

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prepare your hearts for worship.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalms 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**HOW SWEET AND AWFUL**

Isaac Watts

How sweet and awful is the place with Christ within the doors while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cry with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear thy voice and enter while there's room, when thousands make a wretched choice and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; send thy victorious Word abroad and bring the strangers home.

We long to see thy churches full, that all the chosen race may with one voice and heart and soul sing thy redeeming grace.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME**

Edward Perronet, John Rippon

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

AFTERNOON PRAYER**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalms 98

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING***BE THOU MY VISION**

Mary Byrne

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, Oh bright Heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, oh Ruler of all.

SERMON

Luke 2:41-52

I Must Be In My Father's House

***BY GRACE ALONE**

Martin Luther; David Ward

Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord, hear my voice of pleading; bend down Your gracious ear, I pray, Your humble servant heeding. If You remember each misdeed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can remain before You? Only by grace, by grace alone.

Your pardon is a gift of love, Your grace alone must save us, our works will not remove our guilt, the strictest life would fail us. Let none in deeds or merits boast, but let us own the Holy Ghost for He alone can change us: only by grace, by grace alone.

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth. Our kind and faithful Shepherd He, Who will set all His people free from all their sin and sorrow: only by grace, by grace alone.

***BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG**

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.

