

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 28:7*  
***The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.***

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **O Worship the King** #428:1,4,5 (PH)

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
Whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

\* **It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises** #330:1,3 (HFG)

It is good to sing Thy praises  
And to thank Thee, O Most High,  
Showing forth Thy loving kindness  
When the morning lights the sky.  
It is good when night is falling  
Of Thy faithfulness to tell.  
While with sweet, melodious praises  
Songs of adoration swell.

But the good shall live before Thee,  
Planted in Thy dwelling place,  
Fruitful trees and ever verdant,  
Nourished by Thy boundless grace.  
In his goodness to the righteous  
God His righteousness displays;  
God, my rock, my strength and refuge,  
Just and true are all His ways.

\* join us in standing if able

\* **Just a Closer Walk With Thee** #591:1,2 (HFG)

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Refrain:* Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *Refrain*

**Profession of Faith:** *I John 2:15-17*  
*Do not love the world or the things in the world.*

***If anyone loves the world,  
the love of the Father is not in him.  
For all that is in the world—  
the desires of the flesh and the  
desires of the eyes and pride of life—  
is not from the Father but is from the world.  
And the world is passing away along with its desires,  
but whoever does the will of God abides forever.***

**Offering:** Memli & Luiza

**Evening Prayer**

**Children's Message**

\* **Blessed Jesus, at Your Word** #280:1,3 (PH)

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
Teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart;  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open lips and ears and heart;  
Help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

\* **Scripture:** *III John 1:1-8 (ESV)* pg. 1283

<sup>1</sup> *The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you  
may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.* <sup>3</sup> *For I  
rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to  
your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth.* <sup>4</sup> *I have  
no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in  
the truth.*  
<sup>5</sup> *Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts  
for these brothers, strangers as they are,* <sup>6</sup> *who testified to  
your love before the church. You will do well to send them  
on their journey in a manner worthy of God.* <sup>7</sup> *For they have  
gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from  
the Gentiles.* <sup>8</sup> *Therefore we ought to support people like  
these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.*

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

**Message:** *No Greater Joy*

\* **O Zion Haste** #658:1,3 (HFG)

O Zion haste thy mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is light;  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish lost in shades of night.

*Refrain:* Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious,  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious,  
And hast the coming of the glorious day. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **O Zion Haste** #658:2 (HFG)

Proclaim to every people, tongue and nation  
That God in Whom they live and move is love;  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that man might live above.

*Refrain:* Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

**No Greater Joy**  
III John 1:1-8



LET US  
DRAW NEAR  
WITH **BOLDNESS**  
to the  
Throne of Grace  
that we may receive  
**Mercy**  
and may find  
*Grace*  
for  
**HELP** in time  
of need

HEBREWS 4:16

The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
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Pastor: Robert W

Children's Message: Jason V

Music: Nancy Z

Offering: Memli & Luiza are missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God and sent out by their church to plant churches among 50 unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania.

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