

Staff Appreciation

* Call to Worship:

On this new morning and in every moment of our lives,
gracious God,
from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.
Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness
to our children,
**for we have seen your deeds of power
and witnessed your goodness in our lives.**
As you have opened your hand to all,
satisfying the desire of every living thing
**open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have
received from you. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!**

* God's Greeting

* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #323:1,2,3 (HFG)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

* **One Generation Will Call to the Next**

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days,
His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

* join us in standing if able

* **You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again.

Refrain: Amazing love, how can it be
That you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It is my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you.

You are my King, You are My King
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King! *Refrain*

Call to Confession: *The Law Summarized - Matthew 22:37-40*

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 8:1-2*

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who
are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set
you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord #400:1,2,4 (HFG)

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence Fund

Morning Prayer

* **Scripture:** *Acts 8:26-40 (ESV)* pg. 1149

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Philip's Divine Appointment*

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Acts 8:26-40

* **O Father, You are Sovereign**

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
Supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heavenly gain.
All evil overruling, as non but Conqueror could,
Your love pursues its purpose, our souls' eternal good.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Take My Life and Let It Be**

#458:2,3 (HFG)

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.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Brent H, Larry K

Music: Mike S, Nancy Z

Offering: The Benevolence Fund is used to help local people and
families in times of need. For more information contact
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YOU LOVE THE LORD
SHALL LOVE YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART & WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND

THIS IS THE
GREAT
AND FIRST COMMANDMENT

MATTHEW 22:37-38

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