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## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**We are new creations; the old has gone; the new has come!**

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**Through us and through our worship  
may we announce the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### *To God be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be,  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*refrain*)

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#### *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord,  
I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

Refrain:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high. (*repeat all*)

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ came to bear our sorrows and griefs,  
And by his wounds we are healed.

**Yet, we all like sheep have gone astray,  
turning to our own ways.  
We have foolishly closed our eyes  
to the only place to find true mercy and healing.**

Christ is the light of the world.

**But we have been willing to place that light under a bushel,  
instead of placing it high on a hill for all to see.  
We have failed to invite others to the experience of God's mercy:  
the poor, the dispossessed, the widow, the orphan,  
the brokenhearted, the adulterer, the fool, the rich,  
the powerful.**

Lord, to you, we confess our sins and failures.

**We confess that we have denied our own need of mercy,  
and have failed to display and offer that mercy to others.  
Restore to us the joy of knowing that we find mercy in Christ.  
Make us ambassadors of mercy, we pray.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do we believe?

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty;  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God,  
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being  
of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven, and was incarnate  
by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again,  
according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.  
And one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Nicene Creed*

## OFFERING OUR GIFT

## 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

### *Lamb of God*

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-20

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Your Expectations vs. God’s Promises” Pastor Pat Testerman

[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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## HYMN OF SENDING

### *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

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. (*refrain*)

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## BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Your Expectations vs. God’s Promises