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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Chosen Generation

Chorus

But ye are a chosen generation, royal priesthood a holy nation
A peculiar people that should show forth the praises of Him
Who has called you out of darkness, out of darkness out of darkness
Into His marvelous light, into His marvelous light

Bridge

So come and sing alleluia, praise to the Lord
Come on and sing alleluia and show forth the praises of Him

'Cause He has called you out of darkness, out of darkness out of darkness
Into His marvelous light, into His marvelous light

For He has called you out of bondage, out of bondage out of bondage
Into His marvelous light, into His marvelous light

Into freedom into freedom, into freedom into freedom
Into His marvelous light, into His marvelous light

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Psalm 113

To the tune of Take My Life, and Let it Be

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. *Exodus 20:4-6*

Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say rejoice.

Lord forgive us for allowing cynicism and despair to rule our hearts instead of joy and love.

We confess we have forgotten that you alone are the source of all good things. Forgive us for clinging so desperately to the passing things which give us comfort, making them into our idols.

Forgive us for our worship of the inglorious and for settling on the works of the hands of men, instead of delighting in the gifts of you O God.

Lord we have grown forgetful.

We have forgotten that we were once strangers and rebels. Forgive us for not extending the gracious invitation of welcome and reconciliation you have given to us. Fill us with joy overflowing in you that we might declare the wonders of your grace anew.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *(refrain)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
(refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
(refrain)

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SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 2:4-10

Pew Bible p.1014

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Living Stones”

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

We are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he will us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flames burn on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Living Stones