

\* **Call to Worship:** *from Deuteronomy 6:4-6*

Hear, O Israel:

**The LORD our God, the LORD is one.**

You shall love the LORD your God

**With all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your mind.**

And these words that I command you today  
shall be on your heart.

**Amen. So shall it be.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* ***Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** #501:1,2,3,7 (PH)

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears  
And bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heaven.

\* ***Lead On, O King Eternal*** #595:1,2,3 (PH)

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums  
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

\* indicates to stand if able

\* ***You Are My King***

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.

I'm accepted; you were condemned.

I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me

Because you died and rose again.

*Refrain:* Amazing love, how can it be  
That you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
It is my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you.

You are my King, You are My King  
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King! *Refrain*

**Call to Confession:**

*What is the great and first commandment?*

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with all your mind.***

*What is the second commandment like it?*

***Love your neighbor as yourself.***

*What does this mean?*

***Love is the fulfilling of the law.***

*To what does this call us?*

***To a life of faith working through love.***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance:** The Apostle's Creed pg. 813 (PH)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ,  
his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended to heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe in a holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\* ***How Firm a Foundation*** #500:1,4,5 (PH)

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

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Jeff & Melissa

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *Acts 6:8-15 (ESV)* pg. 1145

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. <sup>11</sup> Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” <sup>12</sup> And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup> and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup> for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” <sup>15</sup> And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

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

**Message:** *The Seizing of Stephen*

\* **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** #661:1,2 (HFG)  
Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss;  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead,  
Till ev'ry foe is conquered and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this, his glorious day.  
Ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength oppose.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** #661:4 (HFG)  
Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long,  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To him that over-cometh, a crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

**The Seizing of Stephen**  
*Acts 6:8-15*

Stephen's curriculum vitae, full of grace and power.

The dispute with the Synagogue of the Freedmen.

Fear not, I am with thee;  
oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll STRENGTHEN thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to STAND,  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

Why does the world hate the church?

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.

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