

* **Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

* **God's Greeting**

* **Let All Things Now Living**

#453:1,2 (PH)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

* **Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forever more.

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship your holy name.
O, I worship your holy name.

* **Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Call to Confession: *1 John 1:8-10*

Prayer of Confession

God's Law: *based on Matthew 22:37-40*

What is the great and first commandment?
**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**
What is the second commandment like it?
Love your neighbor as yourself.
What does this mean?
Love is the fulfilling of the law.
To what does this call us?
To a life of faith working through love.

Before the Throne of God Above

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Building the Future

Morning Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

#625 (PH)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

* **Scripture:** *Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV)* pg. 1014

*⁷"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone
who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who
knocks, the door will be opened.*

*⁹"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him
a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?
¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give
good gifts to your children, how much more will your
Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

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

Message: *Yours for the Asking*

Prayer

*** Seek Ye First**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

*** God's Blessing**

*** Our Church**

Here we are now, a crowd assembled,
Peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children,
Young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place,
We have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith,
On this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name. *Repeat Refrain*

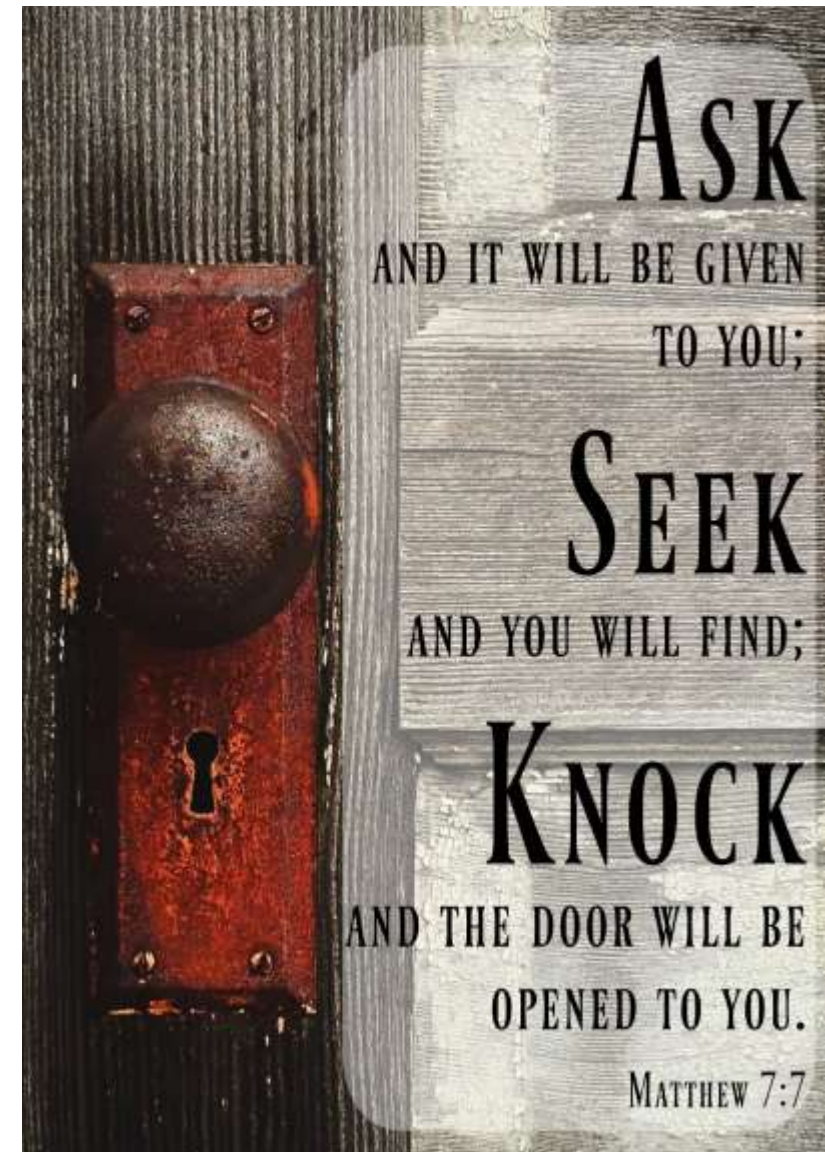
Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Al V
Prayer: Lance H
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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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Yours for the Asking

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