Pre-service Song

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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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

Psalm 113 (ESV)

Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Our Sung Call to Worship
God is For Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night. We will walk the valley with You by our side. You will go before us, You will lead the way. We have found a refuge, only You can save.

Chorus

Sing with joy now, "Our God is for us."
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us.

Even when I stumble, even when I fall.

Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.

You will not abandon, You will not forsake.

You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace. (Chorus)

Neither height nor depth can separate us, Hell and death will not defeat us. He who gave His Son to free us Holds me in His love. (Repeat)

Sing with joy now, our God is for us.
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us. (Repeat)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 32:3-6; Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Remember the Gospel!

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, For I am your God, I will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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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.

You may give electronically at <u>gabcames.org/giving/</u> or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 14 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. Of David.

¹ The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;

there is none who does good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand,

who seek after God.

³ They have all turned aside;

together they have become corrupt;

there is none who does good, not even one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

⁵ There they are in great terror,

for God is with the generation of the righteous.

⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor,

but the LORD is his refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Psalm 14 (ESV) - Don't Be Fooled - 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?

Goodness of God (Distribution Song)

I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other. I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Repeat)

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

<u>Sending</u>

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

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord: Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 15