

\* **Call to Worship:** *from 1 Chronicles 29:11,13*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory,  
the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven  
and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and You are exalted as head over all.

**Now therefore, our God,  
we thank You and praise Your glorious name.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **How Majestic Is Your Name**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name:  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty. *Repeat All*

\* **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*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

**Call to Confession:** *Proverbs 28:13*

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Romans 10:10-13*

*For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the  
mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says,  
"Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same  
Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.  
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

**Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

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

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;  
All the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian Hope Association

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Every Promise**

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure,  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe,  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

\* **Scripture:** *Acts 10:23b-48 (ESV)* pg. 1151

*The next day he rose and went away with them, and some  
of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup> And on the  
following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting  
them and had called together his relatives and close friends.  
<sup>25</sup> When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his  
feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup> But Peter lifted him up, saying,  
"Stand up; I too am a man." <sup>27</sup> And as he talked with him, he  
went in and found many persons gathered. <sup>28</sup> And he said to  
them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to  
associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God  
has shown me that I should not call any person common or  
unclean. <sup>29</sup> So when I was sent for, I came without objection.  
I ask then why you sent for me."*

*<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was  
praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man  
stood before me in bright clothing <sup>31</sup> and said, 'Cornelius,  
your prayer has been heard and your alms have been  
remembered before God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa and ask  
for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of  
Simon, a tanner, by the sea.'<sup>33</sup> So I sent for you at once, and  
you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are  
all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have  
been commanded by the Lord."*

*<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand  
that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone  
who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
<sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news  
of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you  
yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea,  
beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:  
<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit  
and with power. He went about doing good and healing*

all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.  
<sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”  
<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**Message:** *Gentiles Hear the Good News*

\* **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** #349:1,2,3 (HFG)

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

\* **God’s Blessing**

\* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

## **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

Acts 10:23b-48

PRAISE God  
FROM WHOM ALL  
Blessings  
Flow;  
PRAISE Him  
ALL  
Creatures  
HERE Below.

\* join us in standing if able

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