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GATHERING SONG: “Jesus Christ is Lord of Glory”

Every eye shall see him, and every tongue confess
Every knee will bow to Jesus Christ, our righteousness
As the church awaits the consummation of our King
All creation sings, “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Chorus: We shall crown him Lord of Lords
We shall sing with one voice, “Holy
Is the Lord who was, who is, and is to come
Jesus Christ is Lord of glory.”

He will wipe away every tear from our eyes
And death shall be no more, for death is swallowed up in Christ
There shall be no sorrow, neither crying nor pain
For the former things will have passed away. (chorus 2x)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song...for the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD”* (Psalm 33:1-5).

HYMN: # 32 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (from the Heidelberg Catechism, questions 60 and 61).

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. It is only because Christ’s satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

SCRIPTURE READING: James 5:7-12

SONG: “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far out pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace till he become the place,
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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PRAYER

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

MESSAGE: “The Kind of Person You Can Trust” – Matthew 5:33-37

SONG: “Behold the Lamb” (see announcement page)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: # 737 “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

BENEDICTION

