* Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:6-7* Come, let us bow down in worship, *let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;* for he is our God *and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

* God's Greeting

* O Worship the King

#336:1,3 (HFG)

O worship the King all glorious above, And gratefully sing His wonderful love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends from the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

* Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, Peace like incense fills the air. Men and women, the sounds of children, Young and old have come to share. In the beauty of this place, We have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith, On this Holy ground we're all the same. And we are the joy of God on display Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name. Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as his presence ushers in. Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within. In the beauty of this place, We have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets We have gathered to receive. Some with plenty, some with need, Cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayer of Confession

Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood, When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above, And heav'n's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me By Thy Spirit through Thy Word; And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord. Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me, Without measure, full and boundless, Drawing out my heart to Thee.

Cadet Litany: based on Ezek. 34:11-12,31, Deut. 31:6, Ps. 95:7 Leader: No matter where we go or what we do, we know that God is seeking us.

ALL: We are thankful to God for His watchful care.

Leader: God spoke to the prophet Ezekiel, giving him words to relay to God's people. "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says, I myself will search for my sheep and look after them."

ALL: We are grateful to be considered God's sheep and to have Him look after us.

Leader: "I will rescue them from all the places where they are scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord."

ALL: We are assured that no matter how bad things may seem, we are sheltered by God's protective hand.

Leader: We know that God is all-powerful and that nothing can harm us. "Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

ALL: "For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."

Leader: May we always remember that God is seeking us and God is with us forevermore. May we each live a life worthy of God's calling.

Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true. Striving to please Him in all that I do. Yielding allegiance gladhearted and free. This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee. For Thou in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me; I own no other master, My heart shall be Thy throne; My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Cadet Landmarks

Cadet Year-in-Review

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Cadets

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

Offertory Ministry of Music: Prayer Medley

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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

Message

* To God Be the Glory

#363:1 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice. O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

* God's Blessing

* To God Be the Glory

#363:3 (HFG) Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain

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: Von G Praver: Gene T Music: Sharon A, Rachel N, Nancy Z Offering: Cadets is a ministry to 1st–8th grade boys and is led by Brian S and several other men in the congregation.

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