

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 44

How Great Thou Art

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism #30-31

Leader: Does God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Leader and People: God does not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of his mere love and mercy delivers his elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.

Leader: With whom was the covenant of grace made?

Leader and People: The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him with all the elect as his seed.

The Song

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, a great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart. I know that while in Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free. For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God! With Christ my Savior and my God!

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The Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-47

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The Psalm

Lord, I Gladly Trust in You

Lord, I gladly trust in you: let me not be put to shame. As I look up toward your throne make your gracious promise known: God my refuge and my hope, your protective care I claim.

In your hands I place my past: all my sins you know so well. Your forgiveness, Lord, I need, for my guilt is great indeed; even greater is your love—mercy more than I can tell.

Teach me what is true and good; let me hear and understand! In the choices I must make show my heart the way to take, so that I may always tread on the path which you have planned.

When my troubles multiply, you alone can bring me through: so with all your saints I say, “Be my strength and shield today.” Since I know you hear my prayer, Lord, I gladly trust in you.

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Children’s Choirs will resume next Sunday night, January 8.

The Evening Prayer

The Sermon

Rev. Earl Adams

*A Vision of the Glory of the Lord
Ezekiel 1*

The Hymn No. 642

Be Thou My Vision
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

The Benediction

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