



Order of Service
Sunday Evening, 21 April 2024 – Rev. Andy Longwe

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.	O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
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Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

Prayer of Adoration

Bible reading

Jonah 1 (p 774)

Song of Confession: Psalm 19:8b-14

God's radiant commands Shed light on what we see; 9 The fear of God is pure And lasts eternally. The standards of the LORD express His perfect truth and righteousness.	12 Who can discern his faults? Forgive my hidden sin. 13 Keep me from wilful deeds; May they not rule within. And then I shall be free from blame And guiltless of transgression's shame.
10 Of far more worth than gold— Than much pure gold—they are; Than honey from the comb, Than honey sweeter far.	14 LORD, let the words I speak Be pleasing in your sight, And may my inmost thoughts Be in your judgment right.
11 They warn the servant of the LORD; In keeping them is great reward.	O LORD, you are a Rock to me; You have redeemed and set me free.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 53-54 (communal reading)

Q53. What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

A. First, He is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God. Second, He is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all His benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.

Q54. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Christian church?

A. I believe that the Son of God, out of the whole human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, by His Spirit and Word, in the unity of the true faith, a church chosen to everlasting life. And I believe that I am and forever shall remain a living member of it.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 139(a):1-10, 23-24

1 O LORD, you have examined me,
you know me through and through.
2 My sitting, rising—all my thoughts
afar are known to you.

3 My going out and lying down
are plain before your view.
4 Before I speak a word, O LORD,
it is well known to you.

5 You hem me in—behind, before;
you lay on me your hand.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful,
too high to understand.

7 Where can I from your Spirit flee
or from your presence go?
8 If to the heavens, you are there,
or in the depths below.

9 If I should take the wings of dawn
and dwell beyond the sea,
10 There also you would be my guide,
your right hand holding me.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
my anxious thoughts survey.
24 Show me what gives offence to you,
and lead me in your way.

Sermon: *Jonah Flees the Presence of the Lord*

Song of Response: His Mercy is More

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
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