

* **Call to Worship:** *based on Luke 1:46-50*
Our souls magnify the Lord!
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
The mighty One has done great things for us!
Holy is God's name!
Let us worship God.
For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes** #335:1,4 (PH)
Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

* **Angels from the Realms of Glory** #354:1,3,4 (PH)
Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship.
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view him,
He will share his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

* please join us in standing if able

* **As with Gladness Men of Old** #358:1,3,4 (PH)
As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord,
May we evermore your splendor see.

As they offered gifts most rare
At the cradle plain and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when mortal things are past,
Bring our ransomed lives at last,
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds your glory hide.

Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God Art. 24
**God remembered his promise
to reconcile the world to himself;
he has come among us in Jesus Christ,
the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Savior,
fully human and fully divine,
conceived by the Spirit of God
and born of the virgin Mary.**

Offering: Envision Mission

Evening Prayer

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #239:1,4 (HFG)
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates:
Behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

* **Scripture:** *Mark 2:13-17 (NIV)* pg. 1047
¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. ¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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

Message: *Jesus Came to Save Sinners*

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

* **God's Blessing**

* **By the Sea of Crystal** #620:1,3 (PH)
By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,
Myriads in number, drawn from every land.
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,
They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

*Praise the Lord,
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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.*

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Pastor: Berny D

Music: Perlene H

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