

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 22:22-23, 27-28*

*I will declare your name to my brothers;
in the congregation I will praise you.
You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
**All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.***

* **God's Greeting**

* **Come, All Who Fear the Lord God** #240:1,2,3 (PH)

Come, all who fear the Lord God,
O saints, your voices raise.
Come, stand in awe before him
And sing all glorious praise.
You lowly and afflicted who on his word rely,
Your heart shall live forever; the Lord will satisfy.

All kindreds of the nations to Christ the Lord shall turn.
Through earth's remotest regions
His altar fires shall burn.
All kingdoms, power, and glory belong to him alone.
He rules o'er all the nations;
Kings bow before his throne.

Both high and low shall worship,
Both strong and weak shall bend.
A faithful church shall serve him till generations end.
His praise shall be recounted to nations yet to be.
The triumphs of his justice a newborn world shall see.

* **Come, Thou Almighty King** #246:1,4 (PH)

Come, Thou Almighty King.
Help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious.
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

To thee, great One in Three
Eternal praises be hence evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

* **I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace** #495:1,3 (PH)

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in him. *Refrain*

Call to Confession: *based on Hebrews 4:14, 16*

*Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has
entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,
let us therefore approach the throne of grace
with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for
our failures and grace to help in the hour of need.
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our
sins to God.*

Prayer of Confession & Preparation for Lord's Supper

Song of Assurance: In the Presence

In the presence of a holy God
There's new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself;
I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God,
How awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might,
I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord,
I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

In the presence of your glory
All my crowns lie in the dust.
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord;
You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

**(Children ages 3 years old – 2nd grade may leave
for Children's Church during this song.)**

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Lighthouse Ministries

Morning Prayer

* **Break Now the Bread of Life** #282:1,4 (PH)

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As once You broke the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek You, Lord,
My spirit waits for You, O Living Word.

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:** *Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)* pg. 1054

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Message: *Jesus Heals a Deaf Man*

Prayer

* **Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** #501:1,3,6 (PH)

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

The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

Hear him, you deaf, you voiceless ones,
Your loosened tongues employ;
You blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, you lame, for joy!

* **God's Blessing**

* **Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** #501:2,7 (PH)

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

To God all glory, praise and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.

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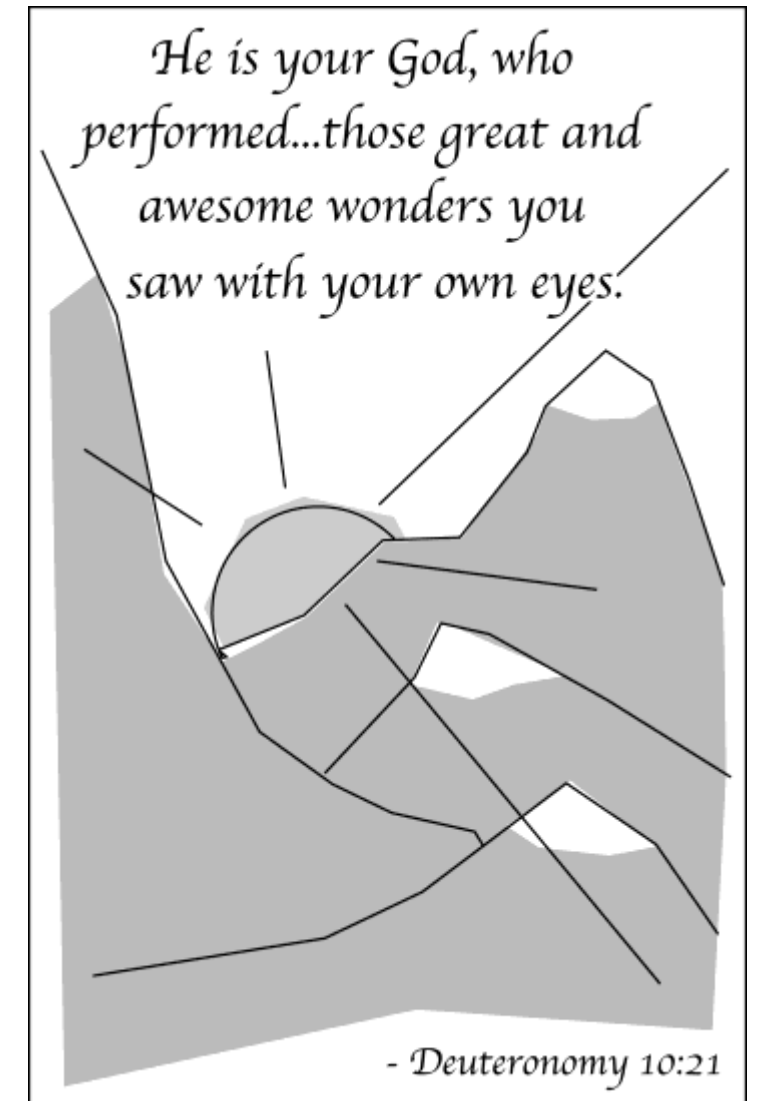
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