



*August 2, 2026*  
**At Home Bulletin**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 8

## **INVOCATION**

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

### ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

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### ***Psalm 29***

Tune: We Gather Together

### ***The Battle Belongs to the Lord***

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land,  
The battle belongs to the Lord!  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,  
The battle belongs to the Lord!

Chorus:

And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.  
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord!  
He's raised up a standard, the pow'r of His blood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord! (*Chorus*)

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,  
The battle belongs to the Lord!  
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near,  
The battle belongs to the Lord! (*Chorus*)

End:

Power and strength to the Lord, power and strength to the Lord.

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## **GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION**

And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. *Matthew 18:2–6*

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

*Isaiah 40:1-2*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the  
eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and  
man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest,  
and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

**Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us,  
by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

**Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself  
a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in  
making continual intercession for us.**

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself,  
in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering  
all his and our enemies.**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 21, 23-26*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 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

### *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore (2xs)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield (2xs)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fear subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee (2xs)

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 12:1-17

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Pursued by Dragons”

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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## 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

### *Rock of Ages*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778) (1776); TOPLADY Thomas Hastings (1830)

## BENEDICTION

**Sermon NOTES:** Pursued by Dragons