

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and eternal God, Who sent Your only-begotten Son to be the Savior of the world: make Your salvation known to the ends of the earth, that in every Word, illumine and make glad the hearts of all who serve You in Your church. Grant us, and all Your people in Christ, the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; comfort us all by the presence of Him Who is Immanuel, God with us; that we may faithfully serve You, following Christ our Savior all our days, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE: "He Leadeth Me"

arr. Edward Broughton

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.
Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 117 (responsively)

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 3:16 and 1 John 4:10

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs. 1 & 3)

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory!

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: (8:00)

Pastor Mike Palombo

Justin and Patty Meulemans present their children, Braden Anthony and Isaac Andersen, for baptism.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)*

ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

(8:00)

"I Am Not Alone"

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me.
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome.
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear.
I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me, You will never leave me.
In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through.
The dark of night will not overtake me; I am pressing into You.
Lord, You fight my ev'ry battle; I will not fear.
You amaze me, redeem me, You call me as Your own.
You're my strength, You're my defender, You're my refuge in the storm.
Through these trials You've always been faithful;
You bring healing to my soul!

Adelheid Terry - Director

(11:00)

"Because of Love"

Into the darkness of a starless night, God spoke His truth and there was light.
There in the shadows of our hiding place, God found a way to make it bright.
Because of love, God gave us Jesus. Because of love, God sent His Son.
Because of love, God opened heaven.
Life is ours to live, joy is ours to give, because of love.
Into the moments when we feel alone, God speaks His grace and there is hope.
There, in the longing of our broken dreams, God finds a way to bring us home.

Lori Flowers - Director

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 78:1-8

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Story To Tell"

Pastor Shane Whelan

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison):

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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(11:00)

"Amazing Grace"

Sanctuary Choir

Marianne Forman

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 hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
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.
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, and grace will lead me home.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows on us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

EVANGEL

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*(PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW-BY-ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS)

*POSTLUDE:

"Rondo for Organ"

John Bull

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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