

Ecclesiastes - Steadfast Love of the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP

An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth
Does not become weary or tired.
His understanding is inscrutable.
He gives strength to the weary,
And to him who lacks might He increases power.
Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,
Yet those who wait for the Lord
Will gain new strength;
Let us mount up with wings like eagles,
Let us run and not grow tired,
Come and walk and not become weary.



CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.

CONFESSION

TOGETHER

Faithful God, forgive us for our vain pursuit of life, and love, and pleasure.

We are half hearted creatures, fooling about with lesser pleasures like drink, sex, and ambition, while infinite joy is offered us in the finished work of Jesus.

We are far too easily pleased allowing money, possessions, family and work to define us, and art, creativity, and nature to fulfill us, while infinite joy is offered us in the presence of God.

Father, forgive us.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

The good news for those in Christ-

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, for as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!



BENEDICTION

A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

