

# Order of Service Sunday Morning, 5 October 2025 – Rev. Andy Longwe

## **Call to Worship**

# Song of Adoration: Psalm 90:1-4, 10-16 (Tune: Eventide, 283)

1 Lord, you have ever been our dwelling place. 2 Before you made the world of time and space, Before you made the mountains and the earth, You are eternal God; you gave them birth.

3 You turn all people back to dust and say, "O human race, to dust again decay."
4 Because a thousand years are in your sight Like yesterday or like a watch by night.

10 Our years amount to seventy in length, Or even eighty if we have the strength. And yet our days in grief and pain are passed; They quickly end; away we fly at last. 11 The power of your anger who can know? Your wrath's as great as is the fear we owe. 12 Teach us to number all our days aright; So will our hearts be filled with wisdom's light.

13 Return, O LORD! How long will you delay? Have mercy on your servants, LORD, we pray. 14 O satisfy us with your love always, That we may sing, rejoicing all our days.

15 In place of our affliction, make us glad; Give joy for all the years you made us sad. 16 To all your servants may your deeds be shown, And to their children make your glory known.

# **Prayer of Adoration with the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**Old Testament Bible reading:** Matthew 6:19-21 (p 811); Matthew 25:14-30 (p)

# Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86, 88, 89 (communal reading)

Q86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace alone through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we yet do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit to be his image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for his benefits, and he may be praised by us. Further, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and that by our godly walk of life we may win our neighbours for Christ.

088. What is the true repentance or conversion of man?

A. It is the dying of the old nature and the coming to life of the new.

Q89. What is the dying of the old nature?

A. It is to grieve with heartfelt sorrow that we have offended God by our sin, and more and more to hate it and flee from it.

#### Song of Confession: Flee from Sin

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There is grace for the daily war with sin for the battles that rage within my heart I am held in my Father's everlasting arms He's my shield from the devil's fiery darts.

There's a refuge from every lustful thought from old habits enticing me away when I fear my addictions won't be overcome there is hope through Christ's resurrection day.

## Chorus

There is power in the finished work of Jesus to change helpless sinners just like me there's contentment where nothing else can satisfy so I'll flee from my sin to Christ the Lord put my faith in the promise of His Word.

God calls all of His children to obey, live a life of submission to His Word may I learn what it means to seek His kingdom first, die to self, give my all to serve the Lord. *Chorus* 

There's forgiveness for every time I fail as I turn in repentance from my sin God provides all the help I need to persevere Praise His name! that my life is found in Him. *Chorus* 

### O the Deep Unbounded Riches during which the Offering will be taken

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O the deep, unbounded riches Of God deserve our praise! How unsearchable His judgments, How marvellous His ways! For who His thoughts has fathomed, Or counsel to Him giv'n? And who could make a debtor Of God, the Lord of Heav'n? For from and through and to Him Are all things, now and then. To Him be all the glory Forevermore, Amen.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 126 (Tune: Denfield, 47)

1 When Zion's fortunes God restored,

it was a dream come true.

2 Our mouths were then with laughter filled,

our tongues with songs anew.

The nations said, "The LORD has done

great things for Israel."

3 The LORD did mighty things for us,

and joy our hearts knew well.

4 Restore our fortunes, gracious LORD,

like streams in desert soil. 5 A joyful harvest will reward the weeping sower's toil.

6 The man who, bearing seed to sow,

goes out with tears of grief, Will come again with songs of joy,

bearing his harvest sheaf.

**Bible Reading:** Ecclesiastes 11 (p 559)

# Sermon: Be Bold; Be Joyful and Be Godly (part 1)

#### Song of Response: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises

Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended

Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery

He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfilment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!

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# **Benediction**

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