

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 112:1-4 (ESV)*
Praise the Lord!
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!
His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed

* **God's Greeting**

* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** #556 (PH)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

* **How Great Thou Art** #2:1,4 (HFG)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Call to Confession: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord #624 (PH)

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline your ear to us,
And grant us your peace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Out of the Depths I Cry #256:1,2,3 (PH)

Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.
Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

I wait for God, I trust his holy word; he hears my sighs.
My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise.
I look for him to drive away my night,
Yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

Hope in the Lord: unfailing is his love; in him confide.
Mercy and full redemption from above He does provide.
From sin and evil, mighty through they seem,
His arm almighty will his saints redeem.

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian Hope Association

Morning Prayer

* **Blessed Jesus, at Your Word** #280:1,2,3 (PH)

Blessed Jesus, at your word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
Teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Life in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart;
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart;
Help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

* **Scripture:** *Acts 4:23-31 (ESV)* pg. 1143

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

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

Message: *Believers' Bold Prayers*

* **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** #608:1,2 (HFG)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me 'til I want no more,
Feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

*** God's Blessing**

*** Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

#608:3 (HFG)

When I reach the river Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Believers' Bold Prayers

Acts 4:23-31

Retreat to pray.

Pray to the Sovereign God.

Advance in boldness.

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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Grant to
your servants
to continue to
Speak Your Word
with all
BOLDNESS.

Acts 4:29

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