

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1-2*  
*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;*  
*let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*  
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **All Creatures of Our God and King** #347:1,4 (HFG)  
All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

I sing the mighty power of God,  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command,  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that man can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

\* **In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him**

From the first bright light of morning  
To the last warm glow of dusk;  
Every breath we take is sacred,  
For it is God's gift to us.

*Refrain:* In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;  
In thanksgiving, let us sing  
Songs of praise and adoration  
To our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty,  
In the season of our need;  
We will find His grace sufficient,  
We will find His love complete. *Refrain*

\* **Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Psalm 32:1-5*

*Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.*

*Blessed is the one  
whose sin the LORD does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.*

**When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

**For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.*

*I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD."  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 103:17-18*

**God of Grace**

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

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.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future

**Morning Prayer**

\* **O Word of God Incarnate** #279:1,2 (PH)

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance  
That from the Scripture's page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to you.

\* **Scripture:** *Acts 7:54-60, 8:1 (ESV)* pg. 1148

<sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged,  
and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the  
Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God,  
and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said,  
"Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man  
standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with  
a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at  
him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him.  
And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a  
young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning  
Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."  
<sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice,  
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had  
said this, he fell asleep. And Saul approved of his execution.  
And there arose on that day a great persecution against the  
church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout  
the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Stoning of Stephen*

\* **All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

#598:1,3 (HFG)

All the way my Savior leads me,  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide.  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me,  
O the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

#637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
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\* indicates to stand if able

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projects of our church. For more information, talk to a  
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**The Stoning of Stephen**

Acts 7:54-60, 8:1

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he cried out  
with a loud voice,  
"Lord, do not hold  
this sin against them."*

*Acts 7:60*



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