

* **Call to Worship:** *from Revelation 15:3-4*
Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you!

* **God’s Greeting**

* ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** #342:1,2 (HFG)
Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

* ***Bless the Lord, O My Soul***
Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I’ll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

* ***Before the Throne of God Above***
Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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* indicates to stand if able

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Call to Confession: *I John 1:5-7*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *I Peter 1:18-19*

Heidelberg Catechism: Q & A 1
What is your only comfort in life and death?
**That I am not my own, but belong —
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.
(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: First CRC Tuition Assistance Fund

Offertory Ministry of Music: *A Simple Psalm of Praise*

Morning Prayer

* ***In the Presence***
In the presence of a holy God
There’s new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself;
I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God,
How awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

* **Scripture:** *Daniel 9:1-10 (ESV)* pg. 934
¹ *In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—* ² *in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.* ³ *Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.* ⁴ *I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,* ⁵ *we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your*

commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. ⁸ To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

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

Message: *The Great Prayer of Daniel*

* ***How Vast the Benefits Divine*** #497:1,2 (PH)
How vast the benefits divine which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from sin and shame, and called to holiness.
‘Tis not for works that we have done these all to him we owe;
But he of his electing love salvation does bestow.

To you, O Christ, alone is due all glory and renown;
No merit of our own we claim, nor rob you of your crown.
You were our only surety in God’s redemption plan;
In you his grace was given us before the world began.

* **God’s Blessings**

* ***How Vast the Benefits Divine*** #497:3 (PH)
Within the arms of sovereign love we ever shall remain;
Nor shall the rage of earth or hell make God’s sure counsel vain.
Each one of all the chosen race shall surely heaven attain;
Here they will share abounding grace,
And there with Jesus reign.

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.

Pastor: Robert W Prayer: Rob H, Galen L
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K,
Bill V, Nancy Z

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The Great Prayer of Daniel
Daniel 9:1-10

Motivation to prayer, vss. 1-2.

Why pray what God has already promised?

Aids to prayer, vss. 2-3.

Who to pray to, vs. 4.

What to pray, vss. 5ff.

And His *Glory*
is EXALTED,
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is EXALTED
Far Above
the Earth and Sky.

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