

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Prepare your hearts for worship.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 134*

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

**Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM**

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

Hear the call of the kingdom. Lift your eyes to the King. Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering. Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem all who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.

Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.

*King of Heaven we will answer the call, we will follow bringing hope to the world, filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost, with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross. Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come. Let the nations put their trust in Him.

**\*FAIREST LORD JESUS**

*von Fallersleben; Seiss*

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son. Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host. Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man. Glory and honor praise adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

**AFTERNOON PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Psalm 95*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 106. *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*

**A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.**

Q. 107. *What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

**A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer, which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. And in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**\*HOLY SPIRIT**

*Keith Getty; Stuart Townsend*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude, kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice that in unity the

face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

**SERMON**

*Luke 2:1-7*

The Messiah in a Manger

**\*EL SHADDAI**

*Michael Card*

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai, age to age you're still the same by the power of the name. El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkamka na adonai, we will Praise and Lift you high El Shaddai.*

Through Your Love and through the ram You saved the son of Abraham. And by the power of your hand turned the sea into dry land. To the outcast on her knees You were the God who really sees and by your might you set your children free.

Through the years you made it clear that the time of Christ was near. Though the people failed to see what messiah ought to be. Though your word contained the plan they just could not understand Your most awesome work was done through the frailty of your son.

**\*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.

