

Welcome & Call to Worship

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 613 - Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9 – ¹The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶ Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared

to him. ⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Reading: Philippians 3:7-14 - ⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 673 - There is a Redeemer

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.
*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:
*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

3. When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.
*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Dedication of Offering

(Continued overleaf)

Hymn – MP 689 - Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

3. No more we doubt Thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without Thee:
aid us in our strife:
make us more than conquerors,
through Thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to Thy throne above.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Benediction & Amen

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.