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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

This is our prayer: that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we would be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Dance in the Morning*

* CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 68:4-5

Leader: *Sing to God,*

All: Sing in praise of his name,

Leader: *Extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him*

All: His name is the Lord.

Leader: *A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.,*

* SONG OF PRAISE: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion* (By Sandra McCracken)

Refrain:

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

*We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up*

Refrain

*In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength*

Refrain

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom*

Refrain

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we might receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's amazing love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, you forgive all who turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, We have not loved kindness, We have not walked humbly with you.

Have mercy on us.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us;

Restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Psalm 32*

*Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.*

SERMON: *Philippians 1:1-11; Proper Confidence for All God's Holy People*

*** CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** HYMN:** *Come Thou Fount*

*Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood
(Precious blood)*

*Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace*

*Come my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless days*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee*

*Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above*

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*** BENEDICTION**