

Call to Worship

Jude 1:20-21

Minister: *Dear friends, you must build each other up in our most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.*

Minister: *In Whom do we look for help?*

People: Our help is from the Lord, creator of heaven and earth. (Ps. 124:8)

Invocation & Confession of Sin

Minister

Minister: *Let all that I am praise the Lord;*

People: He forgives all my sins. (Ps. 103:2-3)

✠Hymn of Worship

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, / Help us Thy name to sing, / Help us to praise: / Father! all glorious, / O'er all victorious, / Come, and reign over us, / Ancient of days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, / Gird on Thy mighty sword, / Our prayer attend! / Come, and Thy people bless, / And give Thy Word success: / Spirit of holiness, / On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, / Thy sacred witness bear / In this glad hour! / Thou, who almighty art, / Now rule in every heart / And ne'er from us depart, / Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, / Eternal praises be, / Hence evermore; / His sovereign majesty / May we in glory see, / And to eternity / Love and adore.

✠Prayer of Promise

The Book of Prayer, Matthew Henry

Leader: *We fall to our knees and pray to the Father, Creator of everything in heaven and earth. We pray that from the riches of Your glory, You will empower us with inner strength through Your Spirit, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, to know His love, and be filled with the fullness of God (Eph. 3:14-19)*

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*

People: His steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 136:1)

Hymn of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, / Son of God and Son of Man! / Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, / Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, / Robed in the blooming garb of spring: / Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, / Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, / And all the twinkling, starry host: / Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer / Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! / Son of God and Son of Man! / Glory and honor, praise, adoration, / Now and for evermore be Thine

Confession of Faith

Q.340 *The Geneva Catechism, John Calvin*

Leader: *What is the true meaning of the Lord's Supper?*

People: Through the signs of bread and wine, we remember His body given and His blood shed for us. By faith in this act, He nourishes our souls with the hope of eternal life and strengthens our trust in His completed work on the cross.

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

✠Hymn of Preparation

Marvelous Grace

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, / Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! / Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, / There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, / Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; / Grace, grace, God's grace, / Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, / Threaten the soul with infinite loss; / Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, / Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, / What can avail to wash it away? / Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; / Whiter than snow you may be today.

✠Scripture Reading

Minister

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Renton Rathbun

The Profound Mystery

Ephesians 5:28-33

✠Hymn of Response

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below; / Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. / Amen.

✠Hymn of Benediction

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember / No wrongs we have done? / Omniscient, all-knowing, / He counts not their sum; / Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Praise the Lord! / His mercy is more; / Stronger than darkness, new every morn, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

What patience would wait / As we constantly roam? / What Father, so tender, / Is calling us home; / He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Praise the Lord! / His mercy is more; / Stronger than darkness, new every morn, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

What riches of kindness / He lavished on us? / His blood was the payment, / His life was the cost; / We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Praise the Lord! / His mercy is more; / Stronger than darkness, new every morn, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

✠**Benediction**



The Holy Trinity

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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