

* **Call to Worship:** *Revelation 15:3-4*
Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you!

* **God's Greeting**

* **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** #377:1,2 (HFG)
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

* **Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty** #323:1,3,4 (HFG)
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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* indicates to stand if able

Call to Confession: *Psalms 51:1-4*
Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Prayer of Confession

Our Response: *Matthew 22:36-40*
Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?
'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your mind.' 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.

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
As my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom;
Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me
Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven;
Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
Cleansed forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

Sacrament of Baptism: Kinsley Jane Plata

Children of the Heavenly Father #89:1,2,3 (HFG)
Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
For to them his grace revealing,
He turns sorrow into healing.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Gary & Mary

Morning Prayer

* **Scripture:** *II Corinthians 9:5-13 (ESV)* pg. 1213
⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on
ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have
promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an
exaction. ⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will
also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also
reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in
his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace
abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at
all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is
written,
"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."
¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase
the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in
every way to be generous in every way, which through us
will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this
service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is
also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their
approval of this service, they will glorify God because of

your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others.

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

Message: *Sowing for the Kingdom*

* **We Give Thee But Thine Own** #515:1,2,4 (HFG)

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive.
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace –
It is a Christlike thing.

* **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!

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert
Prayer: Paul, Roger
Music: Sharon, Lee

Offering: Gary & Mary are members of Frontier Missions Fellowship (USCWM) serving in China. USCWM helps to improve strategic decision-making and practice on the frontiers of mission, surmounting the barriers that hinder God's Kingdom from coming among all peoples.

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Sowing for the Kingdom

II Corinthians 9:5-13

Four ways to give and not to give, verses 5-7.

The promises of God to willing, generous, thoughtful, cheerful givers, vss. 8-11.

The results of our giving in response to God's promises, vss. 10-13.

Example of Nettie Fowler McCormick.

In the next year what we will do by God's grace and generous provision.



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