* Call to Worship: Psalm 145:3-5,7

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

* God's Greeting

* One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name. Day after day we'll sing your praise; Forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:

"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!" All of the world sings his marvelous acts, And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised. Were we to search for endless days, His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

* How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God! All will see how great, how great is our God!

From age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

* Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; Come bow before him now with reverence and fear: In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Prayer of Confession

Our Assurance: Acts 13:38, Matthew 22:37-40
Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through
Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.'
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two
commandments."

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

#105:1,4 (HFG)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured – There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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

Offertory Prayer

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Morning Prayer

* Your Word Sheds Light Upon My Path

Your word sheds light upon my path; A shining light, it guides my feet. Your righteous judgments to observe, My solemn vow I now repeat.

In my distress I plead with you; Send help according to your word. Accept my sacrifice of praise And make known your judgments Lord.

* **Scripture:** Acts 1:1-5 (ESV)

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¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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

Message: The Acts of the Holy Spirit

Prayer

* **Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart** #419:1,3,5 (PH) Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,

Wean it from sin, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, And make me love you as I ought to love.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King, Love you with all our heart and strength and mind? I see the cross—there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek you and O let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame: The fullness of the heaven-descended Dove; My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

* God's Blessing

The Acts of the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:1-5

* My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever, amen.
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Now and forever, amen.

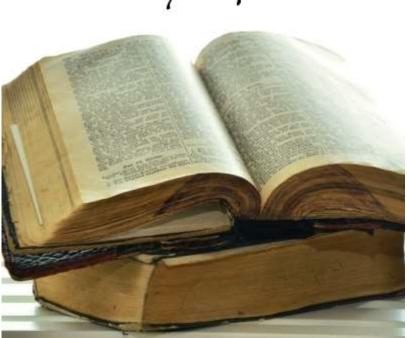
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