

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 57:8-11 (NRSV)*

*Awake, O harp and lyre!*

*I will awake the dawn.*

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,**

**I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

*For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;*

*your faithfulness extends to the clouds.*

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.**

**Let your glory be over all the earth.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **I Serve a Risen Savior**

#405;1,2,3 (PH)

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,

And every time I need Him He's always near.

*Refrain:* He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,

And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;

I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;

The day of His appearing will come at last. *Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

No other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

\* **Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises**

Let there be glory and honor and praises;

Glory and honor to Jesus.

Glory and honor, glory and honor to Him.

Let there be glory and honor and praises;

Glory and honor to Jesus.

Glory and honor, glory and honor to Him.

\* join us in standing if able

\* **Lord, I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess bowing here I find my rest.

Without You I fall apart

You're the One that guides my heart.

*Refrain:* Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,

Every hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,

Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;

Where grace is found, is where You are;

Where You are, Lord, I am free;

Holiness is Christ in me. *Refrain*

So, teach my song to rise to You,

When temptation comes my way.

When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.

Jesus, You're my hope and stay. *Refrain*

You're my one defense, my righteousness,

Oh God, how I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,

Oh God, how I need You.

**Call to Confession:** *based on Matthew 22:37-40 (NRSV)*

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.

**And a second is like it:**

**'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Here Is Love**

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to

Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,

When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,

Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?

Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,

Fountains opened deep and wide;

Through the floodgates of God's mercy

Flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers,

Poured incessant from above,

And heav'n's peace and perfect justice

Kissed a guilty world in love.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,

To receive the food of Your holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today,

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

\* **Scripture:** *II Peter 1:3-11 (NIV)*

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<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection;

and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, <sup>11</sup> and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

## ***The Promises of God***

*II Peter 1:3-11*

**Message:** *The Promises of God*

\* ***How Firm a Foundation*** #500:1,2,5 (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?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“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***

\* ***Standing on the Promises*** #69:1 (HFG)

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
“Glory in the highest” I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain:* Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I’m standing on the promises of God.

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.

Pastor: Pete W

Prayer: Linsey H, Tim V

Music: Cheryl K, Ken & Lisa Q

Offering: Building the Future is in place to fund future building  
projects of our church. For more information, talk to a member  
of the Long-Range Ministry Team.

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