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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Psalm 89

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Psalm 147:1-11

Tune: Lead On O King Eternal

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;
From his shining throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
if I love him, when I die he will take me home on high.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." *Matthew 22:37-40*

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

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 33-36

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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1747; alt.); Music: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1890, alt. 1990.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Way of Love”

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

We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he will us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flames burn on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: The Way of Love