



## Worship · Witness · Walk in Love

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

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### Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

#### WELCOME AND INVOCATION

##### CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 24:1-4

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.

##### FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.  
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.*

For Thyself, best Gift Divine,  
To the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of Thine:  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.*

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#### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day 35

Q96. What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

**A. That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his Word.**

Deut. 4:15-19; Isa. 40:18-25; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:22-23; Lev. 10:1-7; 1 Sam. 15:22-23; John 4:23-24

Q97. *May we then not make any image at all?*

**A. God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.**

Ex. 34:13-14, 17; 2 Kings 18:4-5

Q98. *But may not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned?*

**A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God. He wants his people instructed by the living preaching of his Word—not by idols that cannot even talk.**

Rom. 10:14-15, 17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19; Jer. 10:8; Hab. 2:18-20

### **FAIREST LORD JESUS**

Fairest Lord Jesus!

Ruler of all nature!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cherish,

Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

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.

Fair are the meadows;

Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior!

Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of man!

Glory and honor,

Praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine!

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### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT - Joel 2:12-13**

*"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments.*

**Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.**

## **WE LONG TO SEE YOU**

Almighty God we long to see you  
Open our hearts and make them pure  
Spirit we wash our hands in mercy  
Come teach our souls to love your truth

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## **SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 131 A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.**

- O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.
- <sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- <sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

## **SERMON Ordinary Prayers: Be Still My Soul, Rev. Darin Stone**

### **WE REST ON THEE**

We rest on Thee our shield and our defender  
We go not forth alone against the foe  
Strong in Thy strength safe in Thy keeping tender  
We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go  
Strong in Thy strength safe in Thy keeping tender  
We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go

Yes in Thy name O Captain of salvation  
In Thy dear name all other names above  
Jesus our Righteousness our sure Foundation  
Our Prince of glory and our King of love  
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We go in faith our own great weakness feeling  
And needing more each day Thy grace to know  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing  
We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing  
We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go

We rest on Thee our Shield and our Defender  
Thine is the battle Thine shall be the praise  
When passing through the gates of pearly splendour  
Victors we rest with Thee through endless days  
When passing through the gates of pearly splendour  
Victors we rest with Thee through endless days

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 and ever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION - Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.

And that is what we are!

**MAY OUR GOD BE KNOWN**

May our God be known for his grace;

may the earth rejoice in his blessing.

May our God be known for his love,  
and the smile that shines from His face.

May Your way be known on the earth

so that all the nations will sing

and rejoice in knowing the God of grace!

Let the nations sing and be glad

for the Lord is coming with justice.

Let the nations sing and be glad  
for our God is coming with peace.

\* Now let all the ends of the earth

fill with holy wonder and joy,

for our God is coming to reign as king!

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