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At Home Bulletin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Psalm 105:1-6

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder -
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God! How great Thou art!”

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Have Thine Own Way Lord

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902; Music HOLY DESIRE, George C. Stebbins, 1907

Psalm 29

Tune: We Gather Together

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

1st Commandment - Exodus 20:3

You shall have no other gods before me.

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

I John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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. (Rom 8)**

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.**

SONG 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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 1

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Catastrophic Love”

Rev. Per Almquist

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.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Catastrophic Love