

* **Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 19:1-4
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
The glory of God echoes throughout the world.
Let us praise the name of the Lord.

* **God's Greeting**

* **Crown Him With Many Crowns** #345:1,3,5 (HFG)
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of years: the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

* **When Morning Gilds the Skies** ##322:1,4,5 (HFG)
When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised,
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

* indicates to stand if able

* **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.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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.

* **Call to Confession:** Romans 12:1-3
*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—
this is your true and proper worship.*
**Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**
**Then you will be able to test and approve
what God's will is—
his good, pleasing and perfect will.**
*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:
Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,
in accordance with the faith God has distributed
to each of you.*

Prayer of Confession

When Peace Like a River #489:1,3 (PH)
(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Morning Prayer

* **Here is Love**
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.

* **Scripture:** Psalm 71:8-9, 17-18 (ESV) pg. 610
⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all the day.
⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength is spent.
¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
¹⁸ So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.

II Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV) pg. 1210

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Oldest of These, Aging in Grace*

* **For All the Saints** #505:1,2,3 (PH)

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

* **God's Blessing**

* **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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