

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 33:1,2,3,6,8*
Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***The Heavens Declare Your Glory*** #429:1,2,3 (PH)
The heavens declare your glory, the firmament your power;
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of your hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant your praise,
And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthem raise.
O'er every tribe and nation the music is outpoured,
The song of all creation to you, creation's Lord.

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker’s will;
The stars with solemn voices resound your praises still.
So let my whole behavior; each thought, each deed I do,
Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, a ceaseless song to you.

* ***LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name*** #8:1,4,5 (PH)
LORD, our Lord, your glorious name
All your wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs
Evermore your glory shines. How great your name!

Refrain: LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
How great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth.
How great your name!

Who are we that we should share
In your love and tender care
Raised to an exalted height,
Crowned with honor in your sight!
How great your name! *Refrain*

With dominion crowned, we stand
O'er the creatures of your hand;
All to us subjection yield,
In the sea and air and field.
How great your name!

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 101-102
But may we swear an oath in God's name
if we do it reverently?
Yes, when the government demands it,
or when necessity requires it,
in order to maintain and promote truth and trustworthiness
for God's glory and our neighbor's good.
Such oaths are approved in God's Word
and were rightly used by Old and New Testament
believers.
May we swear by saints or other creatures?
No.
A legitimate oath means calling upon God
as the one who knows my heart
to witness to my truthfulness
and to punish me if I swear falsely.
No creature is worthy of such honor.

Change My Heart, O God
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.
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Evening Prayer

* ***Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid*** #425:1,3 (PH)
Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world’s foundations first were laid,
Come, visit every pious mind;
Come, pour thy joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free
And make thy temples worthy thee.

Plenteous of grace, descend from high,
Rich in thy sevenfold energy;
Make us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us thyself that we may see
The Father and the Son by thee.

* **Scripture:** *Esther 4 (ESV)* pg. 524
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *For Such a Time as This*

* ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** #528:1,2 (HFG)
God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church’s story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

* **God’s Blessing**

* ***Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God*** #630:1,2 (PH)
Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For He alone does wondrous works:
His glorious deeds excel;
For He alone does wondrous works:
His glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill: amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill: amen! so shall it be.

For Such a Time as This
Esther 4

Mordecai in mourning with all the Jews, 4:1-3.

Mordecai appeals to Esther, 4:4-9.

Esther’s defining moment, 4:10-17.

Implications and Application.

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