

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 104:33-34*
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **O Worship the King** #428:1,3,5 (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.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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!

* **We Will Glorify**

We will glorify the King of kings.
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings.
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords.
Who is the great I AM.

* **Thou Art Worthy**

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created;
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created;
For Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 105
What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?
**I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor—
not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture,
and certainly not by actual deeds—
and I am not to be party to this in others;
rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge.
I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.
Prevention of murder is also why
government is armed with the sword.**

Offering: Memli & Luisa

Evening Prayer

* **Nearer, Still Nearer** #485:1,2 (HFG)
Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
Draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art;
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast,
Shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest,"
Shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest."

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
Naught as an offering to Jesus my King;
Only my sinful, now contrite heart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Scripture: *Esther 6:1-13 (ESV)* pg. 525

¹ On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. ² And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. ³ And the king said, "What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" The king's young men who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him." ⁴ And the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. ⁵ And the king's young men told him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in." ⁶ So Haman came in, and the king said to him, "What should be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?" And Haman said to himself, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?" ⁷ And Haman said

to the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸ let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set. ⁹ And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.'" ¹⁰ Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned." ¹¹ So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor." ¹² Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. ¹³ And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him."

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

Message: *Sleepless in Susa*

* **It Is Good to Sing Your Praises** #171:1,2 (PH)

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

You have filled my heart with gladness
Through the works your hands have wrought;
You have made my life victorious;
Great your works and deep your thought.
You, O Lord, on high exalted,
Reign forevermore in might;
All your enemies shall perish,
Sin be banished from your sight.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise** #519:2 (HFG)

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Sleepless in Susa

Esther 6:1-13

Esther 6:1-3, Sleepless in Susa.

Esther 6:4-9, Haman traps himself.

Esther 6:10-13, Mordecai honored and Haman humiliated.



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6:00 p.m. Worship Service

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Sharon A

Offering: Memli and 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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