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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 95:1-2

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear him ye deaf his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

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

Romans 8:31-39

Minister: What do we know about God's love for us?

All: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

**“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”**

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand
What comes apart from his command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

continued

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ he lives Christ he lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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Call to Confession

Exodus 20:4-6

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 49-52

Minister: What is the second commandment?

People: The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Exodus 20:4-6)

Minister: What is required in the second commandment?

People: The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

Minister: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

People: The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images - or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Minister: What are the reasons for the second commandment?

People: The reasons for the second commandment are that God totally rules over us, that we belong to him, and that he is eager to be worshipped correctly.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins, and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that he was born like us that we might become like him. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:6-8

Minister: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

I Set My Hope

When this life of trials tests my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

*I set my hope on Jesus
My Rock, my only trust
Who set his heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus*

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

continued

Though the world call me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
'Till I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus

I set my hope on Jesus
My Rock, my only trust
Who set his heart upon me first
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Elder 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 "Look, See, Wonder, and Be Astounded"

Habakkuk 1:1-11

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word
What more can he say than to you he has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to his foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

Benediction Postlude