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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### MAY 18, 2025

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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 14:1-3, 7**

**Leader:** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

**People:** **The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.**

**Leader:** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

**All:** **Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

## SONG OF PRAISE

## Grace Alone

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear your call,  
But Father, you worked your will.  
I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne,  
But Father, you loved me still.

### Chorus 1

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation  
You predestined to adopt me as your own.  
You have raised me up so high above my station.  
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

2. You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost,  
But Jesus, your face was set.  
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,  
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

### Chorus 2

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.  
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown,  
And you rose that I might be a new creation.  
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

### Bridge

I was in darkness all of my life; I never knew the day from the night,  
But Spirit, you made me see.  
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone,  
But Spirit, you moved in me.

### Chorus 3

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened.  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken  
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

### Ending

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone.  
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone.  
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone.  
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, forgive me for I have sinned. I continue to trust my own judgment and the wisdom of men, instead of depending upon your word and resting in your Spirit. I often care more about what others think of me than I care for what you have commanded me. I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, please pardon my sin through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## Romans 8:37-39

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. 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.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

3. 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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go

4. 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.

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee.

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## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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## 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,  
from age to age. Amen, amen.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## CONGREGATIONAL READING

## Romans 15:4-6

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 14:13-23**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. <sup>14</sup>I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. <sup>15</sup>For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup>So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. <sup>17</sup>For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. <sup>19</sup>So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

<sup>20</sup>Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. <sup>21</sup>It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. <sup>22</sup>The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. <sup>23</sup>But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

**SERMON NOTES****COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS****HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace, alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.
3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

**Thy Mercy My God**

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper, divine,  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.  
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## SONG OF RESPONSE

## Your Great Name We Praise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.  
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious,  
Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;  
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;  
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Your clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

### Chorus

Most Holy, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious,  
Your great name we praise!

3. All life comes from You, Lord,  
To both great and small;  
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;  
We wither and perish but You never fail!  
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;  
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,  
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!  
Chorus 2X

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## BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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