

\* **Call to Worship:** 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

*Praise be to you, O LORD,  
God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.*

***Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.***

***Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.***

*Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.*

***In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.***

*Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

**Congregational Favorites**

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #87

Can those be saved who do not turn to God  
from their ungrateful and impenitent ways?

**By no means.**

**Scripture tells us that**

**no unchaste person,**

**no idolater, adulterer, thief,**

**no covetous person,**

**no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like**

**is going to inherit**

**the kingdom of God.**

**Offering:** Benevolence Fund

**Evening Prayer**

\* **God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word,  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is King, His throne eternal,  
God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one.  
Spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form.

\* **Scripture:** Esther 1:1-9 (ESV) pg. 521

<sup>1</sup> Now in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces, <sup>2</sup> in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in Susa, the citadel, <sup>3</sup> in the third year of his reign he gave a feast for all his officials and servants. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were before him, <sup>4</sup> while he showed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor and pomp of his greatness for many days, 180 days. <sup>5</sup> And when these days were completed, the king gave for all the people present in Susa the citadel, both great and small, a feast lasting for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace. <sup>6</sup> There were white cotton curtains and violet hangings fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rods and marble pillars, and also couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones. <sup>7</sup> Drinks were served in golden vessels, vessels of different kinds, and the royal wine was lavished according to the bounty of the king. <sup>8</sup> And drinking was according to this edict: "There is no compulsion." For the king had given orders to all the staff of his palace to do as each man desired. <sup>9</sup> Queen Vashti also gave a feast for the

women in the palace that belonged to King Ahasuerus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *One King, Three Parties*

**Prayer**

\* **Jesus Shall Reign** #238:1,4 (HFG)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run,  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace, though friends must part,  
Your presence lives in every heart.  
Your gifts to us no words can tell:  
Go now in peace, in Christ go well.

Go now in hope, and hopeful stay,  
Though shadowed valleys hide your way;  
Through good and evil, joy and pain,  
With God, in Spirit, you remain.

**One King, Three Parties**

*Esther 1:1-9*



Pastor: Robert Woodyard  
Music: Shirley  
Song Leader: Patrick  
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