

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Prepare your hearts for worship.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER**

*Psalms 113:1; 116:13-14*

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

**We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. We will pay our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people.**

**I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD**

*Isaac Watts*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food. He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good. Lord how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye. If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne. While all that borrows life from You is ever in your care. And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there!

**\*BEHOLD OUR GOD**

*Sovereign Grace Music*

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him. Behold our*

*King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

*You will reign forever!  
(Let Your glory fill the earth) (6x)*

**RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS & COVENANT BAPTISM**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*2 Peter 3:1-13*

**OFFERING**

**\*OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST**

*Isaac Watts*

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

**SERMON**

*Psalms 90 Number Our Days*

**\*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**  
*Martin Luther*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

**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**

O praise the Father, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sinners given and Holy Spirit, through whom alone, our hearts are raised to Heaven.

