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**preparing our hearts**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

– Colossians 1:15-16<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

**All:** **Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

*Leader:* Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**All:** **Bring an offering and come before him!**

*Leader:* Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**All:** **The LORD reigns!**

– From 1 Chronicles 16:29, 31<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold – Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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**\*\*prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Heavenly Father, you are the source of all true and lasting joy. We praise you for your power and wisdom and love that are beyond compare. O Lord, you meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. You have revealed yourself to your people, and by your Spirit you are building your church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. How great are you, Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Leader:* Christian, what do you believe?

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church\*,**

**The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

## HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, you came down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you \*

*\* Chorus:*

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above

Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor \*

*Bridge (2x):*

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

– John 4:23-24<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Eternal God, you do not change.**  
**You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.**  
**You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**  
**But we confess that we often worship not your true self**  
**But whom we wish you to be.**  
**We too often ask you to bless what we do,**  
**Rather than seeking to do what you bless.**  
**Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance.**  
**Forgive us when our worship fails to be what it could,**  
**Shaping you into what we want, instead of shaping us into what you want.**  
**Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love.**  
**Remind us of your covenant faithfulness**  
**And have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

– Ezekiel 36:25-26<sub>ESV</sub>

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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*Leader:* Acts 17:16-31  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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passing the peace

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace.*

*If you are joining us from your home, unmute yourself so that you can greet one another.*

*If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.*

Series | “The Ten Commandments – Living in Freedom”

Sermon | “The Second Commandment: The Way We Worship”

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**Exodus 20:1-17** ESV | 1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

1. Idolatry Explained
2. Idolatry Illustrated
3. Idolatry Applied

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** ...[P]ut on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

– Ephesians 4:24 ESV

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## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.*

*Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.*

***NOTE TO PARENTS:*** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– 1 Corinthians 11:23-26<sub>ESV</sub>

*Minister:* Let us lift up our hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

**All: Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and for his sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross. As we partake of your gifts of the bread and the cup, give us assurance that we are made whole by his body and our sins are pardoned through his blood. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior’s coming in glory. Hear us now through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.*

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears –  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

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*Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\*doxology**

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