

## LORD'S DAY • JULY 20, 2025

Corporate worship gives us three points of focus: upward (the glory of God), inward (our sin and God's grace), and outward (commitment to the work of his kingdom). —SUNDAY MATTERS BY PAUL DAVID TRIPP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, *Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.* 

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," *Even the darkness is not dark to you, the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.* 

—Psalm 139:7-12

## WORSHIP IN SONG

#### (Liturgical Guide)

Members & Guests are invited to be seated before worship and again during singing. We ask our greeters to pause congregational seating during corporate prayers and Sacraments.

#### 1 Chronicles 16:8-9

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him!

#### 2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

**Psalm 36:9** In your light do we see light.

# **O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing** Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## **O Come, All Ye Unfaithful** Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow. | ©2020 Sovereign Grace Praise. Alt. 2025.

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable.

Come, know you are not alone.

O come, barren and waiting ones. Weary of praying, Come, see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken. Come, with fears unspoken. Come, taste of his perfect love.

O come, guilty and hiding ones. There is no need to run. See what your God has done.

Christ has come, Christ has come, Christ has come for you.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon. His promise is peace for those who believe.(*repeat bridge*)

So come, though you have nothing. Come, he is the offering. Come, see what your God has done.

Christ has died, Christ has died, Christ had died for you.

# Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century. Traditional Irish melody.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **COVENANT BAPTISM**

Cecilia Rosalie Woods, daughter of Krista and Dan Woods

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE**

## **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. —Hebrews 8:12

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

Luke 15: 25-32 • "The Lostness of the Elder Brother" • Rev. Randy Rhea The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever. —ISAIAH 40:8

#### SONG OF RESPONSE

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross Words: Isaac Watts, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant. Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.* 

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

# BENEDICTION

## (LITURGICAL GUIDE)

3K & 4K are invited to the front for the children's sermon and then children's church.

The Corporate

**Confession of Sin** reminds us all that we are no better than others and that it is ONLY Grace which makes any of us what we are.

The Apostles' Creed is called such, "not because it was produced by the apostles themselves" but because it contains a summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." Its present form is dated no later than the 4th Century.

—Christian Reformed Church 1988

#### Philippians 3:7

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

#### AFFINITY GROUPS & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet at 10am.

#### THE BACK PORCH

Join us NEXT Sunday, July 27th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary as the Jamaica Mission Team will be sharing their experience. Then join us on the Back Porch where we will have food trucks and waterslides for the kids. All MHC ministry areas will have tables in the pavilion featuring upcoming connection & service opportunities scheduled this fall.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

will be on Sunday, August 10th following the 11am service until 3pm in the Lodge. Lunch will be served and one parent is required to attend with each communicant.

SCAN TO PARTICIPATE



NEW MEMBERS CLASS will be on Sunday, August 17th following the 11am service until 3pm in the Lodge. Lunch will be served.

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WHO IS MADISON HEIGHTS? There is no better answer than to listen to these four important messages about our mission!



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