMN OF SENDING

*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 followest all my way, I yield my flickering 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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## **BENEDICTION**

**Sermon NOTES:** Returning to Our First Love