

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1-2*
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

* **God's Greeting**

* **Now With Joyful Exultation** #95:1,2,3 (PH)

Now with joyful exultation
Let us sing to God our praise;
To the Rock of our salvation
Loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing,
Let us come before him now,
And, with psalms his praises singing,
Joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing,
Let us come with reverence meet,
And, before our Maker kneeling,
Let us worship at his feet.
He is our own God who leads us,
We the people of his care;
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us
As his flock in pastures fair.

* **That's Why We Praise Him**

He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled;
He came to rise to show his power and might.

Refrain: That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.
That's why we offer him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this king,
'Cause he gave his everything;
'Cause he gave his everything.

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones his love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.
That's why we offer him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this king,
'Cause he gave his everything; 'cause he gave his everything.
Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Hallelujah. *Refrain*

* **I Come to the Cross**

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.
Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

Call to Confession: *based on Psalm 145:8, 18-19*

Our God is merciful and compassionate,
slow to anger and filled with unfailing love.
He is close to all who call on Him in truth,
listening to their cries for help,
and offering them salvation.
So let's bring our confession to God,
knowing that he will hear our prayers and forgive.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: based on Hebrews 10:10 & HC Q&A 66
We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body
of Jesus Christ once for all.
This is God's gospel promise:
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone
because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

Grace Alone

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

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies;
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Ancient Words**

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *Psalm 42:1-6, 11 (ESV)*

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¹ *As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.*
² *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?*
³ *My tears have been my food day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
"Where is your God?"*
⁴ *These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.*
⁵ *Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶ and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.*
¹¹ *Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.*

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

Message: *Talking to Your Soul*

Talking to Your Soul

Psalm 42:1-6, 11

* **How Firm a Foundation** #500:1,5 (PH)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

* **God's Blessing**

* **My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, 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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Prayer: Tabin B, Fred Y

Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Jack P, Nancy Z

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