LET US PREPARE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

PRELUDE

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM

Let us rise to worship the Triune God, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and let us all declare:

Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

Call To Worship

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His dwelling place.Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name; bring an offering and come before Him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

Opening Prayer (Led by Pastor) +

Hymn 1 "Praise My Soul the King in Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;

Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows.

In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him; You behold Him face to face. Saints triumphant, bow before Him; **Gathered in from every race.** Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS, TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-21

We Pray and Confess Our Sin

(Prayer led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

For was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

Colossians 1:19-22

Hymn #324 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross **On which the Prince of Glory died,** My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

(Benefits of Believing Christ– Questions 35-36)

Q. 35. What is sanctification? **Sanctification is the work of God's free** grace^[a] by which we are renewed throughout in the image of God^[b] and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.^[c]

[a] <u>Eze 36:27; Php 2:13;</u> <u>2 Thes 2:13[b] 2 Cor 5:17;</u> <u>Eph 4:23-24;</u> <u>1 Thes 5:23[c] Eze 36:25-27;</u> <u>Rom 6:4, 6,</u> <u>12-14;</u> <u>2 Cor 7:1;</u> <u>1 Pet 2:24</u> Q. 36. What benefits in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

The benefits in this life which accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification are: assurance of God's love,^[a] peace of conscience,^[b] joy in the Holy Spirit,^[c] progress in holiness,^[d] and perseverance in it to this life's end.^[e]

[a] <u>Rom 5:5[b]</u>. <u>Rom 5:1[c]</u> <u>Rom 14:17[d]</u> <u>2 Pet 3:18[e]</u> <u>Php 1:6</u>; <u>1 Pet 1:5</u>

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Proverbs 23:1-11

Children age PreK-1st Grade Are dismissed for Children's Church

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

"Then the people rejoiced because they had" offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart. and King David also rejoiced greatly." 1 Chronicles 29:9

Hymn #11 "Come Thou Fount"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. **Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it** mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: **Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,** prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer for God's Provision

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The Doxology **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. men. A

New Testament Scripture Reading Hebrews 8:1-6

Pastoral Prayer (Led by Pastor)

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:15-24 (18-21)

Sermon

"Proof That You Know God (4)"

Pastor Theo van Blerk

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer

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Hymn #151 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe —

His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—

Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,

And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thro' us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him — His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also —

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

THE LORD SENDS US OUT

The Blessing to God's People

Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Hebrews 13:20-21

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