<u>Verse 3</u>... There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Chorus*...

Tag... Come as you are. Come as you are.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY The Rev. Rex Longshore

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS

(Sung at beginning of prayers)

"The Spirit Intercedes For Us" (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit intercedes for us,

With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with: "Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

(Sung at end of the prayers)

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--THE LORD'S PRAYER---Caribbean (Matthew 6: 9-13)

<u>Verse 1</u>... Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

<u>Verse 2</u>...As in heaven, so on the earth. Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

<u>Verse 3</u>... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses. Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

<u>Verse 4</u>...And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.

Hallowed be Thy name. (continued...)

<u>Verse 5</u>... For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name. Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

<u>Verse 6</u>...Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.

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--BENEDICTION

--CLOSING SONG "Hope of the Nations"

<u>Verse...</u>Jesus, Hope of the nations, Jesus, Comfort of all who mourn, You are the source of Heaven's Hope on earth. Jesus, Light in the darkness, Jesus, Truth in each circumstance, You are the source of Heaven's Light on earth.

<u>Channel</u>...In history You lived and died. You broke the chains, You rose to life.

<u>Chorus</u>...You are the Hope living in us, You are the Rock in whom we trust, You are the Light shining for all the world to see. You rose from the dead, conquering fear, Our Prince of Peace drawing us near. Jesus, our Hope living for all who will receive.

Repeat Chorus, then...

Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

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THE CONNECTION

January 28, 2024 10:30am

--PRESERVICE SONG "Awesome Is the Lord Most High" --ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONGS "Lord. I Need You"

(Psalm 116:6b; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:8-10) <u>Verse 1</u>...Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

<u>Chorus...</u>Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour, I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

<u>Verse 2...</u>Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are. Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. <u>Chorus...</u>

<u>Bridge...</u>So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way. When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. <u>Chorus...</u>

<u>Tag...</u>You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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"Same Power" (1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 4:4)

<u>Verse 1</u>...I can see waters raging at my feet. I can feel the breath of those surrounding me. I can hear the sound of nations rising up. We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.

<u>Verse 2</u>...I can walk down this dark and painful road. I can face every fear of the unknown. I can hear all God's children singing out: We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.

<u>Chorus</u>...The same power that rose Jesus from the grave, the same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us, lives in us. The same power that moves mountains when He speaks, the same power that can calm a raging sea lives in us, lives in us! He lives in us, lives in us!

<u>Verse 3...</u>We have hope that His promises are true. In His strength, there is nothing we can't do. Yes, we know there are greater things in store. We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome. <u>Chorus...</u>

<u>Bridge</u>...Greater is He that is living in me! He's conquered our enemy. No power of darkness, no weapon prevails; we stand here in victory.

Repeat Bridge, then...Oh, in victory!!! Chorus...

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

-- CONFESSION OF SINS

- P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVNESS OF SINS

--STATEMENT OF FAITH Apostle's 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

L. Here ends the first reading.

-- SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG

(Please bring your Offerings forward during the song.)
"Come As You Are"

(Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10)

Verse 1... Come out of sadness from wherever you've been, come brokenhearted; let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel, earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

<u>Chorus</u>... So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

<u>Verse 2</u>... There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table; come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. <u>Chorus</u>...

<u>Bridge</u>... Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are. (continued...)