

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

O magnify the LORD with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

* **God's Greeting**

* **Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

* ***It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*** #171:1,2 (PH)

It is good to sing your praises and to thank you, O Most High,

Showing forth your loving kindness

When the morning lights the sky.

It is good when night is falling of your faithfulness to tell.

While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

But the good shall live before you,

Planted in your dwelling place,

Fruitful trees and ever verdant,

Nourished by your boundless grace.

In his goodness to the righteous

God, His righteousness displays;

God, my rock, my strength and refuge,

Just and true are all your ways.

* ***How Lovely Is Your Dwelling*** #243:1,3 (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.

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.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Call to Confession: *based on Matthew 22:37-40*

Our Lord Jesus said:

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Prayer of Confession: *based Daniel 9:4-19*

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious,

filled with mercy and steadfast love,

we are embarrassed to come before you.

We have preferred the ways of this world to your ways.

We have rebelled against your wisdom

and we have gotten into trouble.

We have rejected your fatherly guidance

and have gotten lost altogether.

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.

O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles.

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.

Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy.

On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.

Amen.

That Man is Blest

That man is blest who, fearing God, from sin restrains his feet,

Who will not stand with wicked men,

Who shuns the scorners' seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God's law His portion and delight, And meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree set by the river's side; Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works abide.

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Jeff & Melissa

Morning Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

* ***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.

Your precepts are my heritage;

They make my heart and soul rejoice.

To keep your statutes faithfully

Shall ever be my willing choice.

* **Scripture:** *Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)* pg. 1046

¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹²He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message: *The Preacher and the Paralytic*

WE ARE SENT OUT

* ***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.

* **God's Blessing**

* ***God, the Father of Your People*** #322:1 (PH)

God, the Father of your people,
You have called us to be one;
Grant us grace to walk together
In the joy of Christ, your Son.
Challenged by your Word and Spirit,
Blest with gifts from heaven above,
As one body we will serve you
And bear witness to your love.

* indicates to stand if able

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: Barry B

Music: Cheryl K

Offering: Jeff and Melissa serve with Resonate Global Mission
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Mark 2:1-12

I. The conflict brewing

II. The challenged hurled

III. The charge given

IV. The conquest obtained

V. The cure applauded

But I
trust in your
unfailing
love, my heart
rejoices
in your
salvation.
I will sing of the
Lord's praise
for He has been
good to me.
Psalms 13 vs 5-6

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