

# ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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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**

Select verses from Psalm 104

Minister: O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
    In wisdom have you made them all;  
    the earth is full of your creatures.  
These all look to you,  
    to give them their food in due season.  
When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
    when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
  
Let us worship the Lord our provider!

**Hymn of Praise**

**Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing**

Come thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I'm come  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above

**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 Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #29, 31

Minister: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

**People: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

Minister: Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

**People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

## Love Divine

Love divine all loves excelling  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down  
Fill us with thy humble dwelling  
All thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus thou art all compassion  
Pure unbounded love thou art  
Visit us with thy salvation  
Enter every trembling every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast  
Let us all in thee inherit  
Let us find thy promised rest  
Take away the love of sinning  
Alpha and Omega be  
End of faith as its beginning  
Set our hearts at liberty at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver  
Let us all thy life receive  
Suddenly return and never  
Nevermore thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing  
Serve thee as thy hosts above  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing  
Glory in thy perfect in thy perfect love

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Finish then thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in heav'n we take our place  
Till we cast our crowns before thee  
Lost in wonder love in wonder love and praise

### **Call to Confession**

Mark 7:14-16, 21-23

Minister: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

### **Public Confession**

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

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**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Minister: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

#### **People: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the Light of Life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In his living in his suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hellbound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him  
Praise the Lord he is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

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## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Tithes And Offerings**

## **Musical Offering**

### **All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior  
All will be well  
Free and changeless is his favor  
All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation  
All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation  
All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow  
All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow  
All is well  
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On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living and in dying  
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## **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**

#### **"Living Under Divine Providence"**

*Psalm 127*

Marcelo Jakubovic

## **Closing Song**

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am 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

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

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

And when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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