

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 89:1-4*  
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.  
**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**  
You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen  
one; I have sworn to David my servant:  
**‘I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’”**

\* **Opening Prayer**

## Congregational Favorites

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 122  
What does the first request mean?  
**"Hallowed be your name" means,  
help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you  
for all your works and for all that shines forth from them:  
your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth.  
And it means,  
help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—  
so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us  
but always honored and praised.**

**Offering:** Benevolence

\* **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** #385:1,3 (HFG)  
Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain; everlasting is Thy reign.  
  
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,  
Though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim Thee,  
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

## Evening Prayer

\* **Thy Word**  
*Refrain:* Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.  
*Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end.  
*Refrain*

\* **Scripture:** *Esther 10 (ESV)* pg. 529  
<sup>1</sup> King Ahasuerus imposed tax on the land and on the coastlands of the sea. <sup>2</sup> And all the acts of his power and might, and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? <sup>3</sup> For Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was great among the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brothers, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Wisdom from Esther*

\* **Trust and Obey** #454:1,3 (HFG)  
When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain:* Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repair;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** #637 (PH)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

\* indicates to stand if able

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