

* **Call to Worship: *Be Still, for the Presence***
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

* **God's Greeting**

* ***I Will Enter His Gates***
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

* ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** #392:1,2,4 (HFG)
Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All is safely gather'd in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we,
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To Thy final harvest home:
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

* indicates to stand if able

* ***Thanks to God for My Redeemer*** #386:1,2,3 (HFG)
Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a memory,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for the roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks thru all eternity!

Call to Confession: *Psalm 130:1-3*
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 130:4,5,7*
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

* ***Here is Love***
(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)
Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Lighthouse Mission

Morning Prayer

* ***Here is Love***
In Thy truth Thou dost direct me
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

Scripture: *Acts 7:1-53 (ESV)*

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

Message: *The History of Stiff-Necked People*

Prayer

* **To God Be the Glory**

#363:1,3 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
Great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Be Still, for the Presence**

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight; our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

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

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Prayer: Lance H, Galen L

Music: Sharon A, Lee V

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Acts 7:1-53

they broke bread
in their homes
and ate

together



with glad
and sincere hearts

acts 2:46

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