

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22*
Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—

**Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.**

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

*Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.*

Praise the LORD, my soul.

* Opening Prayer

* **Rejoice, the Lord is King** #408:1,2,4 (PH)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given,
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come
To gather all His saints to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

* **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** #616:1,2,4 (HFG)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,
'Til every foe is conquered and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this, His glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be:
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

* indicates to stand if able

Jesus Is All the World to Me #627:1,3 (HFG)

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall.

When I am sad, to Him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to Him I'll be;
Oh, how could I this Friend deny,
When He's so true to me?

Following Him I know I'm right,
He watches o'er me day and night;
Following Him by day and night, He's my Friend.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 124

What does the third request mean?

**"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" means,
help us and all people to reject our own wills
and to obey your will without any back talk.**

Your will alone is good.

**Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to,
as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Children's Message

* **The B-I-B-L-E**

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me,
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.

I'm S-A-V-E-D, by G-R-A-C-E;
I'm saved by grace, the Scripture says, the B-I-B-L-E!

* **Scripture:** *Esther 8:10-11; 9:5-6,16 (ESV)* pg. 526

¹⁰And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed it with the king's signet ring. Then he sent the letters by mounted couriers riding on swift horses that were used in the king's service, bred from the royal stud, ¹¹saying that the king allowed the Jews who were in every city to gather and defend their lives, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate any armed force of any people or province that might attack them, children and women included, and to plunder their goods.

⁵ *The Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them. ⁶In Susa the citadel itself the Jews killed and destroyed 500 men.*

¹⁶ *Now the rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also gathered to defend their lives, and got relief from their enemies and killed 75,000 of those who hated them, but they laid no hands on the plunder.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Holy God and Holy War*

Prayer

* **Onward, Christian Soldiers** #617:1,2 (HFG)

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war.
With the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe:
Forward into battle, see His banners go.

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Onward, Christian Soldiers** #617:4 (HFG)

Onward, then, O people, join our happy throng:
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
we through countless ages with the angels sing.

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

A Holy God and Holy War

Esther 8:10-11; 9:5-6, 16

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: Robert W

Music: Perlene H

Children's Message: Rich H

Offering: Tuition assistance is used to cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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