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WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

All creatures of our God and King, lift up Your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that is so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him Alleluia! Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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“COME TO THE WATER”

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord.
And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
without money, without strife,
why should you spend your life, except for the Lord.

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord;
all who labor, without rest, How can your soul find rest, except for Lord
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord;
bring the children without might. Easy the load and light;

Chorus

**Come to the Lord. Come to the Lord.
Come to the Lord. Come to the Lord
I will run to you. I will run to you. I will run to you, my Lord!
I will run to you. I will run to you. I will run to you my Lord!**

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P By choosing to come together and worship God here today, you have chosen a good thing! He is about to bless us with His gifts that we may know Him and His love more deeply. What do you hope to receive here today?

C I know that I will receive God's gifts of love, mercy and grace. In response I want to offer Him my worship and praise; I join God's family here in praying before His throne.

P So we're here, then, to worship God. What is it you believe about God?

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

**Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We quietly confess our sins to God...)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, I confess that I am in my flesh sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon your heartfelt and sincere confession as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OFFERING **“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.

Chorus 1

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. **(CHORUS 1)**

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.

Chorus 2

**America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine**

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.

Chorus 3

**America! America! God shed His grace on Thee
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"MY JESUS"

Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling? 'Cause shame's done all its stealing?
And you're desperate for some healing? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Chorus

**He makes a way where there ain't no way,
rises up from an empty grave.**

ain't no sinner that He can't save.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus!

**His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for you what He's done for me.**

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus!

And let my Jesus change your life!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Amen!

Who can wipe away the tears, from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear? Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
And all the wrong turns that you would, go and undo if you could.
Who can work it all for your good? Let me tell you about my Jesus!
(CHORUS)

Who would take my cross to Calvary, pay the price for all my guilty.
Who would care that much about me? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus!

(CHORUS)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Amen!

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FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

MESSAGE

BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
How great Thou art!"*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **Chorus**

How great Thou art!

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Blessed is the nation whose
God is the Lord; and the
people whom he hath chosen
for his own inheritance.
Psalms 33:12