



“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

1 JOHN 1:5

*We gather to worship God, who is Light.*

**Preparatory Hymn**

“Romans Doxology”

**Welcome**

**Scriptural Call to Worship**

Isaiah 2:5

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**Hymn**

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**Hymn**

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**Hymn**

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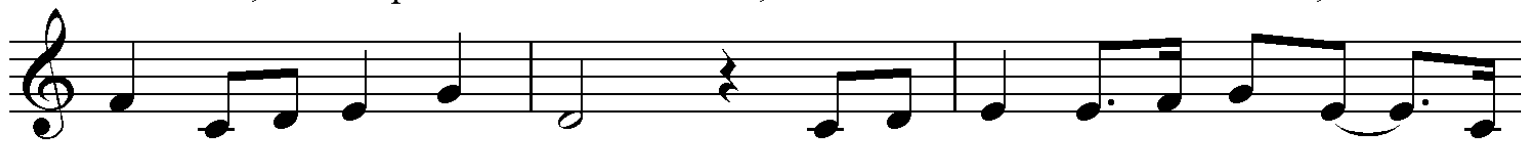
Numbers 6:24-26

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

## PREPARATORY HYMN: ROMANS DOXOLOGY



1. Oh, the depth of the riches, — the wis - dom of God, how un -  
2. Oh, the depth of the riches, — the wis - dom of God, how mag -  
3. Oh, the depth of the riches, — the wis - dom of God, how im -



search - a - ble are His ways. How pro - found are His judg - ments so  
ni - fi - cent are His ways. Who has been His ad - vis - or — and  
meas - 'ra - ble is His grace. How un - fail - ing His kind - ness, — so



high a - bove our thoughts, and His path - ways no man can trace.  
who has coun - seled Him, all He gives us who can re - pay? For —  
far re - moved His wrath, and His mer - cies are new each day.



from — Him and through — Him and to Him are all things,



to Him be glo - ry for - ev - er more. To Him be glo - ry for - ev - er. A -



men! A - men! A - - - men!

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## **SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

ISAIAH 2:5

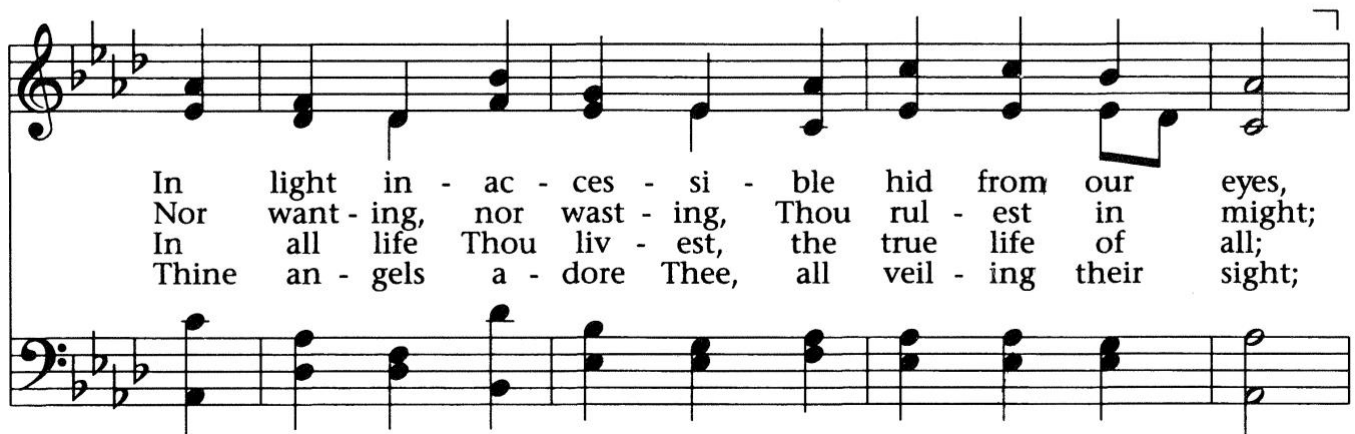
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

## **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

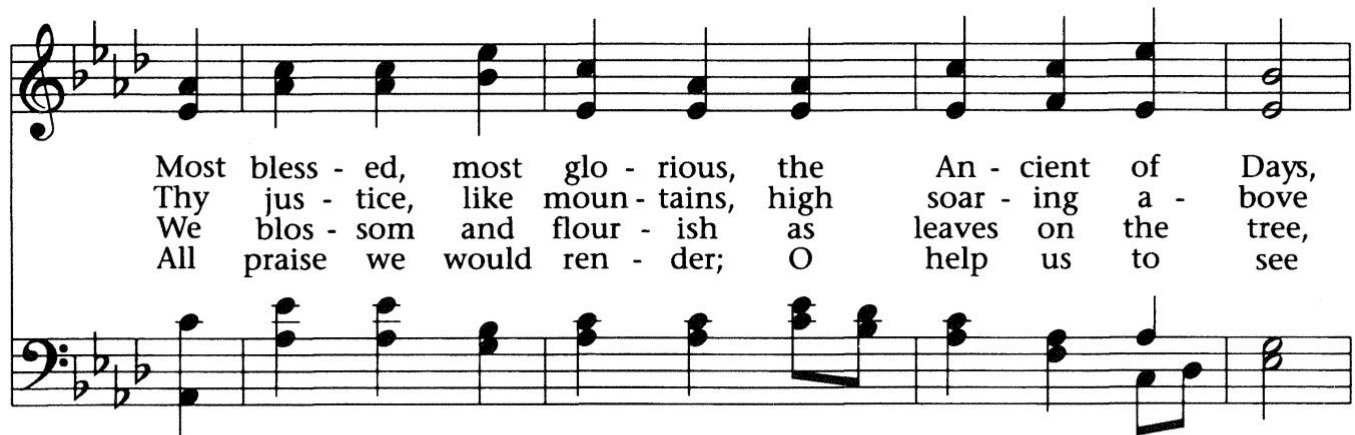
# IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE



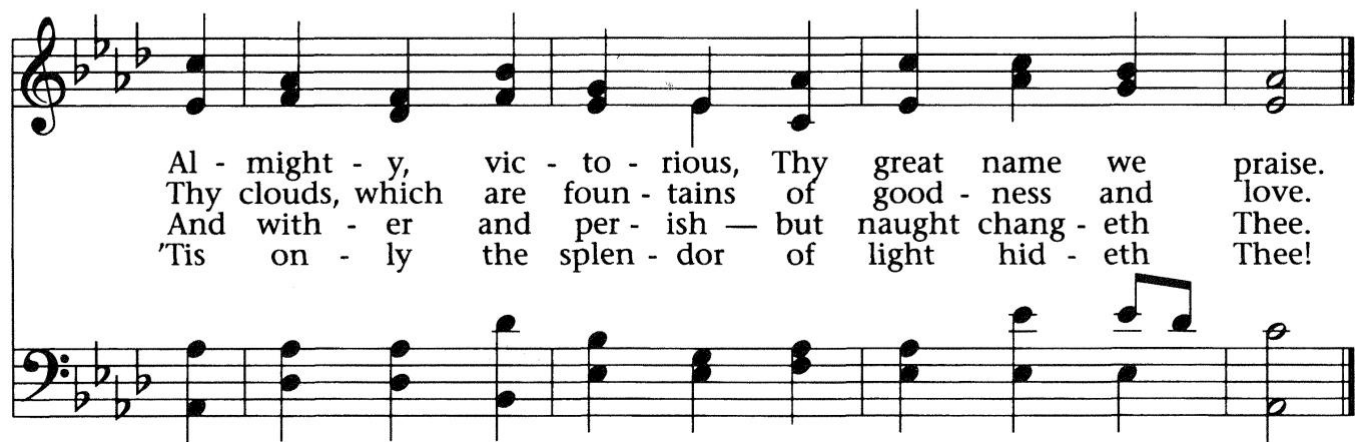
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

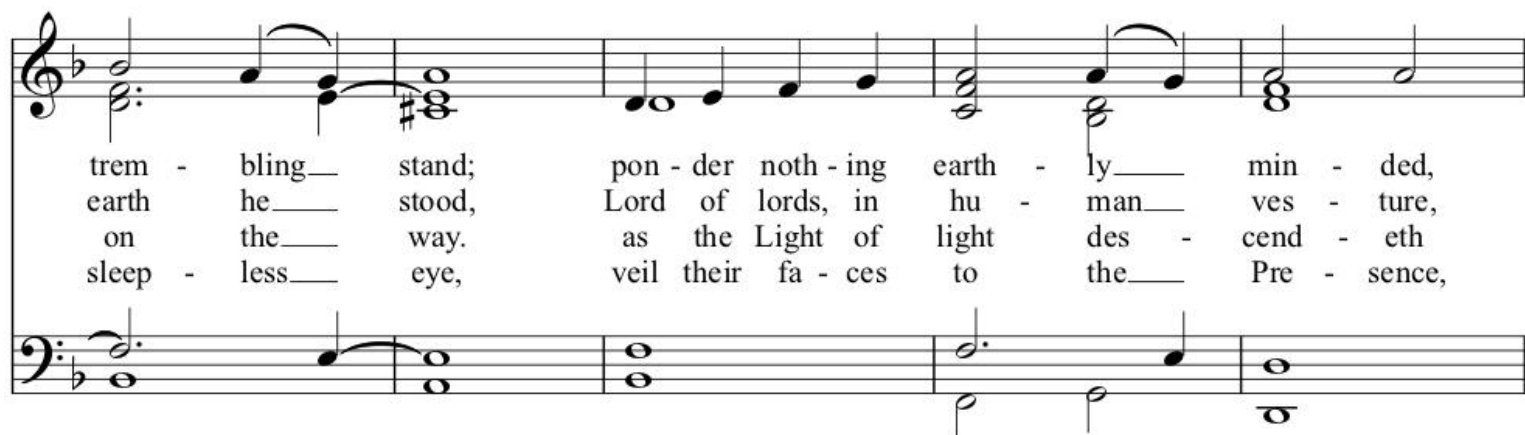


Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish — but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

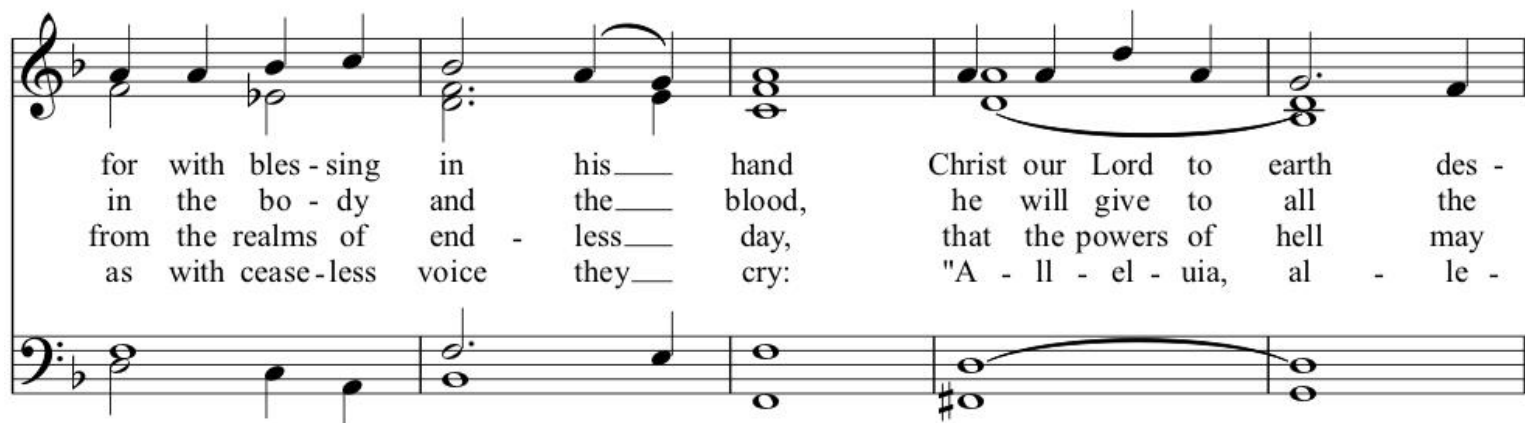
# LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



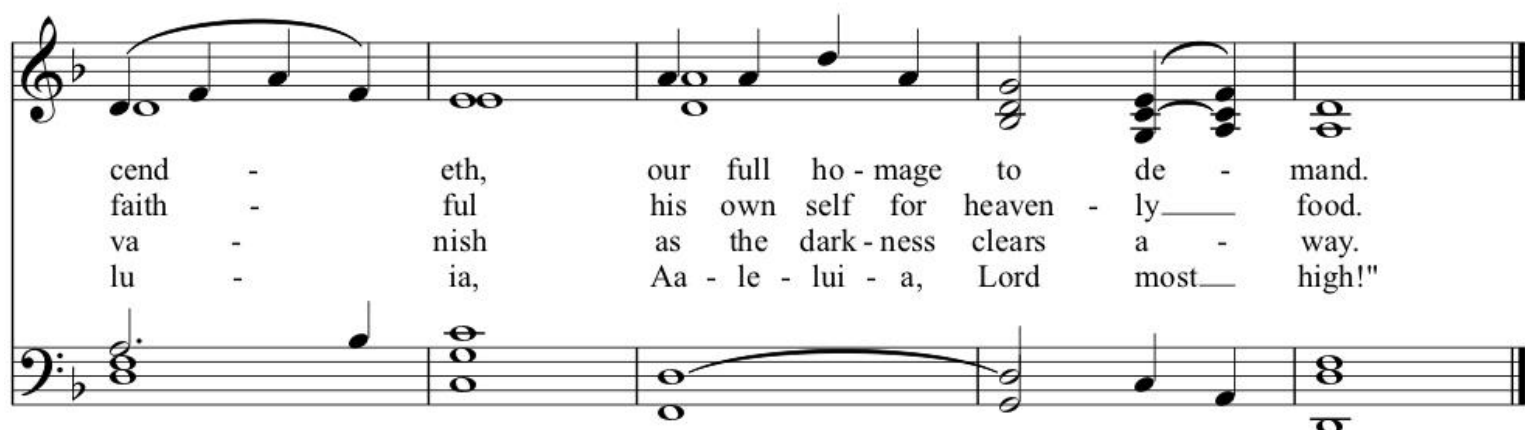
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep\_\_\_ si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of\_\_\_ Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of\_\_\_ hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged\_\_\_ se - raph, che - ru - bim, with



trem - bling\_\_\_ stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly\_\_\_ min - ded,  
 earth he\_\_\_ stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man\_\_\_ ves - ture,  
 on the\_\_\_ way. as the Light of light des - cend - eth  
 sleep - less\_\_\_ eye, veil their fa - ces to the\_\_\_ Pre - sence,



for with bles - sing in his\_\_\_ hand Christ our Lord to earth des -  
 in the bo - dy and the\_\_\_ blood, he will give to all the  
 from the realms of end - less\_\_\_ day, that the powers of hell may  
 as with cease - less voice they\_\_\_ cry: "A - ll - el - uia, al - le -



cend - eth, our full ho - mage to de - mand.  
 faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly\_\_\_ food.  
 va - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia, Aa - le - lui - a, Lord most\_\_\_ high!"

*Words: From the Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century; tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885);  
 Music: Traditional French Carol, Public Domain*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### PSALM 36:7-9

- <sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### JOHN 1:1-18

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### 1 JOHN 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.



## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e -  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul -  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py

4 um - phant; O come ye; O come ye to Beth - le -  
 ter - nal, born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he  
 ta - tion; sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a -  
 morn - ing; Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry

8 hem! Come, and be - hold him, born the King of  
 comes; ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre -  
 bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the  
 given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -

12

an - gels!  
at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let us a -  
high - est!  
pear - ing!

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dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

# SERMON

## LIFE IN THE LIGHT

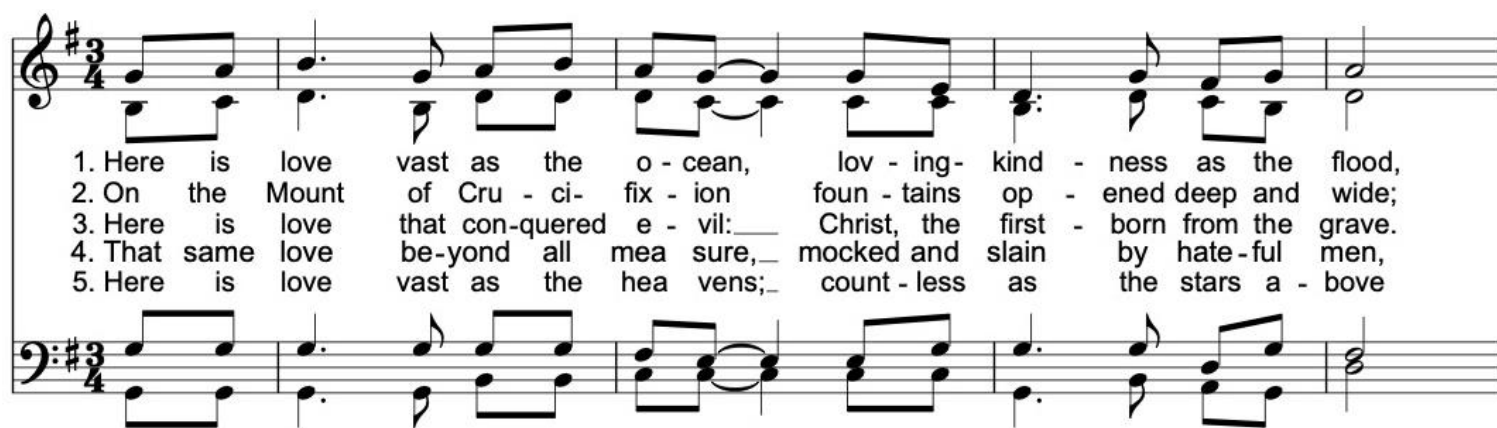
### 1 JOHN 1:1-10

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

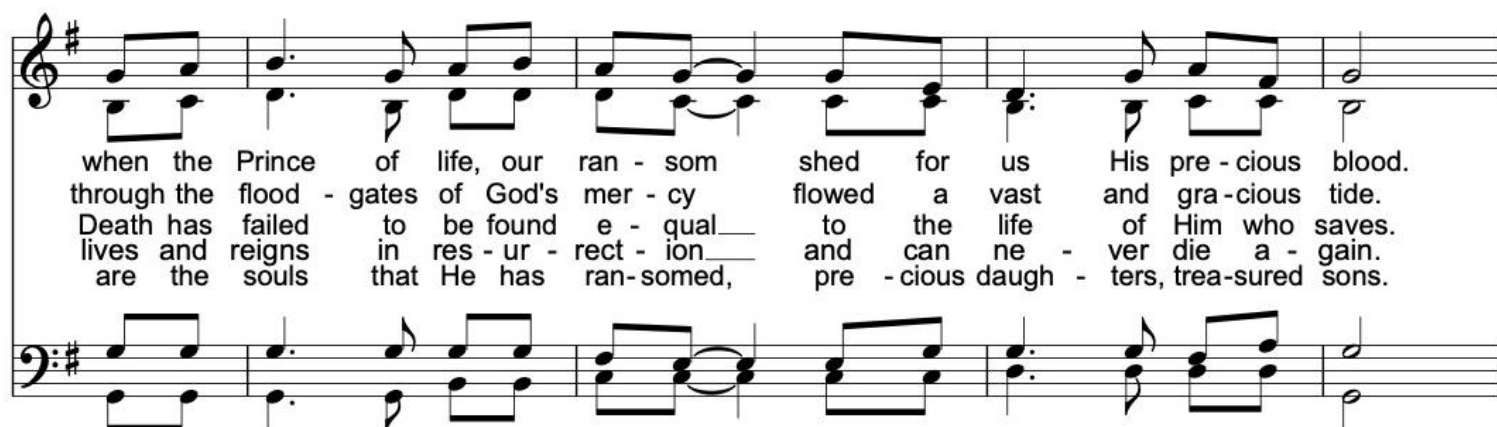
<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

# SERMON NOTES

# HERE IS LOVE



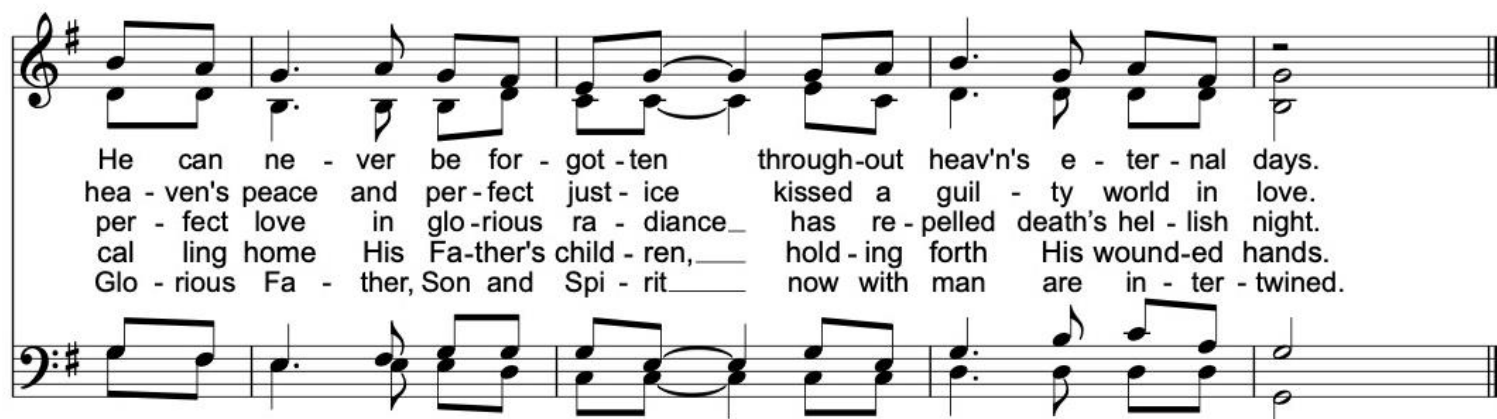
1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood,  
 2. On the Mount of Cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains op - ened deep and wide;  
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave.  
 4. That same love be - yond all mea - sure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men,  
 5. Here is love vast as the hea - vens; count - less as the stars a - bove



when the Prince of life, our ran - som shed for us His pre - cious blood.  
 through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.  
 Death has failed to be found e - qual to the life of Him who saves.  
 lives and reigns in res - ur - rect - ion and can ne - ver die a - gain.  
 are the souls that He has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, trea - sured sons.



Who His love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
 Grace and love, like migh - ty ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;  
 In the val - ley of our dark - ness dawned His e - ver - las - ting light;  
 Here is love for all the a - ges, ra - diant Sun of Heav'n He stands,  
 We are called to feast for - e - ver on a love be - yond our time.



He can ne - ver be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
 hea - ven's peace and per - fect just - ice kissed a guil - ty world in love.  
 per - fect love in glo - rious ra - diance has re - pelled death's hel - lish night.  
 cal - ling home His Fa - ther's child - ren, hold - ing forth His wound - ed hands.  
 Glo - rious Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit now with man are in - ter - twined.

# FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY

1. For He a - lone is wor - thy, For He a - lone is wor - thy,  
2. We'll give Him all the glo - ry, We'll give Him all the glo - ry,  
3. O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

For He a - lone is wor - thy, Christ the Lord!  
We'll give Him all the glo - ry, Christ the Lord!  
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

*Words: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)*  
*Music: John F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, (1751)*

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Music: Geneva Psalter (1551) Edition: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Public Domain*

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## WHO IS JESUS?

Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

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## FOLLOWING JESUS

**Baptism** is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

**Discipleship** is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

**Membership** is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

**Service** to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

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## VISITORS & GUESTS

**Welcome!** If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally. You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



**Families with Children** We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12 and childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

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## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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### Members' Meeting – TONIGHT

Members of FBC, please plan to join us for our Members' Meeting TONIGHT at 5pm.

### Fellowship Snack – TODAY

Plan to join us following the morning service today in the foyer for an extended time of fellowship and pumpkin bread!

### Ladies' Christmas Tea – December 7

Sisters, mark your calendars to join us for our annual Ladies' Christmas Tea on December 7<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming soon. Please begin praying about who you might invite to this evangelistic outreach.

### Membership Matters Class

If you are interested in learning more about membership here at FBC, mark your calendars and plan to attend the next session of Membership Matters on December 8, 15, and 22 at 9:30am. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please reach out to the church office at [office@franconiabaptist.org](mailto:office@franconiabaptist.org)

**Sermon Text for Next Week:** Amos 3:1-15

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