

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 66:5-9

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

All: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Hymn*

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn 196

Congregational Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your holy Word. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to put off sin and to put on Christ. Strengthen us in our fight against sin, and empower us to act, speak, and think in ways that glorify you, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” Hymn 198

Scripture Reading*

Isaiah 9:1-7

Hymn

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured” Hymn 429

Prayer

Sermon

“The Best Gift”
Isaiah 9:6

Pastor Ben Muresan

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“To Us a Child of Hope Is Born” Hymn 233 (sung to *Amazing Grace!*)

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.