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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 73:25-26, 28**

**Leader:** Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

**People:** My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**Leader:** For me it is good to be near God.

**People:** I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)**

1. When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,  
When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in  
I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait;  
I will stand upon Your Word.

**Chorus 1**

You're my solid rock and my salvation,  
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.  
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

2. You're my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of every threat.  
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.  
Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail;  
In Your power I'm secure.

**Chorus 2**

You're my solid rock and my salvation,  
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.  
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.  
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,  
My refuge, and my sure foundation.  
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

3. This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved.  
Through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that's undeserved.  
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss;  
Now the sting of death is gone.

Chorus 2 (2x)

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# CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we have continued in the ways of our first parents. Though made after your image, placed in the garden, and provided for abundantly, they looked away from you for life, and found only death. We also foolishly look away from you for life: to possessions, relationships, accomplishments, applause. Such things bring only fleeting pleasure. But you promise life eternal in Christ Jesus our Savior, that in seeking your kingdom all things will be added unto us, as we live not for this age, but for that which has come upon us through him. Deepen our faith, we pray, that we might long for the fullness of our salvation and the abundance of life that you have promised.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### SONG OF ASSURANCE

### Yet, Not I, But Through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give;  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!  
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Savior he will stay;  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!  
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;  
The future sure, the price- it has been paid;  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave!  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!  
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home;  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to him!  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:  
“Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.”

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:4-8

<sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

## CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## SERMON “Counted By Grace or By Debt” - Rev. Bryan Rigg

### SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 14, 2024 | Bryan Rigg  
“Counted By Grace or By Debt” | Romans 4:4-8

1. Being generally good is hopeless

2. Always, always, always by faith alone

3. Blessed is the man whose sin isn't counted

# CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Just as I Am

1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am tho' tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Man of Sorrows, What a Name

1. Man of Sorrows, what a name  
For the Son of God who came,  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place, condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

3. Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement, can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

4. Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high;  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

5. When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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# Thy Mercy My God

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.

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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## 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.

## 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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