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Prelude No. 2130

The Summons

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Though we have known hardship and pain, though
life has not always turned out as we had hoped, we
will stand here and say:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Though life becomes more complex, the deepest
questions remain unanswered, and the mystery of
faith deepens, we will say:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

And though the pain of the world often seems more
than we can bear or address, we will stand firm in
our faith and say:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Hymn No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.

Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Time for All God's Children

Scripture Reading — 1 John 4:7-10

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Sermon

What We Believe
God Loves Us

Hymn No. 2146

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged
Why should the shadows come
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion my constant friend is He

Refrain:

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

Let not your heart be troubled
His tender words I hear
And resting on His goodness
I lose my doubt and fear
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see
[Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted whenever clouds arise
When songs give place to sighing
When hope within me dies
I draw the closer to Him from care He sets me free
[Refrain]

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Affirmation of Faith No. 887

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 27-29

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine
or nakedness or peril or sword? No!

In all things we are more than conquerors through
the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life,
Nor angels, nor principalities,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
Nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn No. 378

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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Closing Prayer

Postlude No. 359

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

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