

## Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:2, 3

**Minister:** *For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon You and His glory will be seen upon You. All nations will come to the Light; mighty kings will come to see Your radiance.*

## Invocation

Minister

### ✠Hymn of Worship

*How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, / Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! / What more can He say than to you / He hath said, / To you who for refuge to Jesus have led?

Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, / For I am your God, and will still give you aid; / I'll strengthen you, help you, / And cause you to stand, / Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials / Thy pathway shall lie, / My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply: / The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design / Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose / I will not, I will not desert to its foes; / That soul, though all hell / Should endeavor to shake, / I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

### ✠Prayer of Promise

*The Book of Prayer, Matthew Henry*

**Leader:** *O Lord, the highest heavens are Yours, including the countless stars. The earth is Yours and everything in it, the world and everyone who lives in it. You hold in Your hands the depths of the seas and the peaks of the mountains. The oceans are Yours, for You made them, and Your hands formed the continents. Every beast in forest and jungle is Yours, and the cattle on a thousand hills. In Your hand is the life of everything, and the breath of all mankind.* (Ps. 115:16; 24:1; 95:3-5; 50:10; Job 12:10)

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

**People:** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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.

Behold the man upon a cross, / My sin upon His shoulders. / Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice / Call out among the scoffers. / It was my sin that held Him there / Until it was accomplished; / His dying breath has brought me life; / I know that it is finished.

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

✠Those who are able, please stand.

reward? / I cannot give an answer. / But this I know with all my heart: / His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Confession of Faith

Q.123 *The Geneva Catechism, John Calvin*

**Leader:** *In what way do good deeds become pleasing to God?*

**People:** It is by faith alone that makes them acceptable. With this confidence, we can rest assured that they will not face the final judgment under God's strict scrutiny. Instead, by the purity of Christ covering there impurities and stains, God will regard them as if they were perfect.

## Pastoral Prayer

Minister

### ✠Hymn of Preparation

*Be Still, My Soul*

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side; / Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; / Leave to your God to order and provide; / In every change He faithful will remain. / Be still, my soul! your best, your heavenly Friend / Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! your God will undertake / To guide the future as He has the past. / Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; / shall be bright at last. / Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know / His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart, / And all is darkened in the vale of tears, / Then shall you better know His love, His heart, / Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. / Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay / From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on / When we shall be forever with the Lord, / When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, / Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. / Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past, / All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### ✠Sermon Scripture Reading

Minister

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Sermon

Dr. Renton Rathbun

*Gentiles No Longer*

Ephesians 4:17-20

### ✠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

*All Glory Be to Christ*

Should nothing of our efforts stand, / No legacy survive; / Unless the Lord does raise the house, / In vain its builders strive. / To you who boast tomorrow's gain, / Tell me, what is your life? / A mist that vanishes at dawn, / All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ, our King, / All glory be to Christ! / His rule and reign we'll  
ever sing, / All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, / His kingdom come, / On earth as is above; / Who is  
Himself our daily bread, / Praise Him the Lord of love. / Let living water  
satisfy / The thirsty without price; / We'll take a cup of kindness yet, / All  
glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am, / The faithful and the true; / The Lamb, who  
was for sinners slain, / Is making all things new. / Behold our God shall live  
with us / And be our steadfast light, / And we shall e're his people be, / All  
glory be to Christ!

### ✠Benediction



## 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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