



**Call to Worship**  
**Time of Silence**

**Prelude**

**Liturgical Response**

**Pastor:** For God alone my soul waits in silence.

**Congregation Response:** from Him comes my salvation.

Psalm 62:1

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**✠ Song**  
**“One Light”**

*One light shining for me  
Lighting the darkness  
Helping me see.*

*One light leading the way  
Out of the shadows  
into the day.*

*One light breaking the dawn,  
Born of a promise  
Leading us on.*

*One light faithful and true,  
Shining in glory, coming anew.  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light, just one light.*

*One light leading the way out of the shadows into the day  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light, just one light.*

**Presenting the Word**

**Worship Leader:** Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

**Congregation:** It stands firm in the heavens forever!  
Psalm 119:89

**✠ Song #53 (LYH)**  
**“Sing unto the Lord”**

*Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.*

*For God is great, and greatly to be praised.  
God is great, and greatly to be praised!*

*Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.*

*For God is great, and greatly to be praised.  
God is great, and greatly to be praised!*

*Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Amen!*

**✠ Song**  
**Reasons (Bless the Lord)”**

**“10,000**

**Chorus**  
*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

**Verse 1**  
*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening come*

**Chorus**  
*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

**Verse 2**

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
Chorus*

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

**Verse 3**

*And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

**Chorus**

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

**Ending**

*Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name*

**Leader:** *This is our hope,*

**Response:** *To know Christ and make Him known.*

**Greeting:**

*You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.*

*You are somebody,  
Somebody on the Lord's side.*

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**Response:** *And also with you.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

- *Welcome to visitors.*
- *Beginning after worship today, Bea Feddy and Nathan Johnson will be teaching A Good and Beautiful God with Chawezi Mwantembe advising them, for those interested in joining our church formally. Copies of the book are available today. This ten- week class is useful for anyone seeking spiritual formation and does not obligate you to join the church.*
- *Installation of Officers January 12.*
- *Annual Meeting of the Corporation, Sunday, February 2 following worship service.*
- *2025 Envelopes: you can pick up your giving envelopes for 2025; they are on the windowsill outside of the Chapel. **Please remember to get rid of your 2024 boxes.***
- **Per Capita and Initial Offering for 2025:**
  - *Per Capita: \$37.00*
  - *Initial Offering: \$9.00*
- **Prayer Requests**

### **Affirmation of Faith:**

**Pastor:** *God is good!*

**Response:** *All the time!*

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**Response:** *God is good to me!*

### **✠ Song #12 (PH)**

***Invisible, God Only Wise***

***"Immortal,***

*Vs 1 - Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of  
Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we  
praise.*

*Vs 3 - To all life Thou givest, to both great and  
small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the*

tree,  
And wither and perish, but nought changeth  
Thee.

Vs 4 -Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in  
light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **Confession of Sin**

**Invitation to Silent Confession: Assurance of Pardon:** God does not deal  
with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 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 He  
removes our transgressions from us.

**Congregation Response:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new  
and right spirit within me. Amen!

**Assurance of Pardon; Worship Assistant:** Believe the good  
news, we are God’s healed and forgiven people!

### **Response to Pardon #593 (BH) “Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above thee heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen, A-men,  
Amen, A-men,  
Amen, A-men, Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

- **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Consecration of Gifts: The Bread and the Cup Offering**

**Worship Assistant:** For God so loved the world he gave his  
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but  
have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross  
on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!  
Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living  
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual  
worship!

### **✠ Song #114 (LYH) with a Grateful Heart”**

**“Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
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Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, “I am strong;”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done  
for us.

And now, let the weak say, “I am strong;”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done  
for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Story Time  
Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**“Homecoming”**

✠ **Song**

**“Thank You Lord”**

*I come before You today  
And there's just one thing that I want to say  
Thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*For all You've given to me  
For all the blessings I cannot see  
Thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*With a grateful heart  
With a song of praise  
With an outstretched arm  
I will bless Your name*

*Thank You Lord  
I just wanna thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord  
I just wanna thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*For all You've done in my life  
You took my darkness and gave me Your light  
Thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*You took my sin and my shame  
You took my sickness and healed all my pain  
Thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*With a grateful heart  
With a song of praise  
With an outstretched arm  
I will bless Your name*

*Thank You Lord  
I just wanna thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*Thank You Lord  
I just wanna thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

*Oh, thank You Lord  
I just wanna thank You Lord  
Oh, thank You Lord  
I just want to thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord*

**Scripture Lesson**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**Hear the Word of the Lord!**

<sup>7</sup> *For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,*

*‘Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.’*

<sup>8</sup> *See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.*

<sup>9</sup> *With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,*

*I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.*

<sup>10</sup> *Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’*

<sup>11</sup> *For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.*

<sup>12</sup> *They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,*

*and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.*

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon  
Exile"

"Spiritual Formation in

✠ **Song #130 (LYH)**  
**"One Bread, One Body"**

Ref.: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the world,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Vs 1 – Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more.

Ref.: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the world,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

V2 – Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all.

Ref.: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the world,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

**The Lord's Supper**

**Leader: The Lord be with you.**

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Leader: Let us confess our faith.**

**Leader: Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty?**

**Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?**

**Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?**

**Congregation: 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.**

**Leader: Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**Congregation: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

**Elements Are Served**

**Leader: Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**Response: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Charge and Benediction**

✠ **Song #28 (LYH)**  
**"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!  
(repeat)

## *Postlude*