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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise him
For he is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to his temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth
Prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord O let
All that is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him

Invocation

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

***The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Psalm 150, Praise The Lord

You made the starry host
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies your splendor

Chorus

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Sing his greatness all creation
Praise the Lord raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust
With love your Spirit breathed
You formed us in your very likeness
To know your wondrous works
To tell your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Chorus

continued

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Sing his greatness all creation
Praise the Lord raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:16

Adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 76;
Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 112

Minister: What is the ninth commandment?

People: The ninth commandment is: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?

People: God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 53:6, 12

Minister: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

(8:30) Reception of New Members

(11:00) Sacrament of Baptism

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

The 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

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

“The Road to Nowhere”

Ruth 1:1-5

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

continued

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

Benediction

Postlude

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