

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship (Please join in reading the bold print)**

God of rain and harvest,

**God of the humble and the hopeful,**

You draw us in to be renewed by Your presence.

**We come as those who long for Your restoration,**

yet confess we often look for it in our own strength.

**We come as people blessed and broken,**

hungry for the mercy that lifts the lowly.

**Open our eyes to see Your restoring work in our midst.**

Open our hearts to be part of it.

**In this worship, let our praise rise,**

let our hope deepen and let our love overflow. **Amen**

**Hymn – 372 - Jesus Lover of My Soul.**

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me:  
all my trust on Thee is stayed;  
all my help from Thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
more than all in Thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of Thee;  
spring Thou up within my heart;  
rise to all eternity.

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn - MP 54 - Bind us Together Lord:**

1. There is only one God,  
there is only one King,  
there is only one body –  
that is why we sing:  
*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken;  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together,  
O bind us together with love.*

2. Made for the glory of God,  
purchased by His precious Son.  
Born with the right to be clean,  
for Jesus the victory has won.

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken;  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together,  
O bind us together with love.*

3. You are the family of God,  
You are the promise divine,  
You are God's chosen desire,  
You are the glorious new wine.

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken;  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together,  
O bind us together with love.*

**All Age Message: Humility.**

**Reading: Joel 2: 23-32** – <sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten — the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm — my great army that I sent among you. <sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. <sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. <sup>28</sup> “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. <sup>30</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. <sup>32</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

**Reading: Luke 18: 9-14** - <sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ <sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ <sup>14</sup> “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

*(Continued overleaf)*

**Hymn - MP 1201: Longing for Light.**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, .....*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, .....,  
be our light!*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, .....*
5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, .....*

**Message: Being Humble?**

**Music for reflection - remain seated:  
MP 624 - Take my Life Lord Let it be.**

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it Thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is Thine own;  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store:  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all, for Thee.

**Dedication of Offering & Prayers for Others**

**Hymn - MP 162 - The Servant King**

1. From heaven You came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, Your glory veiled,  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give Your life that we might live.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*
2. There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load He chose to bear:  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
"Yet not my will but yours," He said.  
*This is our God, the Servant King, .....*
3. Come see His hands and His feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.  
*This is our God, the Servant King, ....*
4. So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone Him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.  
*This is our God, the Servant King, ....*

**Benediction & Amen**

**Hymn - MP 557 - Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!