

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 149:1-4*
Praise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

* **God's Greeting**

* **O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good** #187:1,2,3 (PH)

O praise the LORD, for it is good to sing unto our God;
'Tis right and pleasant for his saints to tell his praise abroad.
The LORD our God builds up his church,
Finds those who draw apart;
He binds their wounds and gently leads,
He heals the broken heart.

Our LORD is great: he calls by name
And counts the stars of night;
His wisdom is unsearchable, and wondrous is his might.
The LORD upholds the poor and meek
But brings the wicked low;
Sing praise to him who sends the rain,
Whose care the cattle know.

No human might, no earthly pride
Delights the LORD above;
In those who fear him he delights,
In those who trust his love.
O Zion, praise the LORD your God,
His wondrous love confess;
He is your glory and your strength,
He will your children bless.

* **Come, People of the Risen King**

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:

"Our God is all in all!" Refrain

* **That's Why We Praise Him**

He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled;
He came to rise to show his power and might.

Refrain: That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.
That's why we offer him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this king,
'Cause he gave his everything;
'Cause he gave his everything.

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones his love;
He came to go prepare a place for us. *Refrain*

Call to Confession: *Isaiah 30:15,18*

Prayer of Confession

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.

Like a River Glorious

#560:1,2 (PH)

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day;
Perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand,
Where no harm can follow, in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
Those who trust him wholly find him wholly true.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Morning Prayer

* **Still, My Soul, Be Still**

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow.

Refrain: God, You are my God,
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
The truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming. *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *Zephaniah 3:14-20 (ESV)* pg. 987

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

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

Message: *God Delights in Us*

* **We Gather Together** #387:1,3 (HFG)

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

* **God's Blessing**

* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace.

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God Delights in Us
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Fear not,
for *I have*
REDEEMED
YOU
I have Called You
by name:
You are **MINE**

...you are Precious
and honored
in My Sight
...because
I LOVE YOU

Isaiah 43:1b; 4

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for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
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Pastor: Robert W Prayer: Kevin B, Dan H
Music: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
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families in times of need. For more information talk to any deacon.

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