

\* **Call to Worship:** *Exodus 15:11-13*  
*Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?*  
***You stretched out your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them.  
You have led in your steadfast love  
the people whom you have redeemed;  
You have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.***

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* ***I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*** #169:1,2 (PH)  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known  
Your faithfulness to all generations.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever  
For the things he has done.  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.  
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?  
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

\* ***Amid the Thronging Worshipers*** #239:1,2 (PH)  
Amid the thronging worshipers the Lord, our God, I bless;  
Before His people gathered here His name will I confess.  
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,  
The children of His grace;  
With reverence sound His glories forth  
And bow before His face.  
  
The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise;  
He has not turned from those who mourn,  
He listens to their cries.  
His goodness makes me join the throng  
Where saints His praise proclaim,  
And there will I fulfill my vows with those who fear His name.

\* please join us in standing if able

\* ***Praise to the Lord the Almighty*** #253:1,2,4 (PH)  
Praise to the Lord! The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration!  
  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,  
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly forever adore Him!

**Profession of Our Faith:** *Matthew 5:2-10*

***And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:***  
***Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***  
***Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.***  
***Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.***  
***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.***  
***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.***  
***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.***  
***Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.***  
***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God***

How blest are they who make God's law  
Their treasure and delight,  
And meditate upon that word  
With gladness day and night.

Their lives are nourished like a tree  
Set by the river's side  
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure:  
So all their works abide.

**Offering:** Lynden Human Life

**Evening Prayer**

\* ***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*** #291:1,2 (PH)  
May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.  
  
May the word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

\* **Scripture:** *Hebrews 12:4-11 (NIV)* pg. 1264  
*<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." <sup>7</sup>Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup>If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup>Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup>They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Hard Way to Holiness*

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

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

#520:1 (HFG)

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

**The Hard Way to Holiness**

Hebrews 12:4-11

THE LORD *bless*  
YOU & KEEP YOU  
— THE LORD —  
MAKE HIS FACE  
— SHINE —  
UPON YOU, AND BE  
**GRACIOUS**  
— TO YOU —  
**THE LORD**  
— LIFT UP HIS —  
**COUNTENANCE**  
UPON YOU, AND GIVE YOU  
— PEACE —  
NUMBERS 6:24-26

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