

Pre-service Song

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalms 62:1-2, 5-8 (ESV)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.**

**On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Our Sung Call to Worship

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,
and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness:
I'll look to Him who hears me.

Chorus:

**O praise Him, hallelujah,
my Delight and my Reward.
Everlasting, never failing;
My Redeemer, my God.**

Find rest my soul in God alone,
amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come, and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven. (Chorus)

I'll set my gaze on God alone,
and trust in Him completely,
with ev'ry day pour out my soul;
and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am His forever. (Chorus)

O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah!
O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah!
O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah!
(Chorus)

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 130 (ESV)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. (Chorus)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe;
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? (Chorus)

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Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

New City Catechism Q 22-24

Remember the Gospel!
Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf
perfectly obey the whole law
And suffer the punishment for human sin;
And also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience
And suffering would be perfect and effective;
And also that he would be able to bear
The righteous anger of God against sin

And yet overcome death.

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**Since death is the punishment for sin,
Christ died willingly in our place
To deliver us from the power and penalty of sin
And to bring us back to God.
By his substitutionary atoning death,
He alone redeems us from hell
And gains for us forgiveness of sin,
Righteousness, and everlasting life.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean. (Chorus)

Chorus

**How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!**

For me it was in the garden
He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine. (Chorus)

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone. (Chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages
To sing of His love for me. (Chorus)

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-2:8

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷ Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸ But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

¹⁰ And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

^{2:1} Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?"

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers and the flower falls
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Hebrews 1:1-2:8 – Introduction to the Psalms (Bk 1): Songs for Sojourners – Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

My Hiding Place – Song for Reflection (Distribution Song)

*Against the God who rules the sky
I fought with hands uplifted high;
Despised the mention of His grace,
Too proud to seek a hiding place!
But an eternal counsel ran:
'Almighty love, arrest that man!'
I felt the arrows of disgrace
And found I had no hiding place.*

*Indignant Justice stood in view;
To Sinai's fiery mount I flew;
But Justice cried with frowning face,
'This mountain is no hiding place.'
Ere long a heav'nly voice I heard,
And mercy for my soul appeared,
Which led me on with smiling face
To Jesus Christ, my hiding place.*

*Chorus:
My Jesus is my hiding place,
Surrounding me with steadfast love and grace.
In death He'll be my hiding place
And I shall ever see His smiling face.*

*On Him almighty vengeance fell:
Enough to sink the world to hell.
He bore it for His chosen race,
And thus became their hiding place.
Should storms of mighty vengeance roll
And shake this earth from pole to pole,
No flaming bolt could daunt my face
For Jesus is my hiding place.*

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By Spirit and the Word;
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious,

Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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Blessing

Ephesians 6:23-24 (ESV)

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith,
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 1