

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 118:27-29*
The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*** #569:1,2 (PH)
Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
Praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
Praise the Lord in the time of joy.
Praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
Praise the Lord in your work or play,
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

* ***Good is the Lord and Full of Kind Compassion***
Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is His grace to all that humbly seek Him,
Boundless and endless as the heavens above.
His love is like a father's to his children,
Tender and kind to all who fear His Name,
For well He knows our weakness and our frailty,
He knows that we are dust, He knows our frame.

We fade and die like flowers that grow in beauty,
Like tender grass that soon will disappear;
But evermore the love of God is changeless,
Still shown to those who look to Him in fear.
High in the heavens His throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all His wide dominion,
Bless His most holy Name, O thou my soul.

* ***You Are Worthy*** #232 (PH)
You are worthy, You are worthy, You are worthy, O Lord;
You are worthy to receive glory, glory and honor and power:
For You have created, have all things created,
For You have created all things,
And by Your pleasure they were created;
You are worthy, O Lord!

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 37
What do you understand by the word "suffered"?
During his whole life on earth, but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul
the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race.
This he did in order that,
by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might set us free, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Offering: Gary & Mary Gates

Children's Message

Jesus Loves Even Me #225:1,3 (HFG)
I am so glad that my Father in heaven
Tells of His love in the Book He has given;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see,
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

Refrain: I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me; Jesus loves me.
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me.

Though I forget Him and wander away,
Still Jesus loves me wherever I stray;
Back to His dear loving arms I would flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me. *Refrain*

Evening Prayer

* ***More About Jesus*** #477:1,3 (HFG)
More about Jesus would I know,
More of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love who died for me.

Refrain: More, more, about Jesus,
More, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love who died for me.

More about Jesus in His Word,
Holding communion with my Lord;
Hearing His voice in every line,
Making each faithful saying mine. *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *I John 4:15–21 (ESV)* pg. 1280
¹⁵ *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,*
God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ *So we have come*
to know and to believe the love that God has for us.
God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in him. ¹⁷ *By this is love perfected with*
us, so that we may have confidence for the day of
judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.
¹⁸ *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.*
For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears
has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ *We love because he*
first loved us. ²⁰ *If anyone says, "I love God," and hates*
his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his
brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he
has not seen. ²¹ *And this commandment we have from*
him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

Message: *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*

* ***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** #557:1,2 (PH)
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** #638 (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.

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:15-21



1 John 4:18

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