

## Call to Worship

From Psalm 66:1, 8

**Minister:** *Shout for joy to God, all the earth; Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing His praises.*

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

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

## Invocation

Minister

### ✠Hymn of Worship

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! / O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! / All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, / Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, / Shelters Thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! / Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been / Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! / Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; / Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, / If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, / Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. / How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, / Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! / All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. / Let the Amen sound from His people again; / Gladly for aye we adore Him.

### ✠Prayer of Promise

*The Book of Prayer, Matthew Henry*

**Leader:** *O Lord, Yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. You are exalted as head over all. How majestic is Your name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens. We praise You, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being. (1 Chron. 29:11; Ps. 8:1; Rev. 4:11)*

**Leader:** *All glory be to God for His grace and mercy.*

**People:** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee / With sweetness fills my breast; / But sweeter far Thy face to see / And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, / Nor can the memory find / A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, / O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, / O joy of all the meek, / To those who fall, how kind Thou art! / How good to those who seek!

✠Those who are able, please stand.

But what to those who find? Ah, this / No tongue or pen can show; / The love of Jesus, what it is / None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, / As Thou our prize wilt be; / Jesus, be Thou our glory now / And through eternity.

## Confession of Faith

Q.329 *The Geneva Catechism, John Calvin*

**Leader:** *Why are infants baptized?*

**People:** So they may receive the visible sign and seal that they are heirs of the blessings God has promised to the children of believers. And when they grow older and understand their baptism, they may embrace its reality and live out its fruit.

## Pastoral Prayer

Minister

### ✠Hymn of Preparation

*O Worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above, / O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; / Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, / Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, / Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. / His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, / And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, / Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old; / Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, / And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? / It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; / It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, / And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, / In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; / Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, / Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! / While angels delight to hymn You above, / The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, / With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

### ✠Scripture Reading

Minister

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Dr. Renton Rathbun

*Foster Mothering*

Titus 2:3-5

### ✠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**

*Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King / Would welcome me. / I was lost but He brought me in. / O His love for me. O His love for me.

*Who the Son sets free, / O is free indeed. / I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me, / His grace runs deep. / While I was a slave to sin, / Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

*Who the Son sets free, / O is free indeed. / I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

*In my Father's house there's a place for me. / I'm a child of God, yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken. / I am who You say I am. / You are for me, not against me. / I am who You say I am. / (I am who You say I am.)

*Who the Son sets free, / O is free indeed. / I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

*In my Father's house there's a place for me. / I'm a child of God, yes, I am.*

✠**Benediction**



## Season of Easter

*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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