

\* **Call to Worship:** *Matthew 11:28-30*  
*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* ***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.

\* ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** #343:1,2 (HFG)  
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul he fills,  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made  
His gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might,  
Lo! all is just and all is right: To God all praise and glory!

\* join us in standing if able

***Softly and Tenderly*** #432:1,3 (HFG)  
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
Patient and loving, He’s waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and me.

*Refrain:* Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, “O sinner, come home!”

O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me;  
Tho’ we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

**Profession of Faith:** *Apostles’ Creed* pg. 813 (PH)  
**I believe in God the Father almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth.**  
**And in Jesus Christ,**  
**his only begotten Son, our Lord;**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the virgin Mary;**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate;**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**he descended into hell;**  
**the third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**he ascended to heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand**  
**of God the Father almighty;**  
**from there he shall come to judge**  
**the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**  
**I believe in a holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints;**  
**the forgiveness of sins;**  
**the resurrection of the body;**  
**and the life everlasting.**  
**AMEN.**

**Evening Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future

\* ***I Surrender All*** #408:1,2 (HFG)  
All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain*

\* **Scripture:** *Ill John 1:5-15 (ESV)* pg. 1283  
<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. <sup>9</sup> I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true. <sup>13</sup> I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. <sup>15</sup> Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

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

**Message:** *Those Who Like to Be First*

**Prayer**

\* **May the Mind of Christ, My Savior** #483:1,2,4 (HFG)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **May the Mind of Christ, My Savior** #483:5 (HFG)

May we run the race before us,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

**Those Who Like to Be First**

*III John 1:5-15*

“The LORD bless you  
AND Keep you;  
The LORD make His Face  
Shine UPON you, AND BE Gracious  
to you;  
The LORD lift up His  
Countenance UPON you,  
AND Give you Peace.”  
NUM 6:24-26

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Nancy Z

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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