

\* **Call to Worship**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
Come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

**We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* ***This is My Father's World***

#6:1,3 (HFG)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears;  
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

\* ***I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord***

#169:1,2 (PH)

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known  
Your faithfulness to all generations.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever  
For the things he has done.  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.  
Who can be compared to God  
In faithfulness, in faithfulness?  
Who can be compared to God  
In faithfulness to all generations?  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

\* indicates to stand if able

\* ***Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 139:23-24*

***Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *John 8:12*

*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me  
will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

***Like a River Glorious***

#497:1,3 (HFG)

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;  
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Refrain:* Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Every joy or testing comes from God above,  
Given to His children as an act of love;  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do –  
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

(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:** Building the Future Fund

**Morning Prayer**

\* ***To God Be the Glory***

#363:1,3 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

\* **Scripture:** *Proverbs 1:5-9 (ESV)*

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<sup>5</sup> *Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,  
<sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.  
<sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.  
<sup>8</sup> Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching,  
<sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head  
and pendants for your neck.*

*Proverbs 3:5-7 (ESV)*

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<sup>5</sup> *Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

*Proverbs 9:10 (ESV)*

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<sup>10</sup> *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

*Proverbs 22:17-19 (ESV)*

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<sup>17</sup> *Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise,  
and apply your heart to my knowledge,  
<sup>18</sup> for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,  
if all of them are ready on your lips.  
<sup>19</sup> That your trust may be in the Lord,  
I have made them known to you today, even to you.*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Message:** *A Word to the Wise*

**Prayer**

\* ***Standing on the Promises*** #69:1,2 (HFG)

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
“Glory in the highest” I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain:* Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

\* ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*** #637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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.

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Prayer: Ryan B, Doug VW

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

Offering: Building the Future is in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to a member of the Long-Range Ministry Team.

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***A Word to the Wise***  
*Proverbs 1:5-9; 3:5-7; 9:10; 22:17-19*

Trust  
in the Lord   
with all thine heart;  
and *lean* not  
unto thine own understanding.  
in all thy ways  
*acknowledge* Him,  
and He shall *direct* thy paths.  
Proverbs 3: 5-6

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