

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:8-13

PASTOR: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PEOPLE: **The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

PASTOR: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

PEOPLE: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

PASTOR: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

PEOPLE: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 165 (vv. 1-4)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matthew 3:2

PASTOR: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your
majesty has often been faint, our performance as
citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have
surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our
known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus.
For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer
to you, that our eyes may catch the vision of your
tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By
the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be
loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to
you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments,
we individually come to God in prayer,
silently confessing personal sins so that we may take
hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

Mark 10:45

PASTOR: *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 246 (vv. 1-5)

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

*(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY

"Blessed Jesus"

Choir

— by Jay Althouse —

* PRAISING OUR GOD

Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
you remember sins no more—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
you will guide me with your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
And you've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe—
we will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

* SCRIPTURE READING

*Elder Wayne Bowman
Page 839 in the pew Bible*

Mark 4:1-20

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Billingslea

"A Parable About Parables"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

Be Thou My Vision

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, and 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 heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

* BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the
dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with
everything good that you may do his will, working in us
that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Brian Peacock

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

* Congregation Please Stand

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

