

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn – MP 136 - Father, sending your anointed Son

1. Father, sending Your anointed Son to save, forgive, and heal; and, through Him, Your Holy Spirit, to make our salvation real;
2. Look upon our ills and trouble, And on those who suffer much. Send Your Church the Spirit's unction in Christ's name to heal and touch.
3. Grant forgiveness to the faithful; Bring to unity their prayer; use it for Your work unhindered, through both sacrament and prayer.

Introduction to Theme

Hymn - MP 560 - Praise my soul the king of heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like thee His praise should sing? Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favour to our fathers, in distress; praise Him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows; in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Widely as His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer

Hymn – MP 459 – Master speak

1. Master, speak! Thy servant heareth, waiting for Thy gracious word, longing for Thy voice that cheereth; Master, let it now be heard. I am listening, Lord, for Thee; what hast Thou to say to me?

2. Speak to me by name, O Master! let me know it is to me; speak, that I may follow faster, with a step more firm and free, where the shepherd leads the flock, in the shadow of the rock!

3. Master, speak! though least and lowest, let me not unheard depart; Master, speak! for O Thou knowest all the yearning of my heart; knowest all its truest need; speak, and make me blest indeed.

4. Master, speak! and make me ready, when Thy voice is truly heard, with obedience glad and steady still to follow every word. I am listening, Lord, for Thee: Master, speak, O speak to me!

Scripture Reading – Mark 1: 1-13 - ¹The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”*—³ *“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”* ⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: *“After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.”* ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: *“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”* ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn – MP 263 - I am weak but Thou are strong

1. I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close to Thee. *Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close with Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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2. Through this world of toils and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
*Just a closer walk with Thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close with Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely home,
to Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore.
*Just a closer walk with Thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close with Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.,*

Dedication of Offering

Hymn - MP 744 - We've a story to tell

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right;
a story of truth and sweetness,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light:
*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noon-day bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.*

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil,
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.
For the darkness shall

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
has sent us His Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.
For the darkness shall

4. We've a Saviour to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples,
may come to the truth of God,
may come to the truth of God!
For the darkness shall

Benediction

Hymn – MP 460 - May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.