

* **Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 86:8-10*
There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Congregational Favorites**

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 2-5
What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?
Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are;
second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

How do you come to know your misery?

The law of God tells me.

What does God's law require of us?

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22—

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

No, I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

Offering: Benevolence

Evening Prayer

* **Your Word Is Everlasting Truth**

Your Word is everlasting truth. How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide my youth and well support my age.
It's like the sun, a heavenly light that guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night a lamp to lead the way.

When nature sinks and spirits droop, your promises of grace
Are pillars that support my hope and keep me in Your ways.
Now I am Yours, forever Yours. O save your servant, Lord!
You are my shield, my hiding place. My hope is in Your Word.

* join us in standing if able

* **Scripture:** *Romans 3:9-20 (ESV)*

⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God.

¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

¹³ "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive."
"The venom of asps is under their lips."

¹⁴ "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known."

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Way Up Is Down*

Prayer

* **Jesus, I Come**

#401:1,3 (HFG)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my need and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair to raptures above,
Upward I rise on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

#408:4 (PH)

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come
To gather all His saints to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

The Way Up Is Down
Romans 3:9-20

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1. Re-joice! the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing! And tri-umph ev-er-more: Lift up your heart! lift
up your voice! Re-joice, gain say, re-joice! Lift up your heart! lift
up your voice! Re-joice! a-gain I say, re-joice! A-men.

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2 Jesus the Saviour reigns, He sits at God's right hand,
The God of truth and love, Till His foes submit,
When He has purged our sin, And led us to His command,
He sits above, And all bow down at His feet.
Lift up your voice, lift up your voice! Lift up your voice, lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home,
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound: Rejoice! Amen.

Praise to Christ CHARLES WESLEY 184 JOHN TAYLOR

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