

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 103:1,2*  
Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
**Praise the LORD, my soul,**  
**and forget not all his benefits.**

### \* **God's Greeting**

### \* **See, What a Morning**

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority.  
And we are raised with Him;  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

### \* **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Refrain:* You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

\* join us in standing if able

\* **Who You Say I Am**  
Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me.  
Oh, His love for me.  
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
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### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 103:8-12, 17-18*  
*The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*  
*slow to anger, abounding in love.*  
*He will not always accuse,*  
*nor will he harbor his anger forever;*  
*he does not treat us as our sins deserve*  
*or repay us according to our iniquities.*  
*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*  
*so great is his love for those who fear him;*  
*as far as the east is from the west,*  
*so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

**But from everlasting to everlasting**  
**the LORD's love is with those who fear him,**  
**and his righteousness with their children's children—**  
**with those who keep his covenant**  
**and remember to obey his precepts.**

\* **Bless the Lord, O My Soul**  
(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

*Refrain:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

### **Morning Prayer**

### \* **Change My Heart, O God**

*Refrain:* Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You. *Refrain*

### \* **Scripture:** *Acts 8:29-40 (ESV)* pg. 1149

<sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

**The Gospel According to Philip**

Acts 8:29-40

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Gospel According to Philip*

**\* O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.

**\* God's Blessing**

**\* O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heaven.

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: Robert W

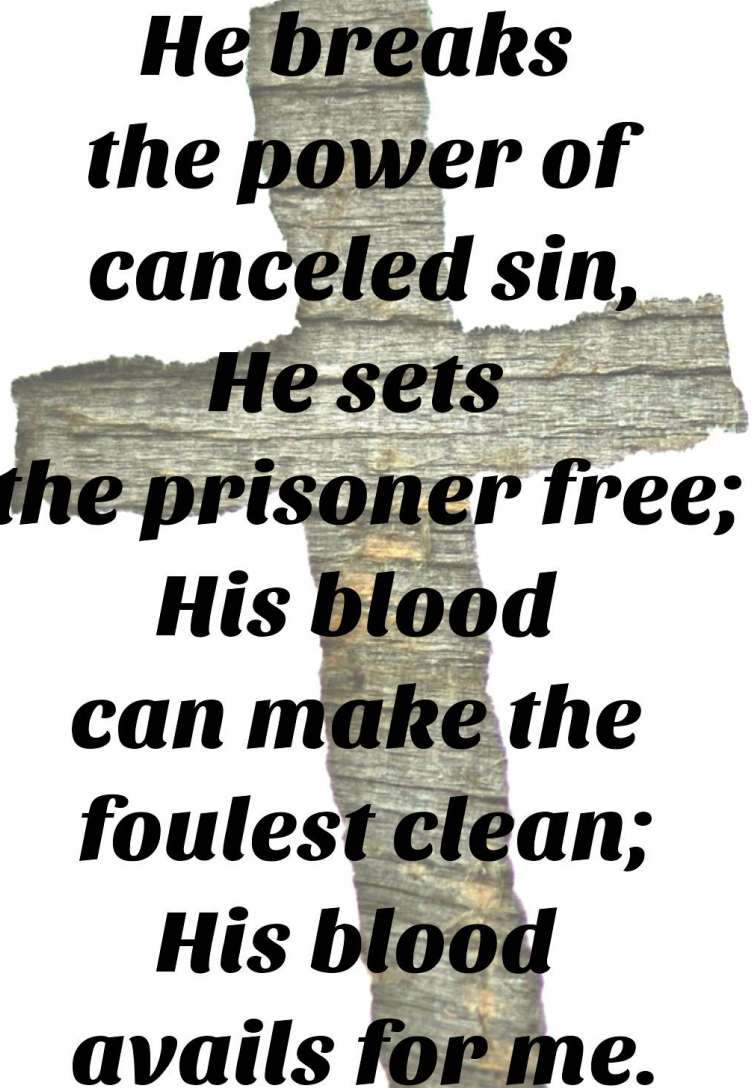
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