

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

**Prelude**

# **THE LORD CALLS US**

Let us rise to worship the Triune God, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and declare  
in the words of Psalm 34:22

**People:**

**“The Lord redeems the soul of His servants;  
And none of those who take refuge in Him  
will be condemned!” Amen.**

# Call to Worship

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you  
the fear of the LORD.

What man is there who desires life and loves  
many days, that he may see good?

**PEOPLE:**

**Keep your tongue from evil and your lips  
from speaking deceit.**

**Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace  
and pursue it.**

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.

**PEOPLE:**

**The face of the LORD is against those who do  
evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD  
hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and  
saves the crushed in spirit.

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## **PEOPLE:**

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. None of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

*Psalm 34:11-19, 22*



# Opening Prayer



**O Lord, You are our King indeed. You sit  
above the cherubim.**

**Let the earth be moved.**

**You, O Lord, rule in Zion.**

**You are lifted up above all things!**

**We praise Your powerful Name, O Holy One!**

**You cover Yourself with a garment of light.  
You stretch out the sky as a curtain by night.  
You water the hills with rain from Your sky,  
You let the rivers flow. You nourish the  
cattle, You cause grass to grow.**

**We will sing to You, LORD,  
as long as we live.**

**We praise Your great Name today once again,  
and plead that**

**You would come and replenish our hearts and  
lives through Your Word and Spirit. Would  
You, for the perfect merits of Your Son,  
accept our worship this day. Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #151*

**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 powers,  
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 CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN

Scripture reading

Exodus 20:1-17

**We Confess Our Sin**

**God Assures us of His pardon**

**For the grace of God has appeared, bringing  
salvation for all people, training us to  
renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,  
and to live self-controlled, upright, and  
godly lives in the present age, waiting for  
our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory  
of our great God and  
Savior Jesus Christ,**

**Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.**

***Titus 2:11-14***

# Hymn

*“Blessed Assurance” #572*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

## *Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight!**  
**Visions of glory now burst on my sight;**  
**Angels descending, bring from above**  
**Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

## *Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

**Perfect submission- all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

## *Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

# **Professing our Faith**

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?**

**A. God's works of providence are, His most  
holy, wise, and powerful  
preserving and governing all His  
creatures, and all their actions.**

*Ps. 145:17; Ps. 104:24; Isa. 28:29; Heb. 1:3;*  
*Ps. 103:19; Matt. 10:29-31.*

Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

**A. When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.**

***Gal. 3:12; Gen. 2:17.***

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

**A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.**

**Gen. 3:6-8, 13; Ecc. 7:29.**

# Old Testament reading

Proverbs 11:14-31

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

# We worship God with our Tithes and Offerings

*“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ~*

*Matthew 6:25, 31, 33*

*“Take My Life and Let It Be” #597*

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord,  
to Thee;**

**Take my moments and my days- let them  
flow in ceaseless praise,**

**Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the  
impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and  
beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only,  
for my King;**

**Take my lips and let them be filled with  
messages from Thee,**

**Filled with messages from Thee**

**Take my silver and my gold- not a mite would**

**I withhold;**

**Take my intellect and use every pow'r as**

**Thou shalt choose,**

**Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my love- my Lord,  
I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself- and I will be ever, only, all for  
Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**Take my will and make it Thine-  
it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart- it is Thine own, It shall be  
Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Prayer for God's Provision**



**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.  
Amen.**

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**Pastoral Prayer**





# THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture reading

*Luke 18:9-14*



# Sermon

**“Dangerous Self-righteousness!”**

Pastor Theo van Blerk



# THE LORD SENDS US OUT

*“In Christ Alone”*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.**

**Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day.**

**Up from the grave He rose again!**

**And as He stands in victory,**

**Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;**

**For I am His and He is mine,**

**Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

**The Blessing to God's People**



**May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and our God and Father, Who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts, and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

Christ Is Risen!