

THE GATHERING

* **Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 47:1,2,5,6

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.*

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

*God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

* **God's Greeting**

* **Now With Joyful Exultation** #95:1,3 (PH)

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,
And, with psalms his praises singing,
Joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing,
Let us come with reverence meet,
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us
As his flock in pastures fair.

* **Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah** #146:1,3 (PH)

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!
Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
Nor on human help depend.
They shall die, to dust returning;
all their thoughts and plans shall end.

Food he daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
Makes the sightless eyes to see.
God our Savior loves the righteous,
And the stranger he befriends,
Helps the orphan and the widow,
Judgment on the wicked sends.

* indicates to stand if able

* **At the Name of Jesus**

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Look to him, your Savior, in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;
For the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

THE CONFESSION

The Call: based on Isaiah 30:15,18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and
trust is your strength. 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!

The Prayer: based on Psalm 25:6-8,11,16-18

**O LORD, be mindful of your mercy and of your steadfast
love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember
the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to
your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake!
LORD, you are good and upright; therefore you instruct
sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon
my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my
heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my
affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. For
Jesus' sake: Amen**

The Assurance: The Solid Rock #92:1 (HFG)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

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

THE GIVING

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Eric & Penny S

Morning Prayer

THE WORD

* **Send Out Your Light and Truth** #165:1,2 (PH)

Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me;
O let them bring me to your holy hill.
Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me;
O let them bring me to your holy hill.

Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting;
O lead and guide me to your holy hill.
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* **Scripture:** Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV) pg. 1037

¹“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten
virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the
bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were
wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take
any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in
jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long
time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell
asleep. ⁶“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’
⁷“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their
lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some
of your oil; our lamps are going out.’
⁹“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both
us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy
some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰“But while they were on their way
to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who
were ready went in with him to the wedding
banquet. And the door was shut.
¹¹“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said,
‘open the door for us!’ ¹²“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you,
I don’t know you.’ ¹³“Therefore keep watch, because you
do not know the day or the hour.

This is the Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Keep Awake and Watch

THE SENDING

* **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers** #333:1,2 (PH)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches, with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!

* **God's Blessings**

* **Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing** #520:1,2 (HFG)

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

Keep Awake and Watch

Matthew 25:1-13

I. The Fateful Contrast

II. The Faithful Character

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.

Pastor: Barry B
Prayer: Brian K, Patrick J
Music: Sharon A, Lee V
Offering: Eric & Penny work with Pacific Island Ministry and help to train pastors and write resource materials for pastors in the Melanesian Pidgin language.

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*Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits upon the throne,
and to the Lamb.*

*Praise and Glory,
Wisdom and Thanks,
Honor and Power
and Strength*

*be to our God
Forever and Ever.
Amen.*

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