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At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!**

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Hymn 302

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1893; Music: Traditional,

I Know That My Redeemer Lives-Glory, Hallelujah! Hymn 281

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—
glory, hallelujah!

Refrain:

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head—
glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

He lives, to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above—
glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

He lives, all glory to his name!—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same—
glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

Samuel Medley, 1775, refrain anon.; Music: SHOUT ON, C.M. ref.
American Folk Hymn 19th century.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Psalm 51

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 your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul,
in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and
ready from now on to live for him. - Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1**

How do you know this?

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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

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.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, til your church is built,
And the earth is filled with your glory.

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SCRIPTURE READING*

I Samuel 12:1-25

Sermon NOTES: A Faithful King to a Faithless People

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ian Hard

“A Faithful King to a Faithless People”

[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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last. *(chorus)*

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