

## GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

### God's Welcome

*Isaiah 51:3* "For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song."

### Songs of Praise and Worship:

#### Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, Sing it again we rejoice  
Delight in the love He has shown us, Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace

**With each breath He's given, praise the Lord  
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord  
Throughout ev'ry season I am sure, we have ev'ry reason to praise the Lord**

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet  
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ who reigns eternal The Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, tell of the good He has done  
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending, we say again rejoice

#### I Am Not My Own (Body and Soul)

This my only comfort in my life and in my death:  
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debt.  
Even when I struggle to believe - with your precious blood you set me free!

**I am not my own but belong body and soul,  
in my life and in death to you, Lord, Christ my Lord**

You preserve my life in such a way that without you  
not a hair can fall from me without you knowing too  
Even when I'm lost in desperation all things work together for my salvation

Always with your Holy Spirit you assure me  
of a renewed life and make me willing and ready  
Even when I can't see my way through from now on to always live for you

## Prayer

### Heidelberg Confession and Prayer

*Lord's Day 7 Q&A 21*      What is true faith? True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

#### **His Eye is on the Sparrow (LUYH 441)**

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;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

### **GOD GIVES US HIS WORD**

**Message:** "I AM Your Comforter"

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40

## **Song of Response:**

### **And Can It Be (LUYH 695)**

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain—for me, who caused his bitter death?  
Amazing love! How can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?  
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He left his Father's throne above—so free, so infinite his grace—  
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!  
What mercy this, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me!

### **Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Your sunrise turned that night to day; I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, your voice I knew; I rose, went out, and followed you.

No condemnation now I dread, for Christ, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

## **GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Offering:** EduDeo Ministries

**Benediction**

**Benediction Song:**

### **Lord Dismiss Us (LUYH 933)**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.