

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 47:5-7*  
God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises!**  
**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**  
**For God is the King of all the earth;**  
**sing praises with a psalm!**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Rejoice, O Pure in Heart** #561:1,2,5 (PH)  
Rejoice, O pure in heart,  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,  
Both men and women, raise  
On high your free, exulting song,  
Declare God's wondrous praise.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Praise God, who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

\* **All Creatures of Our God and King** #431:1,5 (PH)  
All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam,  
And shining moon with silver gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
People and nations, take your part;  
Sing praise to God with all your heart:  
Alleluia! alleluia!  
Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in lowliness:  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* join us in standing if able

\* **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** #568:1,3 (PH)  
Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *1 John 1:5-7*  
*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

\* **My Jesus, I Love Thee** #557:1,2 (PH)  
(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)  
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Jeff & Melissa

**Morning Prayer**

\* **O Jesus, I Have Promised**  
O Jesus, I have promised, to serve you to the end;  
Be now and ever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.  
O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
And speak to make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

\* **Scripture:** *Acts 11:19-30 (ESV)* pg. 1153  
*<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. <sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup> So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.*

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

**Message:** *First Called Christians*

**Prayer**

\* ***In Christ There Is No East or West***

In Christ there is no east or west,  
In Him no pride of birth;  
The chosen family God has blessed  
Now spans the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one  
From every land and race;  
He reconciled us through His Son  
And met us with His grace.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***In Christ There Is No East or West***

In Christ there is no east or west  
He breaks all barriers down;  
By Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,  
In Christ we live as one.

***First Called Christians***

*Acts 11:19-30*

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for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
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Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Lance H, Tim V

Music: Mike H, Nancy Z

Offering: Jeff & Melissa are missionaries in Muscat, Oman with  
Resonate Global Mission. Jeff serves at the Al Amana Centre.  
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*I will praise  
the name  
of God  
with a song,  
and will  
magnify him with*

**THANKSGIVING**

*Psalms 69:30*



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