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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 62:5-8; 11-12

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Once God has spoken;

twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

Let us worship our powerful and loving God together!

## **Hymn of Praise**

## O Worship The King

O worship the King all glorious above And gratefully sing his wonderful love Our Shield and Defender The Ancient of Days Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail In thee do we trust nor find thee to fail Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

All hail to the King in splendor enthroned
Glad praises we bring
Thy wonders make known
Returning victorious great conqueror of sin
King Jesus all glorious our vict'ry will win

#### **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 #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

#### **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

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 and praise

Call to Confession Luke 15:17-19

Leader:

But when [the younger son] came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I

am no longer worthy to be called your son."

## **Public Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against you and are guilty

before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues:

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;

for resentment, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after

more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have

already given us.

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts:

All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride,

self-absorption, partiality, self-pity and, above all, for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love. Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, and melt our hearts. Give grace to

be holy, kind, gentle and pure, to live for you and not for

ourselves, being transformed into your likeness.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

**Ephesians 1:7** 

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of

sins, according to the riches of his grace.

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

"In His Own Image" Genesis 1:26-27 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 forsake

## **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

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