

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 145:17-21*
The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

* **God's Greeting**

* **God of Our Fathers** #599:1,2,4 (PH)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

* **I Will Extol You, O My God** #185:1,2 (PH)

I will extol you, O my God, and praise you, O my King;
Yes, every day and evermore Your praises I will sing.
Great is the Lord, our mighty God, and greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable, above all glory raised.

Each generation to the next shall testimony bear,
And to your praise, from age to age,
Your wondrous acts declare.

Upon your glorious majesty and honor I will dwell,
And all your grand and glorious works
And greatness I will tell.

* **God of Grace**

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom;
Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me
Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven;
Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
Cleansed forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:5-9*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Prayer of Confession

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

Commissioning of Teachers

To teacher and leaders:

Do you promise to prepare your programs with hearts and
minds open to the leading and inspiration of the Holy Spirit?
Do you promise to carry out this work with enthusiasm
and joy, patience and courage, trust and love?
We do.

Do you promise to trust in God's guidance, ever seeking
to learn as you lead, to listen as much as you speak, and to
walk with people with faith and authenticity?
We do.

To children and students:

You are a very important part of our congregation.
Thank you for being here! We have a question for you.
Will you participate with enthusiasm and joy, always
showing respect, and will you bring your questions with you
as you explore with your teachers God's wisdom and will?

We will!

To Congregation:

These teachers and leaders have a vital role in the
nurturing of our faith. Will you support them with prayer,
encouragement, interest and compassion?

We will!

Be Thou My Vision

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

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.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Memli & Luiza

Morning Prayer

* **Scripture:** *Acts 9:1-9 (ESV)* pg. 1149

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the
disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him
for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found
any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring
them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he
approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven
shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a
voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
⁵ And he said "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus,
whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and
you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were
traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but
seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his
eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the
hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days
he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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

The Greatest Conversion in History
Acts 9:1-9

Message: *The Greatest Conversion in History*

* **And Can It Be** #260:1,3 (HFG)

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray;
I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

* **God's Blessing**

* **And Can It Be** #260:4 (HFG)

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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 Prayer: Tabin B, Gene T
Music: Valerie A, Mike H, Nancy Z

Offering: Memli & Luiza are missionaries in Albania serving with
Disciples of Jesus Church. They have planted churches among 50
unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania.

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For by
Grace
you have been saved through
FAITH
and that not of yourselves; it is the
gift of 
God
NOT of WORKS
that no one would boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9



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