

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 66:1-4*
Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise! Say to God,
“How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies
come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”

* **God’s Greeting**

* **To God Be the Glory** #473:1,2,3 (PH)

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life gate that we may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice.
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

* **With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring** #183:1,3 (PH)

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
Before the great your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place
And praise you for your truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine
In your most holy Word divine,
In your most holy Word divine.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
You reign alone in heavenly height;
The proud in vain your favor seek,
But you have mercy for the meek.
Through trouble though my pathway be,
You will revive and strengthen me,
You will revive and strengthen me.

* **He is Lord** #633 (PH)
He is Lord, he is Lord,
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Call to Confession: *based on Matthew 22:37-40 (NRSV)*

Our Lord Jesus said:
“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it:
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.”
As God has instructed us in these great commandments,
and because we have not lived in full obedience,
let us now confess our sins to God,
trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Beneath the Cross of Jesus #253:2,3 (HFG)

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

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at time can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Break Now the Bread of Life** #282:3,4 (PH)

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;
Your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with You above;
Teach me to love Your truth, for You are love.

O send Your Spirit, now, dear Lord, to me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see;
Show me the truth made plain within Your Word,
For in Your book revealed I see You, Lord.

* **Scripture:** *Luke 18:35-19:10 (NIV)* pg. 1098

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

³⁸ He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him.

When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Lord, I want to see,” he replied.

⁴² Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

^{19:1} Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-figtree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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

Message: *There is Joy in Obedience*

* **Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

#108:1,2 (HFG)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow?
Could my zeal no languor know?
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to thy cross I cling.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Glory Be to the Father**

#635 (PH)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
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* join us in standing if able

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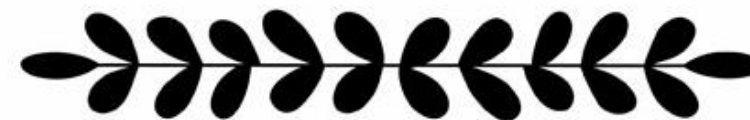
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