

Baleville



Congregational  
Christian Church

Gathered 1826

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\*OPENING HYMN- No. 3

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"  
(\*indicates congregation stands, if you are able)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP†

(†Readings enclosed)  
Psalm 3

SILENT PRAYER &  
MEDITATION

UNISON PRAYER

*Only and true God, apart from You there is  
no other. We bring to You our worship, our  
respect and our desire to know Your will,  
praying as Jesus taught us to pray, saying...*

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(*trespasses*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS†

Psalm 27  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 128

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

\*A TIME TO SHARE IN  
THE GOSPEL†

(*in unison*)  
Mark 2: 23-28

\*GLORIA PATRI (No.813)

A TIME OF STEWARDSHIP

\*DOXOLOGY (No.815)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

SERMON

\*HYMN OF RECESSION

No. 372

"Our God Reigns"

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(*Spirit Song, No. 384, v.2*)

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

### **PSALM 3**

Lord, how many are my foes!

How many rise up against me!

**Many are saying of me,**

**“God will not deliver him.”**

But you, Lord, are a shield around me,  
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

**I call out to the Lord,**

**and he answers me from his holy mountain.**

I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, because the Lord sustains  
me.

**I will not fear though tens of thousands  
assail me on every side.**

Arise, Lord!

Deliver me, my God!

Strike all my enemies on the jaw;  
break the teeth of the wicked.

**From the Lord comes deliverance.**

**May your blessing be on your people.**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **PSALM 27**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD

and to seek him in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred  
tent

and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of  
joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

be merciful to me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

God my Savior.

<sup>10</sup>Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, LORD;

lead me in a straight path  
because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>Do not turn me over to the desire of my  
foes,

for false witnesses rise up against me,  
spouting malicious accusations.

<sup>13</sup>I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD;

be strong and take heart  
and wait for the LORD. (NIV)

### **1 SAMUEL 16:1-13**

**16** The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”

<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these

all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. (NIV)

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## THE GOSPEL

### **MARK 2: 23-28**

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>25</sup> He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

<sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” (NIV)