

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 113:1-3*  
*Hallelujah! Servants of God, praise, praise the name of the Lord.*  
**Bless the Lord's name now and always. Praise the Lord's name here and in every place from east to west.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Come, Thou Almighty King** #341:1,2 (HFG)  
Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

\* **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 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*

\* **What a Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God, the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.  
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this,  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater,  
What could separate us now  
What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this,  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
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Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against,  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
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**SERVE Commissioning**

Leader: Jesus stood before the disciples and declared,  
"As the Father sent me, so I send you".

*SERVE Teams: We receive your calling Lord Jesus, but how will we do this?*

Leader: God calls us into his presence. He breathes his life giving, empowering Spirit upon us.

*SERVE Teams: We gather here before You, O Lord, to offer our thanks! We stand before you to offer our lives as living sacrifices to you.*

Leader: The needs of the world are vast as many are hurting.

*SERVE Teams: Since we are the body of Christ, we must do as he would do. We will befriend the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide shelter for the homeless.*

**People: Live out the words of Paul as you go, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look to the interests of others."**

*SERVE Teams: We accept this call and give ourselves to becoming great servants of Christ and one another.*

Leader: Serve wholeheartedly.

**People: We will pray for you, support you, and send you off with love as you enter into loving God and loving the world and take the risk of living as Christ's disciples.**

Leader: Go forth in the love of Christ.

**Everyone: Amen.**

**Commissioning Prayer**

**Here I Am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

**Time of Confession and Preparation:** *Daniel 9:17 (ESV)*

*Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant(s). For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.*

**In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Benevolence

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *Matthew 22:34-39 (ESV)* pg. 1034  
*But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

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

**Message:** *Loving God, Loving the World:  
Two Sides of the Same Coin*

\* **Renew Your Church**

Renew your church, our ministries restore:  
Both to serve and adore.  
Make us again as salt throughout the land,  
And as light from a stand.  
'Mid somber shadows of the night,  
Where greed and hatreds spread their blight,  
O send us forth with power endued,  
Help us Lord, be renewed.

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine,  
On our path let it shine;  
Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace,  
From each page show your face.  
As you have loved us, sent your Son,  
And our salvation now is won,  
O let our hearts with love be stirred,  
Help us, Lord, know your Word.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Renew Your Church**

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,  
Each and all, humankind;  
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate,  
Leave us not to our fate.  
As you have loved and given your life  
To end hostility and strife,  
O share your grace from heaven above,  
Teach us, Lord, how to love.

**Loving God, Loving the World:  
Two Sides of the Same Coin**  
*Matthew 22:34-39*

Loving God

Loving the World

\* indicates to stand if able


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Pastor: Robert Prayer: Dustin, Larry

Music: Paul, Ken & Lisa

Offering: The Benevolence Fund is used to help local people in times of need. For more information, talk to any deacon.



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