

*Let us prepare to worship the living God*

- *The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.*

# Prelude

**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND CALLS  
HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM**

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls us to worship Him.

As we are gathered as His people let us openly  
declare:

**Our help is in the Name of the LORD Who  
made heaven and earth.**

- **Call to Worship**

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For  
His lovingkindness is everlasting.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, Whom He  
has redeemed from the hand of the adversary  
and gathered from the lands, from the east and  
from the west, from the north and from  
the south.**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

**Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men! Let them extol Him also in the**

**congregation of the people, and praise Him  
at the seat of the elders.**

*Psalm 124:8*

*Psalm 107: 1-3,8,9,31-32*



- **Opening Prayer**  
*(Prayer led by Pastor)*

- **Psalm 113**

*“I Will Praise the Lord, My Rock”*

Praise the Lord, all you who serve Him,  
praise the Lord through all your days,  
then throughout eternal ages,  
for the Lord deserves your praise!  
Praise the Lord in every language,  
every nation, clan, and tribe;  
everywhere the sunlight touches  
may His Name be glorified!

Praise the Lord's majestic greatness;  
no one can compare with Him!  
Sov'reign over earth and heaven—  
we proclaim His matchless name!

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Yes He condescends to help us,  
showing mercy to His own,  
lifting high the poor and needy,  
giving barren ones a home!

Praise the Savior who is worthy,  
humble Lamb for sinners slain.  
By His blood He sealed our pardon,  
so we glorify His Name!

People drawn from every nation  
bow before the sov'reign Lord;  
praise and service let us render  
to our King forevermore!

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS,  
TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE**

*The Ten Commandments*  
*Exodus 20:1-17*

**We Pray and Confess Our Sin**  
(Prayer led by Pastor)

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.



• **Hymn**

*“His Mercy Is More”*

What love could remember no wrongs we have  
done

Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## Refrain

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

A What patience would wait as we constantly  
roam

What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more  
*[Refrain]*

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the  
cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more  
*[Refrain]*

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Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

- **We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Larger Catechism*



Q 25. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

**A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto  
man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first  
sin,<sup>1</sup> the want of that righteousness wherein  
he was created, and the corruption of his  
nature, whereby he is utterly indisposed,  
disabled, and made opposite unto all that is  
spiritually good, and wholly inclined to all  
evil, and that continually;<sup>2</sup>**

**which is commonly called Original Sin, and from  
which do proceed all actual transgressions.<sup>3</sup>**

*1. Rom 5:12, 19; 2. Rom 3:10–19; Eph 2:1–3; Rom  
5:6; 8:7–8; Gen 6:5; 3. Jas 1:14–15; Mt 15:19*

Q 26. How is original sin conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity?

**A. Original sin is conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity by natural generation, so as all that proceed from them in that way are conceived and born in sin.<sup>1</sup>**

*1. Ps 51:5; Job 14:4; 15:14; Jn 3:6*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Proverbs 28:1-14*

*Children in PreK—1st Grade  
are dismissed for Children's Church*

# **We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*“There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.”*

*~Proverbs 11:24-25~*



- **Hymn**

*“Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver”*

Lord, Thou lov'st the cheerful giver,  
who with open heart and hand  
blesses freely, as a river  
that refreshes all the land.

Grant us then the grace of giving  
with a spirit large and free,  
that our life and all our living  
we may consecrate to thee.

We are Thine, Thy mercy sought us,  
found us in death's dreadful way,  
to the fold in safety brought us,  
nevermore from thee to stray.

Thine own life thou freely gavest  
as an off'ring on the cross  
for each sinner whom Thou savest  
from eternal shame and loss.

Blest by Thee with gifts and graces,  
may we heed Thy church's call;  
gladly in all times and places  
give to Thee who givest all.

Thou hast bought us, and no longer  
can we claim to be our own;  
ever free and ever stronger,  
we shall serve thee, Lord, alone.

Savior, Thou hast freely given  
all the blessings we enjoy,  
earthly store and bread of heaven,  
love and peace without alloy;  
humbly now we bow before Thee,  
and our all to Thee resign;  
for the kingdom, pow'r, and glory  
are, O Lord, forever Thine.

- **Prayer for God's Provision**

*Ruling Elder*



● **The Doxology**

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**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.**

# **New Testament Scripture Reading**

*Hebrews 12:1-13*



# Pastoral Prayer

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US  
THROUGH HIS WORD**

# Scripture Reading

*1 John 4:7-21*

# Sermon

*“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND  
TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER**

# Hymn #399

*“We Are God’s People”*

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Him we stand:  
O let us live transparently  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return

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For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return

The gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.



We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family,  
Diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall his work on earth be done.



**THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT**

- **God's People Receive His Blessing**

Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!