

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

#### The Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

(SEATED)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### The Call to Worship: From Psalm 148:1,12-14

(STANDING)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**All: "Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!"**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

#### Hymn #164 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## **The Prayer of Adoration**

### **Confessing our faith:**

Leader: What do we believe concerning the Holy Scriptures? (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**ALL:** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

### **Gloria Patri: (Hymnal #735)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin:**

(SEATED)

Father:

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

### **The Silent Confession of Private Sin**

### **The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:8-9**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him.

### **Hymn #460 – Amazing Grace!**

(STANDING)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

## **The Prayer of Praise**

**The New Testament Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17

(SEATED)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”<sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.<sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne <sup>o</sup>will shelter them with his presence.<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Doxology (hymnal #731)**

(STANDING)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Intercessory Prayer** (SEATED)

### The Sermon: Rev. Dan Young

#### *“Trusting in God in the Midst of Desperation”* Psalm 3

O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;<sup>2</sup> many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.”<sup>3</sup> But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.<sup>4</sup> I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.<sup>5</sup> I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.<sup>6</sup> I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.<sup>7</sup> Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.<sup>8</sup> Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

#### I. We find ourselves in desperate situations

#### II. We remember what we believe about God

#### III. We trust in the results: peace

#### IV. We look to God for salvation

### Hymn # 94 – 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, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“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.”

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

### **The Benediction**

**The Three-Fold Amen** (hymnal #740)

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**