

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 84:1-2,10-11*

*How lovely is your dwelling place,*

*LORD Almighty!*

*My soul yearns, even faints,*

*for the courts of the LORD;*

*my heart and my flesh cry out*

*for the living God.*

**Better is one day in your courts**

**than a thousand elsewhere;**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God**

**than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield;*

*the LORD bestows favor and honor;*

*no good thing does he withhold*

*from those whose walk is blameless.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **How Lovely is Your Dwelling**

#243:1,2,3 (PH)

How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts, to me;

My soul is longing, fainting, the courts of God to see.

The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew.

My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for you.

Beneath your care the sparrow finds place for peaceful rest;

To keep her young in safety the swallow finds a nest.

So, Lord, my King Almighty, your love will shelter me;

Beneath your wings of mercy my dwelling place will be.

Blest they who love and serve you,

Whose joy and strength you are.

Forever they will praise you, your ways are in their heart.

Though tried, their tears like showers

Shall fill the springs of peace;

And all the way to Zion their strength shall still increase.

\* **Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise**

#96:1,4,6 (PH)

Sing to the Lord, sing His praise all you peoples;

New be your song as new honors you pay.

Sing of His majesty, praise Him forever,

Show His salvation from day to day.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor;

Come with your offerings and humbly draw near.

Worship the Lord in all beauty and splendor;

Tremble before Him with godly fear.

Let heaven and earth be glad; oceans be joyful;

Forest and field, exultation express.

For God is coming, the judge of the nations,

Coming to judge in his righteousness.

**Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed***

*(tune of Come Thou Fount)*

I believe in God the Father

Maker of the heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,

God's own Son by timeless birth,

By the Holy Ghost conceived,

Virgin Mary bore God's Son,

God, in whom I have believed,

God almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate;

Crucified, for me He died.

Laid within a grave so silent;

Gates of hell He opened wide.

And the stone-sealed tomb was empty.

On the third day He arose.

Into heaven made His entry;

Mighty, conqueror of His foes.

At God's right hand He is seated,

Till His coming, as He said.

Final judgment to be meted

To the living and the dead.

I confess the Holy Spirit

Has been sent through God the Son,

To apply salvation's merit,

Glory to the Three in One!

I believe the church of Jesus,

Holy, catholic remains.

We are one through all the ages.

With communion of the saints.

I believe sins are forgiven,

That our bodies will be raised;

Everlasting life in heaven,

Amen, let God's name be praised!

**Offering:** Steve & Sandy

**Evening Prayer**

\* **Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

#528:1,3 (PH)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

In living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek

Your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach

The precious things Thou dost impart;

And wing my words, that they may reach

The hidden depths of many a heart.

\* **Scripture:** *II Peter 3:1-7 (ESV)*

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<sup>1</sup> *This is now the second letter that I am writing to you,*

*beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere*

*mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the*

*predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment*

*of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup> knowing*

*this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with*

*scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say,*

*"Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the*

*fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were*

*from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately*

*overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and*

*the earth was formed out of water and through water by*

*the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world*

*that then existed was deluged with water and perished.*

<sup>7</sup> *But by the same word the heavens and earth that now*

*exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of*

*judgment and destruction of the ungodly.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Scoffers Will Scoff*

\* **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

#475:1,3 (PH)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

To his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

#523:1,3 (HFG)

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you:  
God be with till we meet again.

**Scoffers Will Scoff**

*II Peter 3:1-7*

Peter reminds Christians to remember the truth, 1-2.

Scoffers scoff at the truth, 3-4.

Peter rebukes the scoffers for forgetting the truth, 5-7.

Now, faith is  
being sure  
of what we hope for...  
Hebrews 11:1

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