



ORDER OF WORSHIP
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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-3

Leader: This is what the Lord says - he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

People: **Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

1. When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait;
I will stand upon Your Word.

Chorus 1

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

2. You're my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of every threat.
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail;
In Your power I'm secure.

Chorus 2

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge, and my sure foundation.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

3. This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved.
Through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that's undeserved.
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss;
Now the sting of death is gone.

Chorus 2 (2x)

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READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Peter 2:11-17

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. God be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess: Thy judgment just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou, alone, my Savior art;
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eleanor Jean Martin

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

God Be Merciful to Me (Ps. 51)

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice.
From my sins, O hide Thy face;
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew;
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart;
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
And return O God to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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And my mouth shall praise accord.

Psalm 118:4

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 15:4-6

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

**“Who’s In Charge?”
- Mr. Sam Hix**

Romans 13:1-7

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¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

SERMON NOTES

I. A strained relationship

II. An unchanging God

III. A changing people

IV. A purpose for the governed

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored;
“He has done great things,” we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up,
Chorus

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid;
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!
Chorus

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful one;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom!
Chorus x2

This is My Father's World

3. This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet!
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done:
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one!
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