

**Announcements and \*Welcome!**

- We welcome you to our service today! It is a blessing when God's people gather to worship Him in spirit and truth! We trust those visiting for the first time will sense our desire to follow a pattern of worship derived from God's word; the priorities of which are outlined in the major headings in this order of worship. We invite visitors to sign our Guest Book and to acquire resources regarding our church and mission.
- Each Sunday we participate in a sacrament instituted by Christ to express our communion with him, one another, and to remember Gospel truths. When coming to the Lord's Table, participants are stating that they are baptized believers and active members, in 'good standing,' with a creed confessing church acknowledging Christ alone as the savior of sinners. The sacraments teach us to "see & sense" the promises of Christ.
- We encourage "family worship." Families with young children who practice this at home are welcome to stay for the service. Above all, this time is set apart to focus attention upon God's attributes and actions! Please be sensitive to "distractions" by utilizing our "childcare room" which is staffed by volunteers each Sunday.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

**Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent**

**\*Opening Hymn – Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morn' #372**

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning!  
Joy to the lands that in darkness have lain!  
Hushed be the accents of sorrow and mourning;  
Zion in triumph begins her mild reign.

*Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning!  
Long by the prophets of Israel foretold!  
Hail to the millions from bondage returning!  
Gentiles and Jews the blest vision behold.*

See, from all lands, from the isles of the ocean,  
Praise to Jehovah ascending on high;  
Fall'n are the engines of war and commotion,  
Shouts of salvation are rending the sky.

**\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 67:1-12*

**Elder** – May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

**All** – That Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

**Elder** – Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**All** – Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**\*Confession and Cleansing**

*Prayers of Adoration & Confession & Assurance of Pardon*

**Holy God, You alone know how often we have sinned against You: in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love; in neglecting the needs of others. Have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways in which we have transgressed Your holy law. Cleanse us from our known and hidden faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior....**

**Praise Song – His Love Endures Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King – His love endures forever!  
For He is good, He is above all things – His love endures forever!  
Sing praise, sing praise; sing praise, sing praise...

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm – His love endures forever!  
For the life that has been reborn – His love endures forever!  
Sing praise, sing praise; sing praise, sing praise...

*Forever God is faithful! Forever God is strong!  
Forever God is with us – forever, and ever, forever...*

From the rising to the setting sun – His love endures forever!  
By the grace of God we will carry on – His love endures forever!  
Sing praise, sing praise; sing praise, sing praise...

**Consecration by the Word**

**Old Testament Law – Genesis 11:1 – 9**

*(The account of all manner of people being dispersed upon the earth.)*

**Old Testament Prophet – Isaiah 42:1 – 9**

*(The promise of the Messiah to restore the discouraged in every land, and to make all things new.)*

**Reader** – The words of the Lord.      **Congregation** – Thanks be to God.

**Psalm – 22:27 – 31**

*(Melita)*

All ends of earth will turn to Him; the Lord they will again recall,  
The nation's families all will come, to worship and before Him fall;  
Because the Lord the kingdom owns, and rules above all earthly thrones.

*All those who proper in the earth will eat, and low, before Him bend,  
And in His presence all will bow, who helpless to the dust descend,  
Who even though they vainly strive, can never keep their souls alive.*

A Seed will rise to do His will and of the Lord be made aware,  
The generations that will come will then his righteousness declare,  
The people who are yet to be, that He has done this; it was He.

**New Testament Gospel – Luke 24:36 – 53**

*(A post-resurrection appearance of Jesus.)*

**New Testament Epistle – Revelation 21:22 – 27**

*(A vision of "The New Jerusalem," which will be inhabited by people of all nations.)*

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**\*Hymn – Amazing Grace (My Chains Fell Off)**

'Amazing grace,' how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved,  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed...*

*My chains are gone; I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me!  
And like a flood, His mercy rains – unending love;*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures,  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures...

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below, will be forever mine... (CHORUS)*

**Sermon:**

***"He Has Given Assurance!"***

*(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Acts 17:22-34)*

**Coming Together as the Church**

**Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed**

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried, (he descended into hell.) The third day He arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Offering**

*[Please pass the offering baskets through your section toward the back. If you have a special prayer request, please fill out a prayer card (available at the entry table) and place it in the offering basket. Thank you.]*

**Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Through the Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**\*Song of Preparation –**

*(Old 100th)*

Thy cov'nant kindness did of old, our fathers and their seed enfold;  
An ancient promise standing sure; and shall, while heav'n & earth endure.

*This little one in mercy take; body and soul for Jesus' sake.  
Resting in faith, & hope, & love; we claim Thy steadfast word to prove.*

The cleansing outward sign applied, speaks of a pledge, now sanctified,  
The church, her feet, to mark her ways; to walk with Christ for endless days.

*[See text box on opposite side of page]*

**Commissioning of the Church**

**\*Closing Prayer & Song of Simeon; Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvations' dawn, this child so long foretold.  
This is the savior of the world, the nation's promised Light.  
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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☐ Please join us after the service for refreshments and a family reception! ☐