

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 99:1-3, 5*  
*The LORD reigns,  
let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.  
Great is the LORD in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the nations.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
He is holy.  
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool;  
He is holy.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God** #547:1,2,3 (PH)  
Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways.  
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak,  
Life's common looks and tones,  
In fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,  
Enduring wrong, reproach, or loss  
With sweet and steadfast will,  
Forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned into a song,  
And every winding of the way the echo shall prolong.  
So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free,  
But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee.

\* **Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine** #67:1,2 (HFG)  
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

**Sitting At The Feet of Jesus** #58:1,3 (HFG)  
Sitting at the feet of Jesus,  
Wondrous words I hear Him say!  
Happy place! So near, so precious!  
May it find me there each day.  
Sitting at the feet of Jesus,  
I reflect upon the past;  
For His love has been so gracious,  
It has won my heart at last.

Bless me, O my Father, bless me,  
All my inner life renew;  
Now look down in love upon me,  
Let me catch a glimpse of You.  
Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus,  
Make me holy through His Word.  
May I prove I've been with Jesus,  
Been with Him, my risen Lord.

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 104  
What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?  
**That I honor, love, and be loyal to  
my father and mother  
and all those in authority over me;  
that I obey and submit to them, as is proper,  
when they correct and punish me;  
and also that I be patient with their failings,  
for through them God chooses to rule us.**

**Offering:** Lighthouse Mission

**Evening Prayer**

\* **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** #465:1,2 (HFG)  
Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,  
O Savior of mankind.

\* **Scripture:** *Romans 10:14-21 (NIV)* pg. 1186  
*<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not  
believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom  
they have not heard? And how can they hear without  
someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone  
preach unless they are sent? As it is written:  
“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”  
<sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news.  
For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?”  
<sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message,  
and the message is heard through the word about Christ.  
<sup>18</sup> But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:  
“Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.”  
<sup>19</sup> Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,  
“I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;  
I will make you angry by a nation that has no  
understanding.”  
<sup>20</sup> And Isaiah boldly says,  
“I was found by those who did not seek me;  
I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.”  
<sup>21</sup> But concerning Israel he says,  
“All day long I have held out my hands  
to a disobedient and obstinate people.”*

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

**Message:** *The Importance of Preaching*

**Prayer**

\* **By the Sea of Crystal** #620:1,2 (PH)  
By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,  
Myriads in number, drawn from every land.  
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus’ blood,  
They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,  
They have been translated at the Lord's command.  
In their hands they're holding palms of victory.  
Hark! the jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:

\* **God’s Blessing**

\* ***By the Sea of Crystal***

#620:3 (PH)

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."  
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

***The Importance of Preaching***

*Romans 10:14-21*

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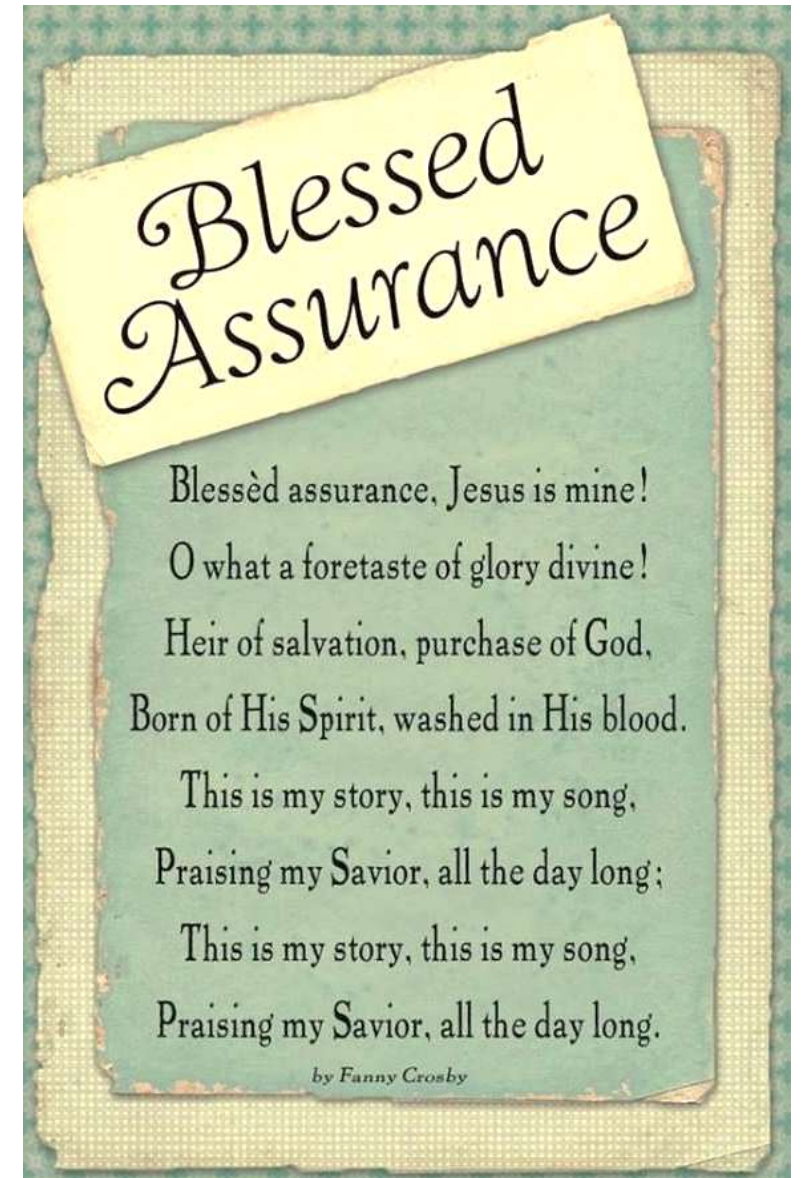
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