

Call to Worship

Psalms 138:1-2

Minister: *I give You thanks, O Lord, with all my heart. I will sing Your praises. I praise Your name for Your unfailing love and faithfulness. I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.*

Invocation

Minister

✠Hymn of Worship

All Praise to God

All praise to God, who reigns above, / The God of all creation, / The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, / The God of our salvation! / With healing balm my soul He fills, / The God who every sorrow stills, / To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made / His gracious mercy keepeth; / By morning dawn or evening shade / His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; / Within the kingdom of His might, / Lo, all is just and all is right, / To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: / Lord God, O, hear my calling! / For death He gave me life indeed / And kept my feet from falling. / For this my thanks shall endless be; / O thank Him, thank our God, with me, / To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, / His chosen generation; / He is their refuge and their rock, / Their peace and their salvation. / As with a mother's tender hand / He leads His own, His chosen band, / To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, / To God give praise and glory! / Ye who the Father's power proclaim, / To God give praise and glory! / All idols under foot be trod, / The Lord is God! The Lord is God! / To God all praise and glory!

✠Prayer of Promise

The Book of Prayer, Matthew Henry

Leader: *O Lord, You are the Most High who rules over the kingdoms of mankind. You give authority to whoever You wish. Mankind seeks favour at the hands of their rulers, but true justice comes only from You. Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigns, and does according to the determinations of His sovereign will. Let Him alone be praised.* (Dan. 4:25; Prov. 29:26; Rev. 19:6; Eph. 1:11-12)

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

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

My Hope Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord / Who gave Himself for me, / And paid the price / Of all my sin at Calvary.

For me He died, / For me He lives, / And everlasting life and light / He freely gives.

No merit of my own / His anger to suppress, / My only hope is found / In

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Jesus' righteousness.

And now for me He stands / Before the Father's throne, / He shows His wounded hands, / And names me as His own.

His grace has planned it all, / 'Tis mine but to believe, / And recognize His work of love / And Christ receive.

Confession of Faith

Q.127 *The Geneva Catechism*, John Calvin

Leader: *Does faith serve as the root from which all good works originate?*

People: Yes. And therefore, the entire teaching of the gospel is contained in these two points: faith and repentance.

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

✠Hymn of Preparation

Yet Not I, But Through Christ

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. / There is no more for heaven now to give. / He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, / My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. / For my life is wholly bound to His. / Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! / Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, / For by my side, the Saviour He will stay. / I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, / For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. / Through the deepest valley He will lead. / Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! / Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, / The future sure, the price, it has been paid. / For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, / And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. / Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. / Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! / Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, / For He has said that He will bring me home. / And day by day I know He will renew me / Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. / All the glory evermore to Him. / When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: / Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

✠Scripture Reading

Minister

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus Our Teacher, Part 3

Dr. Renton Rathbun
Ephesians 4:20-24

✠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

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor / In the fury of the storm; / When the winds of doubt blow through me / And my sails have all been torn.

In the suffering, in the sorrow, / When my sinking hopes are few, / I will hold fast to the Anchor; / It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor / While the tempest rages on; / When temptation claims the battle / And it seems the night has won.

Deeper still then goes the Anchor, / Though I justly stand accused. / I will hold fast to the Anchor, / It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor / Through the floods of unbelief. / Hopeless somehow, oh my soul, now, / Lift your eyes to Calvary.

This my ballast of assurance, / See His love forever proved. / I will hold fast to the Anchor, / It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady Anchor / As we face the wave of death. / When these trials give way to glory, / As we draw our final breath.

We will cross that great horizon, / Clouds behind and life secure. / And the calm will be the better, / For the storms that we endure.

Christ, the sure of our salvation, / Ever faithful, ever true. / We will hold fast to the Anchor, / It shall never be removed.

✠Benediction



Season of Epiphany

*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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