



Sunday Morning Worship Celebration

Luke 13:22-30 |
The Narrow Door
of the Wide
Kingdom

April 6, 2025

The Gospel of
Luke: Love Came
Down

Gathering

Prelude

Announcements

Praise

Call to Worship | From Hebrews 12:2-3

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Let us consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

The Invocation

Praise | Holy, Holy, Holy [Karl Digerness (2008)]
Melody & lyrics from TH #100.

Praise | Behold Our God [Sovereign Grace Music]

Confession & Assurance

Need of Confession | Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.
We confess that it is still all too easy for us
to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,
your standards for status, your principles for promotion,
your absolutes for our ambition,
our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.
From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled.
Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit.
In the name of Jesus, who refused to save himself, we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Hymn | *And Can It Be* [The Village Chapel]

Corporate Prayer & Giving

The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

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 the 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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | "The Meditation Of My Heart"

By Elaine Hagenberg. Presented by the Chancel choir.

Doxology

TH #733

Hearing of the Word

Sermon | Luke 13:22-30, "The Narrow Door of the Wide Kingdom"

Affirmation of Faith | Philippians 2:3-11

Leader: How should we sacrificially love like Jesus?

People: *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Hymn of Response | *Jesus I My Cross Have Taken* [Indelible Grace]

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Benediction

Postlude
