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

Ordinary Time

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WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP - Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.

Take my self and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day 36

Q99. *What is God's will for us in the third commandment?*

A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, pray to him, and praise him in everything we do and say.

Q100. *Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and forbid it?*

A. Yes, indeed. No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry; than blaspheming his name. That is why he commanded the death penalty for it.

| HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL | |
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| I do not ask to see the way My feet will have to tread But only that my soul will feed Upon the living bread 'Tis better far that I should walk In faith close by his side I may not know the way I go But oh I know my guide <i>His love can never fail; His love can never fail</i> <i>My soul is satisfied to know: His love can never fail</i> <i>My soul is satisfied to know: His love can never fail</i> And if my feet would go astray They cannot for I know That Jesus guides my faltering steps As joyfully I go And though I may not see his face My faith is strong and clear That in each hour of sore distress My Savior will be near | I will not fear though darkness comes Abroad o'er all the land If I may only feel the touch Of his own loving hand And though I tremble when I think How weak I am and frail My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail |
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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.

THE LONGING

These things unseen won't cripple me
I place my hope in You
This deep desire this longing hour
I'm falling into You
Love is and always was
The longing placed inside my heart
To know You and be known by You (repeat)

This place this time won't satisfy
My soul was made for You
My eyes behold what's beautiful
And I belong to You
Love is and always was
The longing placed inside my heart
To know You and be known by You (3x)

How I long, How I long, Oh how I long for You

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SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 5

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: FOR THE FLUTES. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.
- 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.
- 3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
- 4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

- 9 For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.
- 12 For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

SERMON Ordinary Prayers: Through the Abundance of Your Steadfast Love

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

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| May our God be known for his grace; may the earth rejoice in his blessing. | Let the nations sing and be glad for the Lord is coming with justice. |
| May our God be known for his love, and the smile that shines from His face. | Let the nations sing and be glad for our God is coming with peace. |
| May Your way be known on the earth so that all the nations will sing and rejoice in knowing the God of grace! | * 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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You shall not misuse the name
of the Lord your God.



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