

\* **Call to Worship:** Revelation 5:9,10,12,13

*“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”* saying with a loud voice,  
**“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**  
*And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

\* **God’s Greeting**

\* **All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name** #471:1,3,4 (PH)

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel’s chosen race  
Now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.  
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And crown him Lord of all!

## Presentation of the Flags of the Nations

### Blessing of Missionaries

As your brothers and sisters in Christ and partners in ministry, we join in giving our blessing:  
**“Blessed are you, who come in the name of the Lord.”**

\* indicates to stand if able

## Song for the Nations

May we be a shining light to the nations,  
A shining light to the peoples of the earth,  
Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name.  
May Your pure light shine thro’ us.

May we bring a word of hope to the nations,  
A word of life to the peoples of the earth,  
Till the whole world knows  
There’s salvation thro’ Your name.  
May Your mercy flow thro’ us.

May Your kingdom come to the nations,  
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth,  
Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
May Your kingdom come on earth.

## Lenten Reading

**Call to Confession:** Psalm 37:7

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Father, forgive us for what we often believe is a righteous impatience, we must truly admit that we don’t trust on you. Forgive us for believing our timing is better than your timing. Forgive all our sin, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Response:** Psalm 27:14

**Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

## Song of Assurance: *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

## Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Steve & Sandy

## Morning Prayer

\* **Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-4 (ESV) pg. 11

<sup>1</sup> *The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.*

<sup>2</sup> *“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.*

<sup>3</sup> *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;*

*and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

<sup>4</sup> *So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Why God Blesses Us*

## Prayer

\* **Hear the Call of the Kingdom**

Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.  
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering  
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,  
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;  
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right;  
That the light of Christ may shine through us. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* King of heaven, we will answer the call;  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus’ name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;  
With the Father’s compassion, in the wonder of the cross.  
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come,  
Let the nations put their trust in Him. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **O Zion Haste**

Proclaim to every people, tongue and nation  
That God in Whom they live and move is love;  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that man might live above.

*Refrain:* Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

**Why God Blesses Us**

*Genesis 12:1-4*

# Our Big and Small World:

Missions around the World  
and Across the Street



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## Missions Celebration

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