

* **Call to Worship**

We desire to live in God’s house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

* **God’s Greeting**

* **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** #319:1,3,4 (HFG)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

* **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** #377:1,3,4 (HFG)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother –
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus with the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

* **And Can It Be That I Should Gain** #260:1,4 (HFG)

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God
Unless we are first honest with ourselves
About who we are,
About the mistakes we make,
And about how well or poorly we care for others.
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 32:8 (ESV)*

Living for Jesus #462:1,3 (HFG)

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee.
For Thou in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus, wherever I am.
Doing each duty in His holy name.
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him. *Refrain*

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #249:1,3 (PH)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

* **Scripture:** *Acts 1:16-26 (ESV)* pg. 1139

¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;
And “‘Let another take his office.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

Message: *And Then There Were Twelve*

Prayer

* ***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!

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Trust and Obey*** #454:4 (HFG)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Election of Elders and Deacons

Members are asked to be seated after the final song while ballots are passed out for the election of Elders and Deacons. Visitors and non-members are welcome to go to the church basement for coffee and cookie fellowship time. Voting will only take a few minutes. Thank you for your patience.

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.

* indicates to stand if able

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And Then There Were Twelve

Acts 1:16-26

Acts 1:16-20a, how to let go of the past in the Spirit

Acts 1:20b-26, how to move forward in the Spirit

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