

Prelude | *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Welcome | Ellen Boker

Call to Worship | Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord!

All: **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

All: **For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.**

Song of Praise | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 find my greatest treasure hither by Thy help I've come

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God

He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood

Teach me ever to adore Thee may I still Thy goodness prove

While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love

O 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, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Song of Praise | Like You Lord

We want to be like you Lord, we want to be like you Lord

To imitate you as your beloved children, like you, Lord

We want to love like you Lord, give our love like you Lord

To see our neighbors as your beloved children, like you, Lord

And walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us

A fragrant offering and sacrifice, help us be like you Lord

We want to follow you Lord, to come alive in you Lord

See all the good that's in store for your children from you Lord (*chorus*)

Prayer of Adoration (*concluded by the Lord's Prayer*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost (2x)

Amen

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

O Lord, we want to enter your presence, worshipping you face-to-face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, yet encouraged by your love. But there is coldness in our hearts, hardness toward you, and unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross.

Words of Encouragement | John 17:20-22

Jesus prays: "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one."

Song of Praise | Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

*Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy*

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord, Restore us, O Lord

Infant Baptisms

Greeting & Announcement | New at Redeemer WS on Sep 26 at 12:15 pm. Register: redeemerws.com/new
Volunteer Fair. Up on the 5th Floor immediately after service on Sep 26

Scripture Reading | Mark 1:1-8, 14-20

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"— ³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Homily | *The Voice* preached by Rev. David Bisgrove

Closing Song | Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me

*Come home, come home; you who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading? Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies? Mercies for you and for me? (*chorus*)

Closing Song | Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a Good Good Father; It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You; It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word (*chorus*)

Bridge: You are perfect in all of Your ways (x3)
To us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak, Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still into love (*chorus*)

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
All: **Thanks be to God!**