

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.**

* **Opening Prayer**

* **It is Good to Sing Thy Praises**

#330:1,3 (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.

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.

* **How Lovely is Your Dwelling**

#243:1,2 (PH)

How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts, to me;
My soul is longing, fainting, the courts of God to see.
The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew.
My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for you.

Beneath your care the sparrow finds place for peaceful rest;
To keep her young in safety the swallow finds a nest.
So, Lord, my King Almighty, your love will shelter me;
Beneath your wings of mercy my dwelling place will be.

* **I Know Whom I Have Believed**

#631:1,3 (HFG)

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in him. *Refrain*

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

What is true faith?

**True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction
that everything God reveals in his Word is true;
it is also a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,
not only others, but I too,
have had my sins forgiven,
have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.**

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side;
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

Offering: Envision Missions

Evening Prayer

* **Lord Speak to Me**

#625:1,4 (HFG)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone.
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

* **Scripture:** I John 4:1-6 (ESV)

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¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Test the Spirits

* **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

#483:1,4,5 (HFG)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

* **God's Blessing**

* **God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you:
God be with till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Test the Spirit

1 John 4:1-6

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Sharon A

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"The LORD bless you
AND Keep you;
The LORD make His Face
Shine UPON you,
AND BE Gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His
Countenance UPON you,
AND Give you Peace."
NUM 6:24-26

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