

* **Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV*
We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises*** #330:1,2,3 (HFG)

It is good to sing Thy praises
And to thank Thee, O Most High,
Showing forth Thy loving kindness
When the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling
Of Thy faithfulness to tell.
While with sweet, melodious praises
Songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness
Through the works Thy hands have wrought;
Thou hast made my life victorious;
Great Thy works and deep Thy thought.
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted,
Reignest evermore in might;
All Thy enemies shall perish,
Sin be banished from Thy sight.

But the good shall live before Thee,
Planted in Thy dwelling place,
Fruitful trees and ever verdant,
Nourished by Thy boundless grace.
In his goodness to the righteous
God His righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength and refuge,
Just and true are all His ways.

* ***Bless His Holy Name*** #379 (HFG)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
Bless His holy name.
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Bless His holy name.
He has done great things, He has done great things
He has done great things, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
Bless His holy name.

* ***Here Is Love***

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed pg. 813 (PH)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
AMEN.**

Offering: Building the Future

Evening Prayer

* ***I Am Thine, O Lord*** #455:1,3 (HFG)

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend. *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *II Peter 3:10-14 (ESV)* pg. 1277

¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

¹¹ *Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,*

¹² *waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!*

¹³ *But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

¹⁴ *Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.*

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

Message: *Hasten His Coming*

Prayer

*** Living for Jesus**

#462:1,2 (HFG)

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee.
For Thou in Thy atonement didst give Thyself for me
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne
My life I give henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all. *Refrain*

*** God's Blessing**

*** Glory Be to the Father**

#635 (PH)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Hasten His Coming

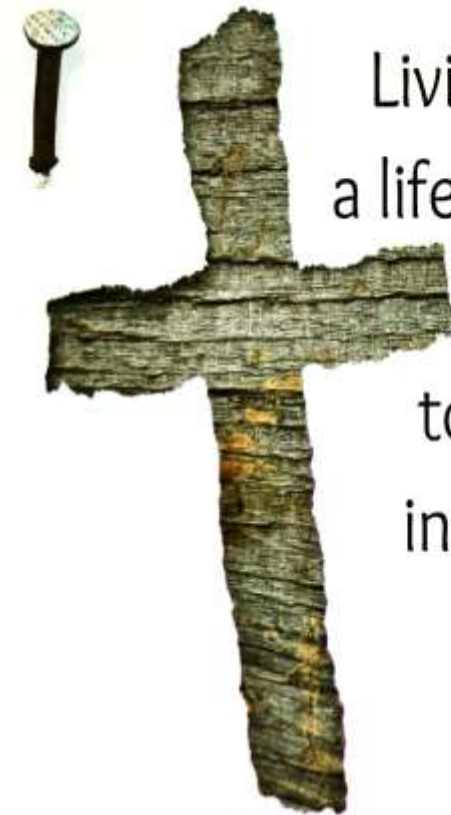
II Peter 3:10-14

God will destroy the old, 3:10,
the Biblical way of looking at history.

Waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, 3:12

God will make all things new, 3:13

How then should we live? 3:11,14,
lives of holiness and godliness.



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building projects of our church. For more information,
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