

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 66:1-2, 4*
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

* God's Greeting

* **Come, All You People, Praise Our God** #242:1,2,3 (PH)
Come, all you people, praise our God
And tell his glorious works abroad, who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved
And, though our faith he often proved, upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house,
And here we pay the solemn vows we uttered in distress;
To him our all we dedicate,
To him we wholly consecrate the lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,
While I with grateful heart record what God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress,
And now his wondrous grace I bless, for he has set me free.

* How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

From age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

* One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

* join us in standing if able

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days,
His greatness none could fathom.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

We contemplate the splendor of
The world your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

Call to Confession: based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the
inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach
the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive
mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need.
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

I John 3:7-11

*Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices
righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a
practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning
from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was
to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes
a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he
cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.
By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who
are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice
righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not
love his brother. For this is the message that you have heard
from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

Grace Greater than Our Sin #105:1 (HFG)

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

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* Take Time to Be Holy #457:1,3 (HFG)

Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children,
Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

* Scripture: Acts 8:9-25 (ESV) pg. 1148

⁹ But there was a man named Simon, who had previously
practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of
Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great.
¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest,
saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great."
¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he
had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed
Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God
and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men
and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed, and after being
baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and
great miracles performed, he was amazed.
¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria
had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and
John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of
them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the
Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they
received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the
Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands,
he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also,
so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the
Holy Spirit." ²⁰ But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish
with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of
God with money! ²¹ You have neither part nor lot in this
matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent,

therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.
²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." ²⁴ And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."
²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

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

Message: *Two Men, Two Kingdoms*

*** Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

*** God's Blessing**

*** Be Thou My Vision**

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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