

\* **Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 40:31*

*Those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.*

***They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.***

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #249:1,3,4 (PH)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

\* **That's Why We Praise Him**

He came to live, live a perfect life;  
He came to be the living Word, our light.  
He came to die so we'd be reconciled;  
He came to rise to show his power and might.

*Refrain:* That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.  
That's why we offer him our everything.  
That's why we bow down and worship this king,  
'Cause he gave his everything;  
'Cause He gave his everything.

He came to live, live again in us;  
He came to be our conquering King and Friend.  
He came to heal and show the lost ones his love;  
He came to go prepare a place for us. *Refrain*

**Ordination and Installation of Officers**

Elder:

Jim Aguirre, Patrick Jones, and Roger Plata

Deacon:

Ryan Brink, Lance Honcoop, and Brian Vander Woude

**Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Refrain:* Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. *Refrain*

**Call to Confession:** *Isaiah 30:15,18 (NIV)*

*In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and  
trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.  
Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to  
show you compassion. For the LORD is God of justice.  
Blessed are all who wait for him!*

**Prayer of Confession**

***I Then Shall Live***

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am his child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;  
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;  
I dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment,  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,  
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;  
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,  
And may your living kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,  
And may you feed a hungry world through me.

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** The Table

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

#280:1 (PH)

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
Teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

\* **Scripture:** *Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)*

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<sup>6</sup> *The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and  
faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands,  
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.*

*James 1:2-4 (ESV)*

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<sup>2</sup> *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of  
various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your  
faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have  
its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete,  
lacking in nothing.*

*James 5:7-8, 10-11 (ESV)*

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<sup>7</sup> *Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the  
Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of  
the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the  
early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish  
your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.  
<sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers,  
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.  
<sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained  
steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job,  
and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the  
Lord is compassionate and merciful.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Patient Endurance*

**Prayer**

\* **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

#573:1,3 (PH)

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**

#630:1,2 (PH)

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,  
For He alone does wondrous works:  
His glorious deeds excel;  
For He alone does wondrous works:  
His glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;  
The whole earth let His glory fill:  
Amen! so shall it be;  
The whole earth let His glory fill:  
Amen! so shall it be.

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\* indicates to stand if able

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement  
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.

Pastor: Robert W  
Prayer: Kevin B, Wes V  
Music: Sharon A, Cheryl K  
Offering: The Table is a church plant, started by Aaron W in  
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**Patient Endurance**

*Exodus 34:6-7; James 1:2-4; James 5:7-8, 10-11*

Character of Patience

Obstacles to Patience

Cultivating Patience



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