

* **Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 49:13*

Shout for joy, you heavens;

Rejoice, you earth;

Burst into song, you mountains!

For the Lord comforts his people

And will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **O Worship the King**

#428 (PH)

O worship the King all glorious above,

O gratefully sing his power and his love:

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,

And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,

Whom angels delight to worship above!

Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,

In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

* **God of Grace**

God of grace, amazing wonder,

Irresistible and free;

Oh, the miracle of mercy,

Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder,

As my God restores my soul.

His own blood has paid my ransom;

Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me

Long before the world began;

Sent my Savior down from heaven;

Perfect God and perfect man.

God of grace, I trust in Jesus;

I'm accepted as His own.

Every day new grace sustains me,

As I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,

Cleansed forgiven and secure.

All my fears are now confounded

And my hope is ever sure.

God of grace, now crowned in glory,

Where one day I'll see Your face;

And forever I'll adore You

In Your everlasting grace.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement,

will never hold against me

any of my sins nor my sinful nature

which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, in his grace

God grants me the righteousness of Christ

To free me forever from judgment.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

* **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

#493 (PH)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Thru the storm, thru the night, lead me on to the light,

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

When the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* **Scripture:** *1 John 2:1–6 (ESV)*

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¹ *My little children, I am writing these things to you so*

that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have

an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

² *He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only*

but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ *And by this we*

know that we have come to know him, if we keep his

commandments. ⁴ *Whoever says "I know him" but does*

not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not

in him, ⁵ *but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love*

of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in

him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the

same way in which he walked.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *We Have an Advocate*

Prayer

* **Rise Up, O Men of God**

#398:1,2,3 (HFG)

Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things;

Give heart and soul and mind and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!

His kingdom tarries long;

Bring in the day of brotherhood

And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!

The church for you doth wait,

Her strength unequal to her task;

Rise up, and make her great!

* **God's Blessing**

* **Rise Up, O Men of God**

#398:4 (HFG)

Lift high the cross of Christ,

Tread where His feet have trod;

As brothers of the Son of Man,

Rise up, O men of God!

We Have an Advocate

1 John 2:1-6

What kind of judge do we have?

What kind of advocate do we have?

How can we obtain His advocacy?

Implications and application.

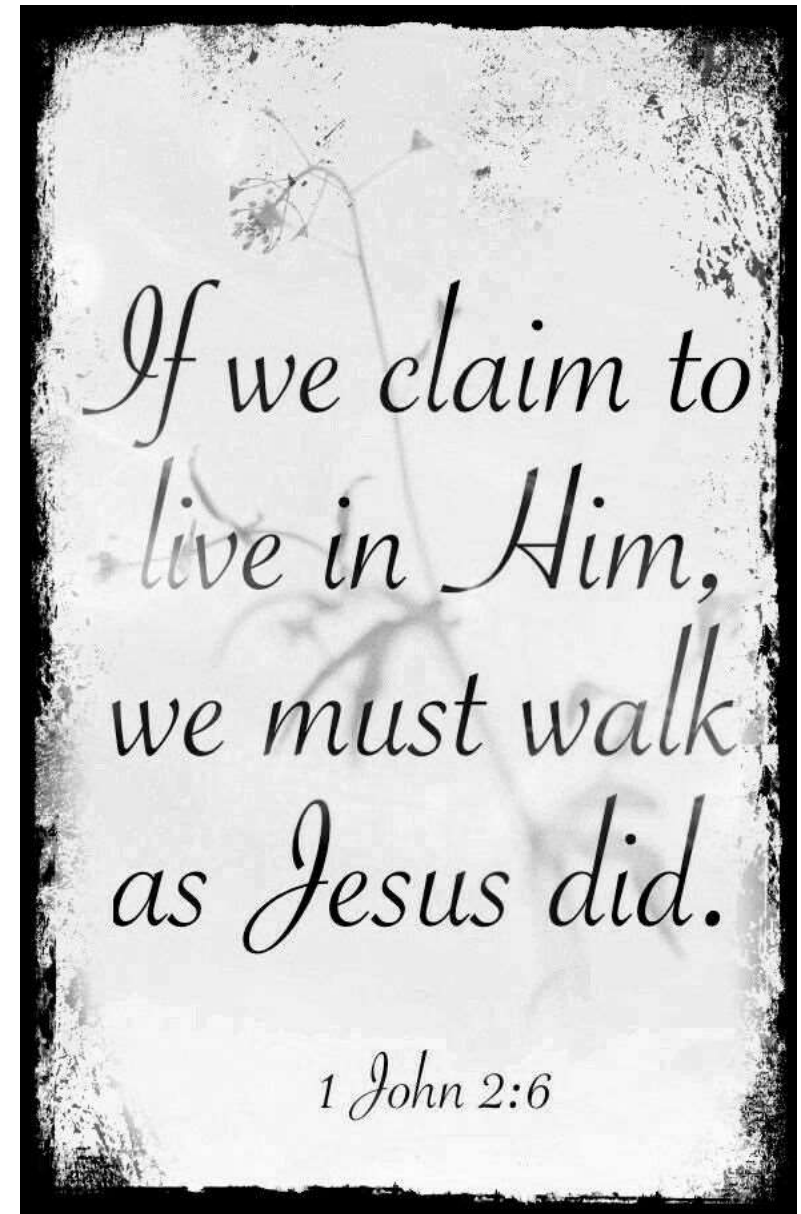
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