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***OPENING HYMN† - No. 210**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(*indicates congregation stands, if you are able)

(†Hymns and Readings enclosed)

***CALL TO WORSHIP†**

Psalm 47: 1-9

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

UNISON LENTEN PRAYER

“The Fast Life”

Fast from judging others;

Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;

Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;

Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;

Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;

Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism;

Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives;

Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness;

Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;

Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;

Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;

Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm;

Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety;

Feast on faith.

~Author unknown

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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SCRIPTURE READING†

1 John 4: 1-4

***HYMN OF PREPARATION† - No. 352**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

***SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 4: 13-20

***GLORIA PATRI (No. 813)**

A TIME OF STEWARDSHIP

***DOXOLOGY (No. 815)**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

A READING FOR LENT†

Mark 8: 34-9:1

SERMON

Eyewitnesses of His Majesty—2 Peter 1: 12-21

***HYMN OF RECESSION† - No. 526**

“The Solid Rock”

BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE**

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

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***OPENING HYMN - No. 210**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who ov’r all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the “amen” sound from His people again;
Gladly for all we adore Him!

***CALL TO WORSHIP†**

PSALM 47: 1-9

¹ Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
² **For the LORD Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.**
³ He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.
⁴ **He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**
⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.**

⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
**for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.** (NIV)

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 4: 1-4

⁴ Dear friends, do not believe every
spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they
are from God, because many false prophets
have gone out into the world. ²This is how
you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every
spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has
come in the flesh is from God, ³but every
spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not
from God. This is the spirit of the
antichrist, which you have heard is coming
and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have
overcome them, because the one who is in
you is greater than the one who is in the
world. (NIV)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION - No. 352**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Verse 1

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above.

Verse 2

O the deep, deep love of Jesus-
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watches ov’r them from the throne.

Verse 3

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 4: 13-20

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and
John and realized that they were unschooled,
ordinary men, they were astonished and they
took note that these men had been with
Jesus. ¹⁴But since they could see the man
who had been healed standing there with
them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵So
they ordered them to withdraw from the
Sanhedrin and then conferred
together. ¹⁶“What are we going to do with
these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in
Jerusalem knows they have performed a
notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to
stop this thing from spreading any further
among the people, we must warn them to
speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and
commanded them not to speak or teach at all
in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John
replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to
listen to you, or to him? You be the
judges! ²⁰As for us, we cannot help
speaking about what we have seen and
heard.” (NIV)

A READING FOR LENT

MARK 8: 34-9:1

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with
his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be
my disciple must deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever
wants to save their life will lose it, but
whoever loses their life for me and for the
gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for

someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit
their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in
exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed
of me and my words in this adulterous and
sinful generation, the Son of Man will be
ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s
glory with the holy angels.”

⁹ And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, some
who are standing here will not taste death
before they see that the kingdom of God has
come with power.” (NIV)

***HYMN OF RECESSION - No. 526**

“The Solid Rock”

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus