

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Prepare your hearts for worship.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER**

*Psalms 95:6-7a*

Come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**For he is our God, and we are the  
people of his pasture, and the sheep  
of his hand.**

**\*THE KING OF LOVE**

*Henry Baker & I Am They*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never. I  
nothing lack if I am his. And he is mine  
forever. And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my  
ransomed soul he leadeth. And where  
the verdant pastures grow with food  
celestial feedeth

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart,  
everlasting, Lover of my soul. On the  
mountain high or in the valley low, the  
King of Love my Shepherd is, the King  
of Love my Shepherd is.*

Lost and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in  
love He sought me. And on his  
shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing  
brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy rod  
and staff my comfort still, thy cross  
before to guide me.

So through all the length of days Thy  
goodness faileth never. Good  
Shepherd, may I sing Your praise,  
within Your house forever, within Your  
house forever.

**\*HOW GREAT THOU ART**

*Stuart Hine*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome  
wonder, consider all the worlds Thy  
hands have made. I see the stars, I  
hear the rolling thunder, Thy power  
throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to  
Thee: How great Thou art, how great  
Thou art! (2x)*

And when I think that God, His Son not  
sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can  
take it in; That on the cross, my burden  
gladly bearing, He bled and died to take  
away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of  
acclamation and take me home, what  
joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow  
in humble adoration, And there  
proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Philemon*

**OFFERING**

**\*THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD**

*Maltbie Babcock*

This is my Father's world, and to my  
list'ning ears, all nature sings and  
'round me rings the music of the  
spheres. This is my Father's world, I  
rest me in the thought of rocks and  
trees of skies and seas; His hand the  
wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world the birds their  
carols raise, the morning light the lily  
white declare their Maker's praise. This  
is my Father's world. He shines in all  
that's fair in the rust'ling grass I hear  
Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me  
ne'er forget that though the wrong  
seems oft so strong God is the Ruler  
yet. This is my Father's world why  
should my heart be sad, the Lord is  
King let heavens ring, God reigns let  
earth be glad.

**SERMON**

*Ecclesiastes 7:1-12*

Living For Something Better

**\*CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE**

*Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson*

Mine are days that God has numbered.  
I was made to walk with Him. Yet I look  
for worldly treasure and forsake the  
King of kings. But mine is hope in my  
Redeemer though I fall His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing I  
am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,  
darkness not yet understood. Through  
the valley I must travel, where I see no  
earthly good. But mine is peace that  
flows from heaven. And the strength in  
times of need. I know my pain will not  
be wasted Christ completes His work in  
me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,  
pilgrim on a narrow way. One with  
Christ I will encounter harm and hatred  
for His name. But mine is armor for this  
battle, strong enough to last the war.  
And He has said He will deliver safely  
to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where  
beside the King I walk. For there my  
heart has found its treasure Christ is  
mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now O my soul, for His  
love is my reward. Fear is gone and  
hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore  
(2x).

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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.<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Heidelberg Catechism 44: Why does the creed  
add, "He descended to hell"? A. To assure me in  
times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ  
my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain,  
and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also  
earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and  
torment of hell.

<sup>2</sup> "catholic" means universal

**CONFESSION OF SIN &  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG**

Holy God, in love, became, Perfect  
Man to bear my blame. On the cross  
He took my sin. By His death I live  
again.

