

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 100*
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

* **God's Greeting**

* **Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah**

#146:1,2 (PH)

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!

Come, our great Redeemer praise.

I will sing the glorious praises

Of my God through all my days.

Put no confidence in princes,

Nor on human help depend.

They shall die, to dust returning;

All their thoughts and plans shall end.

Happy is the one who chooses

Jacob's God to be his aid.

They are blest whose hope of blessing

On the LORD their God is stayed.

Heaven and earth the LORD created,

Seas and all that they contain.

He delivers from oppression;

Righteousness he will maintain.

* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

#323:1,3 (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.

* indicates to stand if able

* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

#98:1,2 (HFG)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11*

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy

blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,

and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence

and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 8:15-17*

I Know Whom I Have Believed

#631:1,2,3 (HFG)

I know not why God's wondrous grace

To me he has made known.

Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love

Redeemed me for his own. *Refrain*

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word
Wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in him. *Refrain*

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Acts 5:33-42 (ESV)*

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³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.

³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men."³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.

³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice,⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Is This of God or Not?*

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Acts 5:33-42

* **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

#325:1,2 (HFG)

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all;

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all!

The wisdom of Gamaliel?

* **God's Blessing**

* **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

#325:4 (HFG)

O that with yonder sacred throng,

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all;

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all!

The joy of persecution?

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 W

Prayer: Rob H

Music: Mike H, Nancy Z

Offering: The Benevolence Fund is used to help local people in times of need. For more information, talk to any deacon.

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Implications and application.

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Saved by Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Through Faith Alone

Solus Christus

In Christ Alone

Sola Scriptura

According to Scripture Alone

Soli Deo Gloria

For the Glory of God Alone

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