

\* **Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13  
Let us worship God.  
“**He is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God, in whom we trust.**”  
Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and  
believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.  
“**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
will be saved.**”  
Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
confessing him with our mouths, worshipping him in spirit  
and in truth.

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* ***His Name Is Wonderful*** #230 (HFG)  
His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

\* ***Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*** #475:1,4 (PH)  
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

\* ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*** #87:1,3 (HFG)  
What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:* Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:* Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #83 & 84

What are the keys of the kingdom?

**The preaching of the holy gospel  
and Christian discipline toward repentance.  
Both preaching and discipline  
open the kingdom of heaven to believers  
and close it to unbelievers.**

How does preaching the gospel open and close the  
kingdom of heaven?

**According to the command of Christ:  
The kingdom of heaven is opened  
by proclaiming and publicly declaring  
to all believers, each and every one, that,  
as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith,  
God, because of what Christ has done,  
truly forgives all their sins.  
The kingdom of heaven is closed, however,  
by proclaiming and publicly declaring  
to unbelievers and hypocrites that,  
as long as they do not repent,  
the anger of God and eternal condemnation  
rest on them.  
God's judgment,  
both in this life and in the life to come,  
is based on this gospel testimony.**

**Offering:** Kevin B

**Evening Prayer**

**Children’s Message**

***O How He Loves You and Me*** #622:1,2 (HFG)  
O how He loves you and me!  
O how He loves you and me!  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;  
O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv’ry did go; His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there bro’t hope from despair.  
O how he loves you; O how He loves me;  
O how He loves you and me!

\* **Scripture:** *Matthew 21:23-32* (NIV) pg. 1032  
<sup>23</sup> *Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was  
teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people  
came to him. “By what authority are you doing these  
things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”*  
<sup>24</sup> *Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you  
answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing  
these things. <sup>25</sup> John’s baptism—where did it come from?  
Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”*  
*They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say,  
‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe  
him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of  
the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”*  
<sup>27</sup> *So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”*  
*Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I  
am doing these things.*  
<sup>28</sup> *“What do you think? There was a man who had two  
sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work  
today in the vineyard.’*  
<sup>29</sup> *“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his  
mind and went.*  
<sup>30</sup> *“Then the father went to the other son and said the  
same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.*  
<sup>31</sup> *“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”*  
*“The first,” they answered.*  
*Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and  
the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of  
you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of  
righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax  
collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw  
this, you did not repent and believe him.*

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

**Message:** *It Takes More Than Words*

\* ***Living for Jesus***

#4621,3 (HFG)

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.  
Striving to please Him in all that I do.  
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

*Refrain:* O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee.  
For Thou in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne;  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus, wherever I am.  
Doing each duty in His holy name.  
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***All Praise to You, My God, This Night***

#441:1 (PH)

All praise to you, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath the shelter of your wings.

\* indicates to stand if able

Pastor: Berny D

Children's Message: Rich H

Music: Perlene H

Offering: Kevin is working locally with the Christian Hope Association (CHA) and is affiliated with Serving in Mission (SIM). He works with the local Spanish speaking population, especially with church planting. He also provides counseling services and works with the local prison population.

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*The gospel he promised  
beforehand through  
his prophets  
in the*



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