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The Lord's Day

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God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Psalms 8

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

from Revelation 2:12-17

Elder: The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. He knows where you dwell and who reigns in your hearts.

People: **May we repent and hold fast to your name and not deny the faith.**

Elder: Repent and I will come to you soon and war against your enemies with my mouth.

People: **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the church.**

Elder: To the one who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna, the white stone, and a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

People: **Let us worship our God.**

***Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Ps.103 O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

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***Prayer of Invocation**

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Reading of the Law

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Responsive Reading of the Moral Law from the Epistles

***Hymn of Confession**

We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Elder led prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

John 3:16-17

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

By Faith

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His Sign and Seal is Upon Us

The Lord's Baptism: Perrie Saoirse Breen,
covenant daughter of Grady and Taylor Breen

Intercessory Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

He Will Hold Me Fast

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His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Exodus 3:10 – 4:17

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: The Attributes of YHWH

Prayer for Response and Obedience

We Depart with His Blessing

And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Gloria Patri

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #111, vs. 3)

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

*The Life and Times of Moses,
the Servant of YHWH*

*The Personality of YHWH
Exodus 3:10-4:17*

*(see also: Ex. 34:6-7; Jer. 29:11; Mt. 10:21-22, 34-39; 16:24-25;
Lk. 5:12-13; 16:31; Jn. 4:21-23; 15:18-19; Rom. 7:19; 8:28-30;
2 Tim. 3:16-17; WSC #1)*

If I knew for sure what the Lord wanted me to do

- a) I would probably still drag my feet and whine.
- b) I would obey every time cheerfully, perfectly, and promptly.
- c) I would still need the grace of God every single day.

My chief purpose in life is to _____ God
and _____ him forever.

God's revealed attributes here:

#1 _____

#2 _____/_____

#3 _____

Our strongest objection to the Lord is "_____."

Two things about the Lord's declarations:

#1:

#2:

My Own Thoughts

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1

1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom

in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through

get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly

REFRAIN

sav - ing love pro - claim.
 as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear.
 name, O thou my soul

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might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.

From Psalm 103
The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1961

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James Walch, 1875

Responsive Reading from the Moral Law

From the Epistles

Leader: I am the Lord your God, ... 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ... You shall have no other gods before me. (Is. 43:1; Ex. 20:2)

People: **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom. 11:36)**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image ... You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your god am a jealous God (Ex. 20:4-5)

People: **[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ... [All] things were created through him and for him. ... He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Col. 1:15-18)**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, (Ex. 20:7)

People: **Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb. 13:15-16)**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:8, 11)

People: **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, ... on the first day of the week ... as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:23-25; 1 Cor. 16:2)**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother, (Ex. 20:12)

People: **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ... Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph. 6:1-4)**

Leader: You shall not murder. (Ex. 20:13)

People: **[Do] not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:30-32)**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery. (Ex. 20:14)

People: **Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ... You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:20)**

Leader: You shall not steal. (Ex. 20:15)

People: **Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. (Eph. 4:28)**

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (Ex. 20:16)

People: **[Having] put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, ... Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ... [Speaking] the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.. (Eph. 4:25, 29, 15)**

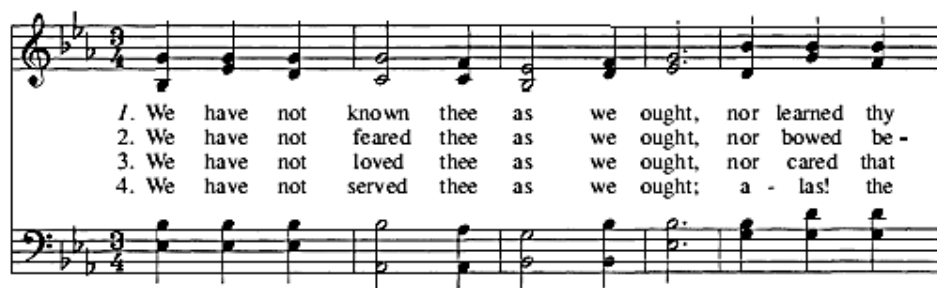
Leader: You shall not covet ... anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Ex. 20:17)

People: **In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ... I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ... I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:12, 11, 13)**

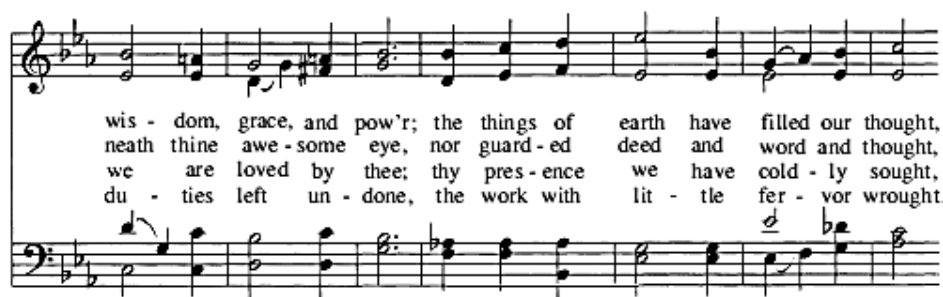
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We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought

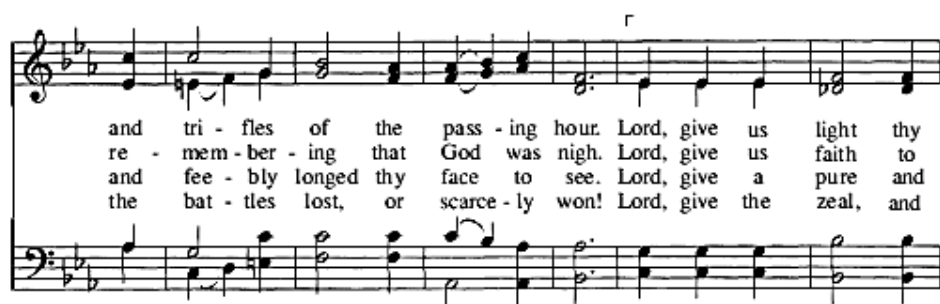
We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. Neh. 1:7



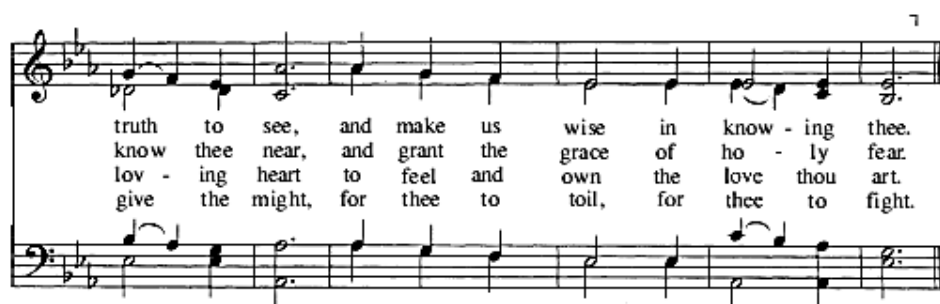
1. We have not known thee as we ought, nor learned thy
 2. We have not feared thee as we ought, nor bowed be -
 3. We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that
 4. We have not served thee as we ought; a - las! the



wis - dom, grace, and pow'r; the things of earth have filled our thought,
 neath thine awe - some eye, nor guard - ed deed and word and thought,
 we are loved by thee; thy pres - ence we have cold - ly sought,
 du - ties left un - done, the work with lit - tle fer - vor wrought



and tri - fles of the pass - ing hour. Lord, give us light thy
 re - mem - ber - ing that God was nigh. Lord, give us faith to
 and fee - bly longed thy face to see. Lord, give a pure and
 the bat - tles lost, or scarce - ly won! Lord, give the zeal, and





truth to see, and make us wise in know - ing thee.
 know thee near, and grant the grace of ho - ly fear.
 lov - ing heart to feel and own the love thou art.
 give the might, for thee to toil, for thee to fight.


5. When shall we know thee as we ought,
and fear and love and serve aright!
When shall we, out of trial brought,
be perfect in the land of light!
Lord, may we day by day prepare
to see thy face, and serve thee there.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1889
Alt. 1990



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Joseph Barnby, 1872

By Faith



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1. By faith we see the hand of God
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth,
 3. By faith the proph - ets saw a day
 4. By faith the church was called to go
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved,
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In the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
With the pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts,
When the longed for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear,
In the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost,
And the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail;



In the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
Of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
To de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
For we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



Who walk by faith and not by sight.
A place where peace and jus - tice reign.
And rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
In ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
For all who call up - on His name.





We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise;



We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward;



Till the race is fin-ished and the work is done,



We'll walk by faith and not by sight.



He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail,
 2. Those He saves are His de - light,
 3. For my life He bled and died,

Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
 Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight,
 Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold
 He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost;
 He will hold me fast. Rais'd with Him to end - less life,

through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en
 His prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to

cold; He must hold me fast.
cost, He will hold me fast.
sight, when He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so,

He will hold me fast!

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Will not the Judge of all the earth do right? Gen. 18:25

1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: his ho - ly will a -
 2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: he nev - er will de -
 3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: though now this cup, in
 4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: here shall my stand be

bid - eth; I will be still what - e'er he doth, and fol - low where he
 ceive me; he leads me by the prop - er path; I know he will not
 drink - ing, may bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all un -
 tak - en; though sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet am I not for -

guid - eth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me
 leave me. I take, con - tent, what he hath sent; his hand can
 shrink - ing. My God is true; each morn a - new sweet com - fort
 sak - en. My Fa - ther's care is round me there; he holds me

that I shall not fall: where - fore to him I leave it all
 turn my griefs a - way, and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
 yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
 that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.

Understanding Why We Baptize Covenant Children

By Dr. David G. Barker

Water Baptism is a sign and seal of the claim of God upon the person. It is not something a person merely 'elects' to have done, nor should it be repeated for merely emotional reasons. It is a command of God the Son (cf. Mt. 28:19-20) and is done in obedience to his will. When water baptism is given to the converted adult, it signifies spiritual transformation – Christ has cleansed that believer from his sins. Making a profession of faith he takes on the sign of the covenant and enters into the Church. In the Old Testament, the sign of entering the Church was circumcision; today it is baptism.

This has been the case from the beginning, the sign was not only given to adults; it was also given to the children of those believing adults. Abraham, a man of faith, was instructed by the Lord to receive the sign in Gen. 17. He was also instructed to give the sign to the children of his house – from the newborn child only 8 days old as well as his thirteen year old son, Ishmael. The reason for this was the principle of headship that continues in the church community today. God gave his promise to Abraham saying: *"I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant to be a God unto you and to your seed after you."*

That pattern of headship has remained the same and has never been negated or changed. On the day of Pentecost, Peter taught this principle specifically, repeating God's words to Abraham in his very first sermon saying *[The] promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.*" (Acts 2:38-39, ESV) Paul also stressed this unity when he tells the Christian Church today in Gal. 3:29: *"[I]f you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* And Jesus said of the Jewish children brought to him: *"Of such is the kingdom of God."* (Mk. 10:14, ESV) Therefore, the spiritual children of Abraham today are to continue to receive the mark of God's claim upon them just as their parents are to continue to call upon Yahweh to be faithful to the next generation.

Now, obviously, these young children cannot yet understand these things – let alone make their own profession of faith so soon. Isaac, as a newborn, did not comprehend this; neither do our young ones. But it is not yet the child's faith we are focusing on; rather it is the faith of the parents who God has entrusted with the raising of the child the Lord has providentially given them.

Finally, because water baptism itself is meant to depict the Holy Spirit being poured out from above upon his people, the sign of water baptism is best depicted by sprinkling or pouring. Baptism is not a matter of applying the person to water but applying water to the person.