

Chorus... 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.

Verse 2... 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. Chorus...

Bridge... Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

Verse 3... 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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“Be Unto Your Name” (Revelation 5:13)

Verse 1...We are a moment, You are forever. Lord of the ages, God before time; We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus...Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto your name.

Verse 2...We are the broken, You are the healer. Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save; You are the Love song we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Repeat chorus twice, then...Be unto Your name.

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

--BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. Amen.

--CLOSING SONG “You Never Let Go”

(Psalm 23:4; 27:1, Romans 8:41, 2 Peter 1:19, 1 John 4:18)

Verse 1...Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear. And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Channel...And I will fear no evil. For my God is with me. And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus...Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low. Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 2...And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, a glorious light beyond all compare. And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth. Sing Channel and Chorus...

Verse 3...Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.

Sing Chorus twice...

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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THE CONNECTION

May 4, 2025 10:30am

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “We Fall Down”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “Our God”

(John 2:1-11; John 9:1-7; Romans 8:31; Psalm 135:5)

Verse 1...Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind; there's no one like You, none like You.

Verse 2...Into the darkness, You shine; out of the ashes, we rise. There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus...Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other. Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Bridge...And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us then what could stand against? And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us then what could stand against? Then what could stand against?
Chorus twice...

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

--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

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

Verse 1...Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty. Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus...

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. Chorus...

Chorus 2...

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-22

(See insert page)

L. Here ends the first reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

--SECOND LESSON Revelation 5:1-10

(See insert page)

L. Here ends the second reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON John 21:1-14

(See insert page)

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG “Hope of the Nations”

Verse...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.

Channel...In history You lived and died.
You broke the chains, You rose to life.

Chorus...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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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“153 & ME” (Text: John 21:1-14)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(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)

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)

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P. Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

“Come As You Are” (Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-
20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Peter 5:7)

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

(continued...)