

- * **Call to Worship**

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**
Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.
**To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

* **God’s Greeting**

* ***See, What a Morning***
See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are raised with Him;
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

* ***He Is Lord***

He is Lord, he is Lord,
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Love, he is Love,
He has shown us by his life that he is Love!
And his people sing with one voice of joy
That Jesus Christ is Love.

* ***Be Still, for the Presence***

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.

Call to Confession: *James 4:8,10*
*Be still, and draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.*

Prayer of Confession
Lord, you said,
“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”
Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.
Lord, you said,
“You may ask for anything in my name.”
**Forgive us when we think we need to solve
our own problems.**
Lord, you said,
“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
**We confess that our lives are often consumed
by worry and anxiety.**
Lord, you said,
“If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”
Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.
Lord, you said,
“You must testify, for you have been with me.”
We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.
Lord, you said,
“Love each other as I have loved you.”
**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see children called by God.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* ***Ancient Words***
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *John 15:1-11 (ESV)* pg. 1130
*¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes
away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes,
that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean
because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in
me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself,
unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you
abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears
much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If
anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a
branch and withers; and the branches are gathered,
thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and
my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will
be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you
bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the
Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my
love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in
my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you,
that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

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

Message: *Abide in Christ*

Prayer

* ***Be Thou My Vision*** #468:1,2,4 (HFG)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

* **God’s Blessing**

* ***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*** #483:1,4 (HFG)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
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Abide in Christ
John 15:1-11

Fruit Season

The Danger of Fruitlessness and the Source of Fruitfulness,
vss. 2-6.

The Purpose of Pruning, vs. 2.

What does it mean to abide in Christ and how do we do it?

What is the result of abiding in Christ? vs. 11.



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