

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

Modal Prelude

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CALL TO WORSHIP - *adapted from Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

In the time of trouble, God will hide me and set me upon a rock;

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call. Have mercy and hear me.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
 Let Thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-dering heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise His name—I'm fixed up-on it— Name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan-ger, Bought me with His precious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - men.

TEXT: Robert Robinson; adapted by Margaret Clarkson

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we find it hard to walk in the light of your love. In thought, word, and deed, we depart from loving and forgiving others as you forgive us. We want our own way at whatever cost. We forget your daily blessings or take them for granted. We are shortsighted and ungrateful. In your boundless grace, forgive our sins. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to walk in your ways as your baptized children...*Time of silent reflection*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news. God loves the world so much that God sent Jesus Christ so that all who believe in Christ should not perish, but have eternal life. Go in peace and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

**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;
World without end! Amen, Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

1. Je-sus calls us; o'er the tu-mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea, Day by
 2. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship Of the vain world's gold-en store, From each
 3. In our joys and in our sor-rows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still He
 4. Je-sus calls us: by Thy mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear Thy call, Give our

TEXT: Cecil F. Alexander
 MUSIC: William H. Jude

day His sweet voice sound-eth, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low Me."
 i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
 calls in cares and pleas-ures, "Chris-tian, love Me more than these."
 hearts to Thine o - be - dience, Serve and love Thee best of all. A-men.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, who gave the whole world the gift of your Son, receive what we offer, that others might know the new life he brings through the gifts you give us to use and share. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose
again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
Fin-est bread I will pro - vide

I have heard my
I will make their
I have borne my
give them hearts for
I will tend the
till their hearts be

peo - ple cry.
dark - ness bright. All who dwell in dark and sin
Who will bear my light to them?
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
love a - lone. I will speak my word to them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.
sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them.

1
my hand will save.
They turn a - way.
My hand will save.

2
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

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HERE I AM, LORD

I have heard you call - ing in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Tom Birchwood