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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 104:31-34

Minister: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
 may the LORD rejoice in his works,
 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
 who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
 for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at his command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with his Word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from thy throne
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care
And everywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there

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

Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:19-25

Minister: What is true of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ?

All: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Psalm 130, I Will Wait For You

Lord from the depths I call to you
Lord hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
When I for mercy cry

Out of the depths I cry to you
In darkest places I will call
Incline your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways
How could I come before your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

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Chorus

*I will wait for you I will wait for you
On your Word I will rely
I will wait for you surely wait for you
Till my soul is satisfied*

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in his power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Chorus

Now he has come to make a way
And God himself has paid the price
That all who trust in him today
Find healing in his sacrifice

Chorus

I will wait for you I will wait for you
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for you surely wait for you
For your love is my delight

I wait my soul waits for the Lord
My hope is in his Word
More than the watchman waits for dawn
My soul waits for the LORD

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:17

Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 146-147

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 81-82

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 115

Minister: What is the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment is: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Minister: What does the tenth commandment require?

People: The tenth commandment requires that we be so completely satisfied with our own status in life and have such a proper, loving attitude toward others that we are naturally inclined to wish the best for them and all their possessions.

Minister: What does the tenth commandment forbid?

People: The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.

Minister: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

All: Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.

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Minister: No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly:
Why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

All: First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws.

We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 6:23

Minister: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

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

"Back to Bethlehem"

Ruth 1:6-22

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Benediction

Postlude

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