

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1-2*
Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Congregational Favorites**

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 112
What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?
**God's will is that I
never give false testimony against anyone,
twist no one's words,
not gossip or slander,
nor join in condemning anyone
without a hearing or without a just cause.
Rather, in court and everywhere else,
I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;
these are devices the devil himself uses,
and they would call down on me God's intense anger.
I should love the truth,
speak it candidly,
and openly acknowledge it.
And I should do what I can
to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.**

His Name Is Wonderful #230 (HFG)
His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Offering: Benevolence Fund

Evening Prayer

* indicates to stand if able

* **Your Word Is Everlasting Truth**
(Sung to the tune of *There is a Fountain.*)
Your Word is everlasting truth.
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide my youth
And well support my age.
It's like the sun, a heavenly light
That guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead the way.

When nature sinks and spirits droop,
Your promises of grace
Are pillars that support my hope
And keep me in Your ways.
Now I am Yours, forever Yours.
O save your servant, Lord!
You are my shield, my hiding place.
My hope is in Your Word.

Scripture: *Luke 23:32-37 (NIV)* pg. 1105
³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

Acts 2:22-24, 32-41 pg. 1140
² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,
"The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."
³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."
³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles,
"Brothers, what shall we do?"
³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."
⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

I John 1:8-10 pg. 1278
⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

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

Message: *Forgive? Not So Fast*

Prayer

* **Have Thine Own Way, Lord** #400:1,2 (HFG)

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Have Thine Own Way, Lord** #400:4 (HFG)

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Forgive? Not So Fast
Luke 23:32-37; Acts 2:22-24, 32-41; I John 1:8-10

PRAISE GOD
FROM WHOM ALL
blessings flow
PRAISE HIM
ALL CREATURES
HERE BELOW
praise him
above the heavenly hosts
PRAISE FATHER, SON
& HOLY GHOST

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