

THE GATHERING

* **Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*
Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

* **God's Greeting**

* **Amid the Thronging Worshipers** #239:1,3 (PH)

Amid the thronging worshipers
The Lord, our God, I bless;
Before His people gathered here
His name will I confess.
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,
The children of His grace;
With reverence sound His glories forth
And bow before His face.

He feeds with good the humble soul
And satisfies the meek,
And they shall live and praise the Lord
Who for His mercy seek.
The ends of all the earth will hear,
The nations seek the Lord;
They worship Him, the King of kings,
In earth and heaven adored.

* **My God, How Wonderful You Are** #499:1,3,6 (PH)

My God, how wonderful You are;
Your majesty, how bright!
How beautiful Your mercy seat
In depths of burning light!

O how I fear you, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship you with trembling hope
And penitential tears!

Father of Jesus, Love divine,
Great King upon Your throne,
What joy to see You as You are
And worship You alone!

* **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

#228:1,3 (HFG)

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God, with Him to be. *Refrain*

THE CONFESSION

Call to Confession: *Isaiah 1:18*

*"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be
like wool."*

Prayer of Confession:

Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer #421:1,2,3 (PH)

Spirit Divine, inspire our prayer
And make our hearts your home;
Descend with all your gracious power;
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come as the light; reveal our need,
Our hidden failings show,
And lead us in those paths of life
Whereon the righteous go.

Come as the fire and cleanse our hearts
With purifying flame;
Let our whole life an offering be
To our Redeemer's name.

Assurance: *based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

THE OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence Fund

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church
in the Ed. Building while the offering is received.)

Morning Prayer

THE PROCLAMATION

* **Break Now the Bread of Life** #282:1,4 (PH)

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As once You broke the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek You, Lord,
My spirit waits for You, O Living Word.

O send Your Spirit, now, dear Lord, to me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see;
Show me the truth made plain within Your Word,
For in Your book revealed I see You, Lord.

* **Scripture:** *Jude 17-25 (NIV)* pg. 1285

*¹⁷But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of
the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸They said to you,
"In the last time there will be scoffers, following their
own ungodly passions." ¹⁹It is these who cause divisions,
worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved,
building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying
in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God,
waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to
eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt;
²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others
show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by
the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from
stumbling and to present you blameless before the
presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God,
our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory,
majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and
now and forever. Amen.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Final Command to the Faithful (II)*

Prayer

* **Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

THE SENDING

* **God's Blessing**

* **Gloria Patri** #142 (HFG)

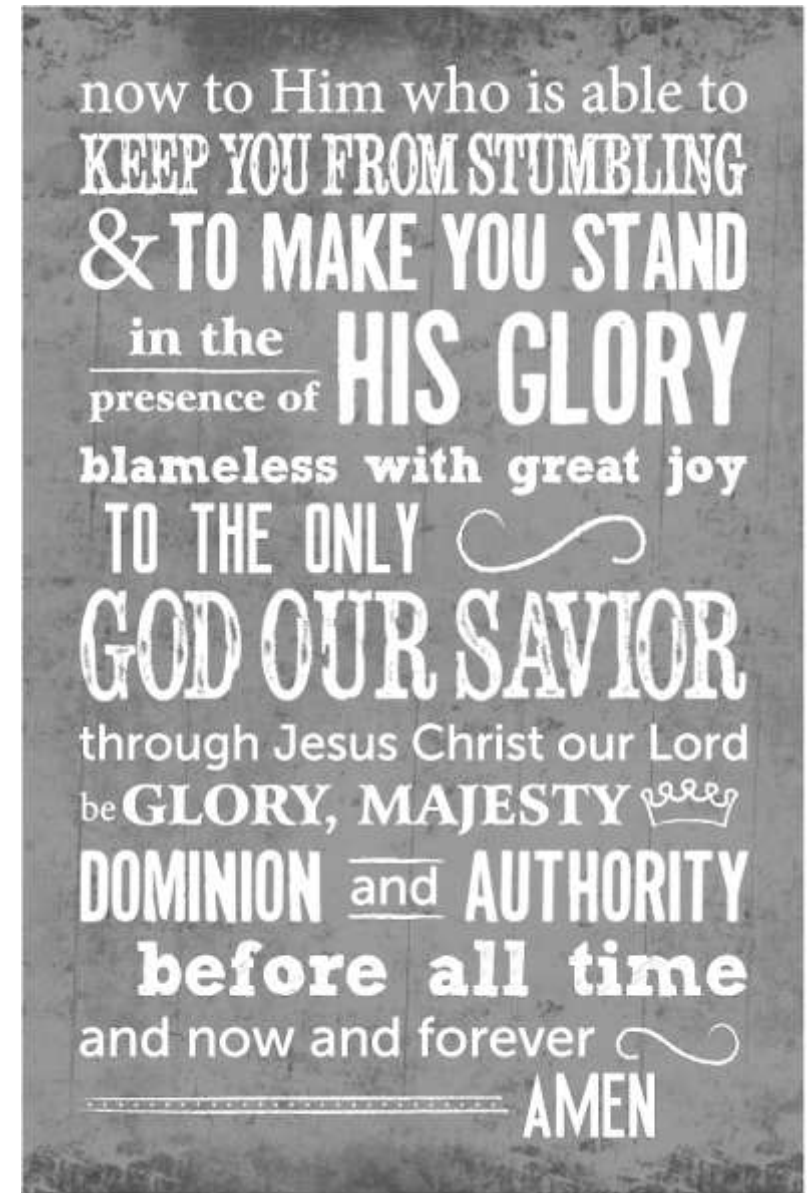
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

FINAL COMMAND TO THE FAITHFUL (II)

Jude 17-25

III. Rescue the ungodly (vs.22-23)

IV. Rest in divine security (vs.24-25)



Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

* indicates to stand if able

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Offering: First CRC Benevolence Fund is used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.

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