

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 89:1-4*

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;*

***with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.***

*I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;*

***your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.***

*You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,*

*I have sworn to my servant David:*

*'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"*

***Praise the Lord!***

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **God, Our Father, We Adore Thee**

God, our Father, we adore Thee!

We, Thy children, bless Thy name!

Chosen in the Christ before Thee,

We are "holy, without blame"

We adore Thee! We adore Thee!

Abba's praises we proclaim!

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Holy Spirit, we adore Thee!

Paraclete and heav'nly guest!

Sent from God and from the Savior,

Thou hast led us into rest.

We adore Thee! We adore Thee!

By Thy grace forever blest;

We adore Thee! We adore Thee!

By Thy grace forever blest!

\* **How Deep the Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us,

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss.

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life.

I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart:

His wounds have paid my ransom.

\* **Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;

Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:

In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 89:14-16*

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you.*

*Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,  
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.*

***We rejoice in your name all day long;  
we celebrate your righteousness.***

**The Love of God**

#18:1,3 (HFG)

The love of God is greater far

Than tongue or pen can ever tell;

It goes beyond the highest star,

And reaches to the lowest hell;

The guilty pair, bowed down with care,

God gave His Son to win;

His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

*Refrain:* O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

It shall for evermore endure

The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,

And were the skies of parchment made,

Were every stalk on earth a quill,

And every man a scribe by trade,

To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.

Nor could the scroll contain the whole,

Though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

(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:** Benevolence

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**Morning Prayer**

\* **O Word of God Incarnate**

#279:1,3 (PH)

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,

O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:

We praise you for the radiance

That from the Scripture's page,

A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

O make your church, dear Savior a lamp of burnished gold

To bear before the nations your true light as of old.

O teach your traveling pilgrims by this their path to trace

Till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

\* **Scripture:** *Isaiah 40:10-11 (ESV)*

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<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

*Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)*

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<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I

will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn

from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will

find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my

burden is light."

*James 3:13, 17 (ESV)*

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<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good

conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,

gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits,

impartial and sincere.

*I Timothy 6:11-12 (ESV)*

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<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness,

gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of

the eternal life to which you were called and about which

you made the good confession in the presence of many

witnesses.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Courageous Gentleness*

\* ***Fill Thou My Life, O Lord*** #547:1,2 (PH)  
Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim thy being and thy ways.  
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak,  
Life's common looks and tones,  
In fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,  
Enduring wrong, reproach, or loss  
With sweet and steadfast will,  
Forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***My Friends, May You Grow in Grace***  
My friends, may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.  
My friends, may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.  
To God be the glory, now and forever,  
Now and forever, amen.  
To God be the glory, now and forever,  
Now and forever, amen.

\* indicates to stand if able

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

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### ***Courageous Gentleness***

*Isaiah 40:10-11; Matthew 11:28-30;  
James 3:13, 17; I Timothy 6:11-12*

Character of Gentleness

Obstacles to Gentleness

Cultivating Gentleness



Father's Day

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service