

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: # 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

- 3 To all life Thou givest—
to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest,
the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.

- 4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

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THE STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 10:1-4

HYMN: # 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns, vs. 1,2,3,4

- 1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords
Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heav'n's eternal Light;
- 3 The Joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love
And grants His name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heav'n.

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OPENING PRAYER

THE MESSAGE: Invisible God: Part 1: The Helper

A TIME OF PRAYER IN CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS AND RENEWAL

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked. *Ephesians 2:1*

People: Heavenly Father, open my eyes today to see the incredible message you sent through your only Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus showed through words and actions how much you loved us –through his death we are forgiven, and through his resurrection we have new life. Thank you for the gift of a relationship with you.

Forgive me as I have sinned against you, I have refused you, I have placed myself and other things as priority over you. In your forgiveness, may I experience all of Jesus, so that I may live obeying you. Empower me through the Holy Spirit to love all people as Jesus loved. Send me as your instrument, and make me aware of whom I should serve in your name. Thank you for the freedom to live in your love. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. *Ephesians 2:13*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Amen. *Jude 1:20-21*

THE CLOSING HYMN: #525 Crown Him With Many Crowns, vs. 1,2,3,4

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

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THE DISMISSAL