

Welcome

Call to Worship - please join me reading the bold print.

Leader: Come, all who long to walk in the way of Christ—

People: **We come to listen, to learn, and to live by God's wisdom.**

Leader: Set aside the places of honour; take the seat of humility.

People: **For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be lifted up.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who invites all to the table—especially those with nothing to give in return.

All: **With hearts open to grace, we come to worship the Lord. Amen**

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.*

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Reading: Proverbs 25: 6-7 - ⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; ⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles. What you have seen with your eyes

Hymn – MP 37 - As the deer

1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

2. I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

3. You're my friend and You're my brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

First Thought – 'Are we humble?'

Reading: Luke 14: 7-11 - ⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Message – 'Who sits at your Table?'

Hymn - MP 3 - Abba Father (Sung twice)

Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.
May my will for ever be
evermore Your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go,
Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.

**Dedication of Offering
& Prayers for Others**

Hymn - MP 59 - Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

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2.Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture, burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

3.Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Benediction & Amen

***Hymn – MP 557 - Praise God from whom all blessings
flow.***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!