

GATHER

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

Call to Worship —based on Psalm 51

May your love and mercy
be upon us today, O Lord.

Cleanse and refresh us from every transgression.

Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

***and the recreating power
of your Spirit make us new.***

Have mercy upon us O God,

***and let your Spirit lead us
in truth and righteousness. Amen.***

Professing Our Faith

from Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Days 2-3

How do you come to know your misery?

The law of God tells me.

What does God's law require of us?

***Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew
22—Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength. This is the first and
greatest commandment. And the second is like
it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law
and the Prophets hang on these two
commandments.***

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

***No. I have a natural tendency to hate
God and my neighbor.***

Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

***No. God created them good and in his own
image, that is, in true righteousness and
holiness, so that they might truly know God
their creator, love him with all their heart,
and live with him in eternal happiness
for his praise and glory.***

Then where does this corrupt

human nature come from?

***From the fall and disobedience of our first
parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall
has so poisoned our nature that we are born
sinners—corrupt from conception on.***

But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable
to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

***Yes, unless we are born again,
by the Spirit of God.***

Morning Prayers

LISTEN

Moment with Children

Portions of Genesis 3 & Job 1

“Not the Way It’s Supposed to Be”

OFFER

Time of Renewal

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what
we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and
mind and strength. We have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive
what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your holy name. Through Christ,
our Lord.***

Moment of Silent Prayer

Words of Encouragement — Ephesians 2:4-5

Because of his great love for us, God,
who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead in transgressions—
it is by grace you have been saved.

This is the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Extending God’s Peace

Call to Discipleship & Benediction

based on 1 Corinthians 16:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace:

have courage; hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil; help the suffering;
honor all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With God’s help we will.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and
remain with you forever.

Amen.

SING

Come As You Are

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Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
O wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Come as you are, fall in His arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

This is Amazing Grace

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Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (Repeat 2x)
Worthy worthy worthy*

Professing Our Faith — Way #6

As a child, I understood sin to be “doing bad things.” Now I see how deceptive my heart is, and how lies and power games are present everywhere: relationships, churches, theologies, social and economic systems. Even “the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time” (Romans 8:22). This devastation throws me on my knees before the throne of grace and compels me to trust and follow as Jesus leads me in and through the brokenness.

How Marvelous/I Stand Amazed

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I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows;
He made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me

Sending

Let us go forth to serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!