

\* **Call to Worship:** *John 3:16–17 (ESV)*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **To God Be the Glory** #363:1,2 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

\* **Power of the Cross**

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.  
This the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This the power of the cross:  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

\* join us in standing if able

\* **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.

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.

**Profession of Faith:** *Romans 6:14; 2 Peter 1:3*

*For sin will have no dominion over you,  
since you are not under law but under grace.  
His divine power has granted to us  
all things that pertain to life and godliness,  
through the knowledge of him  
who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Evening Prayer**

\* **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** #420:1,2,3 (PH)

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the way you love,  
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with yours,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
For all eternity.

\* **Scripture:** *Luke 13:1-9 (NIV)* pg. 1091

*<sup>1</sup> Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who*

*died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' <sup>8</sup> "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"*

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

**Message:** *The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree*

\* **Beautiful Savior** #461:1,2,3 (PH)

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Beautiful Savior** #461:4(PH)

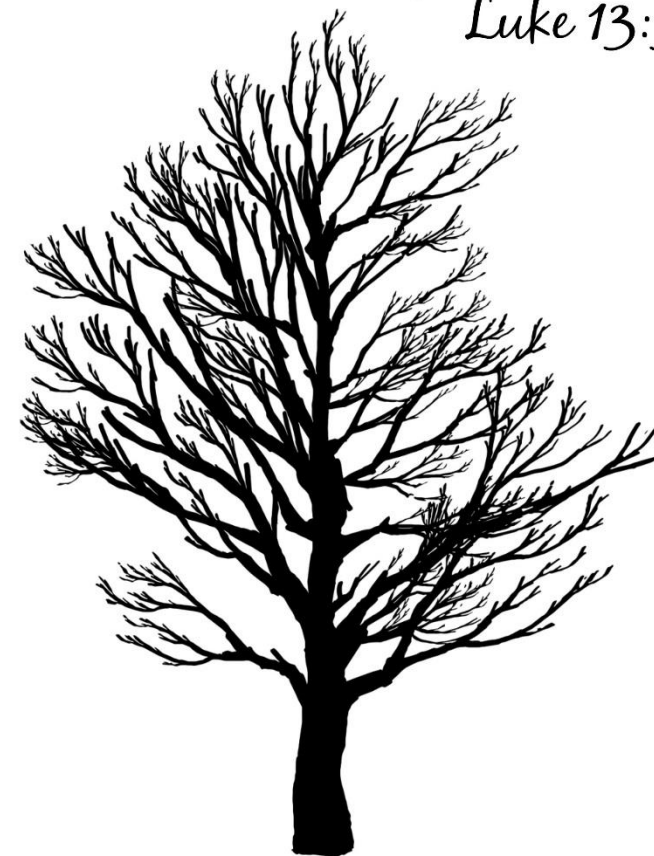
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

**The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree**

Luke 13:1-9

*Unless you repent,  
you too will all perish.*

*Luke 13:3*



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