

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Hymn – MP 86 - Come and see the shining hope**

1 Come and see the shining hope  
that Christ's apostle saw;  
on the earth, confusion  
but in heaven an open door,  
where the living creatures  
praise the Lamb for evermore:  
Love has the victory for ever!  
*Amen, he comes!*  
*to bring his own reward;*  
*men, praise God!*  
*for justice now restored;*  
*Kingdoms of the world*  
*become the kingdoms of the Lord:*  
*love has the victory for ever!*

2 All the gifts you send us, Lord,  
are faithful, good and true;  
holiness and righteousness  
are shown in all you do:  
who can see Your greatest gift  
and fail to worship you?  
Love has the victory for ever!  
*Amen, he comes! .....*

3 Power and salvation  
all belong to God on high!  
So the mighty multitudes of heaven  
make their cry,  
singing 'Alleluia!'  
where the echoes never die:  
Love has the victory for ever!  
*Amen, he comes! .....*

**Hymn - MP 220 - He is Lord, He is Lord**

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead  
And He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**Prayer**

**Hymn - The Lord's Prayer\* (sung twice)**

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy  
name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy,  
will be done,  
hallowed be thy  
name.  
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name.

**Scripture Reading – Daniel 12:1-13** – <sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. <sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will

awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. <sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.” <sup>5</sup> Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. <sup>6</sup> One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” <sup>7</sup> The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.” <sup>8</sup> I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?” <sup>9</sup> He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. <sup>10</sup> Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand. <sup>11</sup> “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. <sup>13</sup> “As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.”

**Hymn - MP 506 - O Lord my God!**

1.O Lord my God!  
when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works  
Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the mighty thunder,  
the power throughout  
the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul,*  
*my Saviour God, to Thee,*  
*how great Thou art,*  
*how great Thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul,*  
*my Saviour God, to Thee,*  
*how great Thou art,*  
*how great Thou art!*

2.When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook,  
and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul.....,*

3.And when I think  
that God His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die – I scarce can  
take it in,  
that on the cross  
my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul.....*

**Sermon**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - MP 266 - I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship**

1. I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,  
should set his Love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that He was born of Mary,  
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,  
and that He lived At Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
as with His peace, He graced this place of tears,  
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.

But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,  
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

3. I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
how He will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.

But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
and He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
and some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour  
when He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.

But this I know, the skies will fill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer;  
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

***Dedication of Offering***

***Hymn - MP 75 - Christ is surely coming***

1. Christ is surely coming bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:  
root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star -  
Meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far;  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far!

2. See the holy city! There they enter in,  
all by Christ made holy, washed from every sin:  
thirsty ones, desiring all He loves to give,  
Come for living water, freely drink, and live;  
come for living water, freely drink, and live!

3. Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same:  
hear the certain promise from the eternal home:  
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
'Surely I come quickly!' Come, Lord Jesus, come!

**Benediction & Amen**

**Hymn – MP 460 - May God's blessing**

May God's blessing surround you each day,  
as you trust Him and walk in His way.  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.