

SONG OF SENDING *

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Refrain:

And the world will sing his love,
yes, the world will sing his love,
And we'll all join hands,
ev'ry woman, ev'ry man to sing his love.

Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name. (*Refrain*)

God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave. (*Refrain*)

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb; (*Refrain*)

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BENEDICTION*

*We are a family in Christ worshipping in Spirit
and truth, growing together in God's grace,
and connecting the community with the gospel.*

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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Psalm 87

(Trinity Hymnal, page 815)

SONGS OF PRAISE *

As I Went Down to the River

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about the good 'ol way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about the good 'ol way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about the good 'ol way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

** Stand as you are able*

Bold Print – speak together in unison

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about the good ‘ol way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O fathers, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
O fathers, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about the good ‘ol way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O sinners, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
O sinners, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.

Text and Music: Traditional Appalachian

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 55

INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ is Savior, King, and Head of his Church

**Yet we have denied our need
to be in submission to him.
We have denied our need
to be in submission to one another.
Forgive us for declaring we have no need
of the body of Christ
through our selfishness, pride, and apathy.**

Restore us to real community, O Lord.

**Teach us anew how to suffer and rejoice together.
Forgive our self-promotion
and help us to delight in one another.
Help us to show the glory of Christ
through obedience
motivated by love for you
and our brothers and sisters.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 3:13-14
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

**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.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*For parents who are interested in nursery care
Children 3 and under
may be brought to the nursery at this time.
Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.*

PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Hymn 521

SCRIPTURE READING *

Acts 15:1-35

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

SERMON

“Family Meeting” 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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COMMUNION[†]

*† Wine is in the inner rings of the tray
in purple colored cups.*

*Juice is in the outer ring of the tray
in clear cups.*