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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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Welcome to Worship!

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OPENING PRAISE *The Table*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Good, Good Father
Light of the World
Once Again*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *You Are My All in All*

SCRIPTURE *Ephesians 2:1-10
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SERMON *GOD LOVES YOU: Act*

OFFERING SONG *I Love to Tell the Story*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Hungry*

FINAL BLESSING *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

*CLOSING *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

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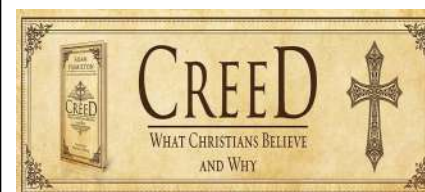
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as the meditations of God's heart? What a wonderful world this would be!

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

---Psalm 19:14

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Beneath The Cross of Jesus* Frederick C. Maker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Glory to God," the heavens proclaim.

Glory to God in the highest!

Glorious and precious are God's guiding words.

Glory to God for these gifts!

*OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139

OPENING PRAYER

**Glorious God, as you call us to worship this day,
we praise your name and join the heavens
in proclaiming your glory.**

Speak to us through your words of scripture.

Guide us with your wisdom,

a treasure more precious than gold.

Walk with us on this journey to the cross,

that our steps may be steady

and our way may be sure.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Judy Atwood

Nursery care is available.

Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWS # 2195
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWS # 2195

CHORAL ANTHEM *God So Loved The World* Stainer
Quartet

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10
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HYMN (*remain seated*) *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189

SERMON *GOD LOVES YOU: Act*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *When Morning Gilds The Skies* Caswall/Barnby
 *Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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*

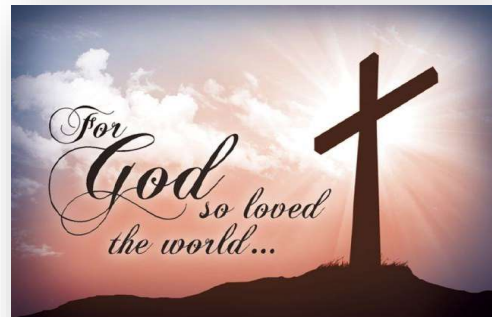
*CLOSING HYMN *Jesus Thine All Victorious Love* No. 422

***BENEDICTION**

When we live with God's love, we are living God's law.
 Go to love, not because it's required,
 but because it makes every day better.
 Go to love, not because you have to,
 but because you want to.
 Go to love, and in loving, discover that you are loved.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* No. 904

POSTLUDE *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
Peter Scholtes, Arr. Mark Hayes



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