



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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

Isaiah 45:22-25

Leader: Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

People: **By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return.**

Leader: Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.

People: **In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Father Long Before Creation

1. Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb;

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession 26.1

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces; and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, you delight in truth in the inmost parts. But we have perpetuated lies in order to protect ourselves. We have embraced myths that suit our own passions rather than humbly turning to you in repentance. Forgive us! For the heart is deceitful above all things, who can understand it? And yet nothing is hidden from your gaze. For all are exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Have mercy on us through Christ Jesus, our Lord. And teach us to walk in his light, to the praise of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 15:4-6

⁴ 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. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

**“To Look Like Jesus”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

Romans 12:11-13

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¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. 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?

2. When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

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SENDING HYMN

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

2. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chain.
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Chorus

To our king be highest praise
Rising through eternal days!
Just and faithful He shall reign,
Jesus shall reign!

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!

What Wondrous Love

3. 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.

4. 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.

Jesus Shall Reign

3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song.
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
Chorus

4. Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our king.
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.
Chorus x2

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