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At Home Bulletin

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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

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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 92

Tune: Rejoice the Lord is King

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first
commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as
yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the
Prophets." *Matthew 22:37-40*

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

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

Christian, how does our story begin?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made, in him was life and the life was the light of men.

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Who is the Word?

The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Why did Christ do this?

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

-Adapted from John 1, Philipians 2, 1 Corinthians 15

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

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

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-36

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Kingdom Love”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

He is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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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

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(Chorus)*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *(Chorus)*

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one. *(Chorus)*

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Kingdom Love