

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
 let the humble hear and be glad.
 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
 and let us exalt his name together!

Singing: *Before the Throne of God Above*

(Music available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LULK2nZ6sCc>)

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
 A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;
 I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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2. When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
 Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
 Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
 For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on him and pardon me.
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3. Behold him there! the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness
 The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
 One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God
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Prayer: Pray for God's presence and glory in our worship.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23

3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. **5** Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, **6** but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. **7** Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. **8** Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **9** He who has ears, let him hear."

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower: **19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. **20** As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, **21** yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. **22** As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. **23** As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Prayers of Petition: Please feel free to add your own personal prayer requests to this list.

- Praise to God for the answered prayer of potentially providing our church with a building to rent full time! Pray that God would guide us in the coming days as we hear from members of the congregation and work out the details. Pray that, if we do indeed agree to rent this space, that God will use this facility for his glory and as a beacon to lead people to Christ!
- Pray for the relaxation of U.S. Army-Europe guidelines to allow our U.S. brethren to attend worship services again.
- Pray for those who will be gathering at the Rambach site for worship. May it be pleasing to God.
- Pray for the German Hauskreis that they will be able to minister to each other and invite new people to their fellowship.
- Pray for Kristy Ryan's 103-year-old grandmother who has COVID-19 and Kristy's father and other family who are not able to be with her.
- Continued prayers for speedy recovery of Venessa Shields' father, from his recent surgery.
- Pray for the protection of our German friends whose children are returning to school.
- Pray for God's protection from the virus even as some restrictions have been lifted.
- Pray that a vaccine will be found soon.

- Pray for protection for frontliners and essential workers.
- Pray for the lonely and isolated
- Pray for the English Bible Study led by Helen and Johannes and Rachel Gibson's BSF group and a potential German men's BSF group she is trying to get started.
- Pray for our hearts as we hear God's word preached

Sermon: The Christless Life Ephesians 4:17-19

Ephesians 4:17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. **18** They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. **19** They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

I. Solemnity

II. You Must No Longer Walk as the Gentiles Do

A. In the Futility of Their Minds

B. Darkened in their Understanding

C. Alienated From the Life of God

D. Hardness of Heart

E. Callous and Sensual

Singing: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457

(Music available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjfToqk5w5g>)

1. Come Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Close by praying for God's guidance for this day and for the week.