



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Matthew 11:28-30

Come, all that are weary,
all that are carrying heavy burdens.

Jesus will give us rest.

Come, take what Jesus has to offer:
love, forgiveness, and grace.

Christ will give us peace.

Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus.

For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

Come, let us worship our God.

Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (#187)*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
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you have loved us; love us still.

PRAYER OF PRAISE—from Psalm 36:7-8

*How precious is your steadfast love,
O God!
All people may take refuge in
the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of
your house,
and you give them drink from
the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

HYMN *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of his love,
leading onward, leading homeward,
to that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread his praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, nevermore;
he, who died to save his loved ones,
intercedes for them above;
he, who called them his own people,
watches over them in love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best,
vast the ocean of his blessing,
sweet the haven of his rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus--
for my heaven of heavens is he;
this my everlasting glory--
Jesus' mighty love for me!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we put our trust in things we can see. We pursue human schemes because your will seems so elusive. Then when we discern what you intend for us, it seems too demanding. Free us from the burden of selfishness and our lack of clear vision, that we may see you more clearly and become partners with you in your renewing work in the world.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is not in the business of condemnation, but redemption, and meets us in Jesus Christ with the word, "You are my beloved child." Meditate on what God has done for you, and be glad. Realize anew what joins you to God and to humanity, and find renewed wholeness and peace.

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN *Be Still, My Soul (#819)*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31 and
Hebrews 2:5-9

MESSAGE *But We See Jesus*

HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (#182)*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Come, all you who are loved by God! Christ invites all to trust in him and to dine at his table. Come to receive all the benefits and blessings of his atoning death, his life-giving resurrection, and his ascended lordship.

We come to the table not just as individuals but as a community. By sharing the bread and the cup, Christ makes us one with him and with each other.

Just as we are nourished by the food we eat, Christ nourishes us spiritually at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

At the Lord's Supper we look *back*, remembering the story of our salvation; we look *around*, seeing that we are together members of the body of Christ; we look *forward* to the great banquet in God's coming kingdom; and we look *within* to find our indwelling Lord, who promises to feed us by the Holy Spirit.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! Let us give thanks:

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**With joy we praise you, gracious Father,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we wandered away from you.
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name. Amen.**

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven for us.
Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of our salvation.

[Closing Prayer:]

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

HYMN Great is thy Faithfulness (#39)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Now and forevermore.
And all of God's people said, Amen!

POSTLUDE

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21

