

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5*
*Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.*
Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
*For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.*
The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **We Sing the Greatness of Our God** #338:1,3 (HFG)
We sing the greatness of our God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies,
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne,
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

* **For the Beauty of the Earth** #1:1,2,5 (HFG)
For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

For Thyself, best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** #465:1,3 (HFG)
Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

○ Hope of every contrite heart,
○ Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

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

Offering: Gary & Mary

Whiter Than Snow #109:1,4 (HFG)
Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol, cast out every foe.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Refrain: Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, You see as I patiently wait;
Come now and within me a new heart create.
To those who have sought You, You never said, "No."
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. *Refrain*

Evening Prayer

* **Teach Me Your Way, O Lord** #472:1,3,4 (HFG)
Teach me Your way, O Lord, teach me Your way!
Your guiding grace afford - teach me Your way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with heavenly light, teach me Your way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me Your way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me Your way!

Scripture: *Jeremiah 35 (ESV)* pg. 832
¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: ² "Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak with them and bring them to the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers; then offer them wine to drink." ³ So I took Jaazaniah the son

of Jeremiah, son of Habazziniah and his brothers and all his sons and the whole house of the Rechabites. ⁴ I brought them to the house of the LORD into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was near the chamber of the officials, above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, keeper of the threshold. ⁵ Then I set before the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, "Drink wine." ⁶ But they answered, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, 'You shall not drink wine, neither you nor your sons forever.' ⁷ You shall not build a house; you shall not sow seed; you shall not plant or have a vineyard; but you shall live in tents all your days, that you may live many days in the land where you sojourn." ⁸ We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, ourselves, our wives, our sons, or our daughters, ⁹ and not to build houses to dwell in. We have no vineyard or field or seed, ¹⁰ but we have lived in tents and have obeyed and done all that Jonadab our father commanded us. ¹¹ But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, we said, 'Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and the army of the Syrians.' So we are living in Jerusalem." ¹² Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ¹³ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction and listen to my words? declares the LORD. ¹⁴ The command that Jonadab the son of Rechab gave to his sons, to drink no wine, has been kept, and they drink none to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command. I have spoken to you persistently, but you have not listened to me. ¹⁵ I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, sending them persistently, saying, 'Turn now every one of you from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to you and your fathers.' But you did not incline your ear or listen to me. ¹⁶ The sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have kept the command that their father gave them, but this people has not obeyed me. ¹⁷ Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing upon Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them, because I have spoken to them and they have not listened, I have called to them and they have not answered."

¹⁸ But to the house of the Rechabites Jeremiah said, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father and kept all his precepts and done all that he commanded you,
¹⁹ therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall never lack a man to stand before me."

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

Message: Remember the Rechabites

* **From Ocean Unto Ocean**

From ocean unto ocean our land shall own Thee Lord,
And, filled with true devotion, obey Thy sovereign Word.
Our prairies and our mountains, forests and fertile field,
Our rivers, lakes and fountains to Thee shall tribute yield.

Where error smites with blindness, enslaves and leads astray,
Do Thou in loving kindness proclaim Thy gospel day,
Till all the tribes and races that dwell in this fair land,
Adorned with Christian graces, within Thy courts shall stand.

* **God's Blessing**

* **From Ocean Unto Ocean**

Our Savior King, defend us and guide where we should go;
Forth with Thy message send us, Thy love and light to show,
Till, fired with true devotion, enkindled by Thy Word,
From ocean unto ocean our land shall own Thee Lord.

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Jeremiah 35

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The Application, Rechabite courage in a megabyte culture

AND ONE CRIED UNTO ANOTHER,
AND SAID,

**Holy,
holy,
holy,
LORD**

is the

of hosts: the whole earth
is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:3 

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