

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn – MP 94 - Come Let Us Sing

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true:
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
2. Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came;
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
Home! Weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
4. Come to my heart, O Thou wonderful Love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride;
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of Thee.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

All Age Talk

Hymn – MP 1 - A New Commandment

1. A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
2. By this shall all men know
that you are My disciples
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Scripture Reading (NIV) – Matthew 25:34-40 – Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom has prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go and visit you?’” The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me.’

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Luke 14:12-14 - Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Reflection – ‘The Ministry of Welcome’

Hymn - MP 178 - Go Forth and Tell,

1. Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world His worthy praise may sing.
2. Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of His word?
3. Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like Yours which cares for all mankind.
4. Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.
5. Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations His great name adore
and serve Him, Lord and King for evermore.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession
& The Lord's Prayer**

Hymn - MP 266 - I Cannot Tell

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.

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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!

Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's Blessing surround you

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.