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March 14, 2021

Ministry of the Acolyte

Introduction

Gathering Music: “Surely the Presence”
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings;
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

One: Once we were dead, O God,
cut off from Life by our sinful ways.

**All: We followed a disobedient spirit,
served an unwholesome lord.**

One: We lived according to our cravings
just like everyone else in the world.

**All: But you are a kind and merciful God,
and out of your great love for us,**

One: even when we were spiritually dead,
you made us alive together with Christ

All —by grace we have been saved—

One: You raised us up with Christ and seated us
with him in the heavenly places,

**All: so that, in the ages to come, you might show
the immeasurable riches of your grace
through your kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.**

One: For by grace we have been saved through faith,
and this is not our own doing.

**All: Our salvation is a gift from you, O God—
not the result of works, so that we might boast.**

One: For we are what you have made us, O God,
re-created in Jesus Christ and thus made able to do good works.

**All: This is our new Life, prepared for us
since the very beginning of time.
So we thank you, O God, for the life-transforming
power of your great love. In Jesus’ wonderful name. Amen.**

Response: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

There lies beneath its shadow, but on the farther side,
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide;
And there between us stands the cross, two arms outstretched to save,
Like a watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "Amazing Grace"

We Dedicate our Gifts: Doxology and Offering prayer

Second Reading: John 3:14-21

Sermon

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.

Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

[Refrain]

Benediction

Response: "Lord, Speak to Me"

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see,
Your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Postlude

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