



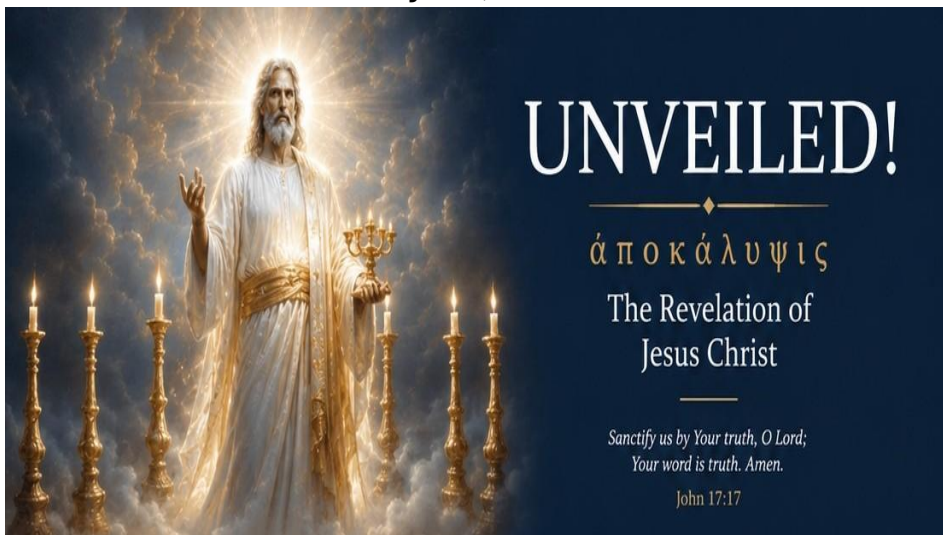
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WELCOME: *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

God created mankind to live in perfect fellowship with Him and richly provided every good gift. Though sin has brought suffering, famine, and death into the world, Christ has not abandoned His creation but continues to feed His people with His grace and promises. The Lamb who opens the seals is also the Savior who satisfies every spiritual hunger and will one day make all things new.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #39

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation~
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
South forth in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made
thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath
stayed thee.
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?--
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send
thee.
Ponder anew
What the almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.**

**5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him!**

**Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.
Amen.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Cong: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love; cleanse me from my sin; and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written: The just shall live by faith.

Cong: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, in the beginning You created all things very good and richly provided for mankind in Your love. Though sin has brought suffering, famine, death, and every sorrow into this world, You have not abandoned the work of Your hands but have sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to feed the hungry, strengthen the weary, and redeem us by His holy cross. Grant us steadfast faith to trust Your gracious providence amid every trial, to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving, and to find our true life in Christ alone; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:7-17

(ESV) Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (8) And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (9) And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (10) A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. (11) The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. (12) And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. (13) The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. (14) And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. (15) The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. (16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, (17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:1-9

(ESV) In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, (2) “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. (3) And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” (4) And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” (5) And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” (6) And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks,

he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. (7) And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. (8) And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. (9) And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

THE REVELATION LESSON: Revelation 6:1-8

(ESV) Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" (2) And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. (3) When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" (4) And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword. (5) When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. (6) And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!" (7) When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" (8) And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: #437

Who Trusts In God, a Strong Abode

**Who trusts in God, a strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.**

**Tho' Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;**

**Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.**

**In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Thro' Jesus' saving merit.
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Revelation 6:9-11

Rev 6:9-11 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. (10) They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” (11) Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

“Under the Altar”

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #428

I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.
Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, according to Your eternal grace, came into the world to become the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and has, by His death and resurrection, become our refuge and salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we give glory to Your name, evermore praising You and singing:

Cong:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of heavenly hosts adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing Hosanna in the highest,
Sing Hosanna to the Lord.
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed

for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

Cong:

**O Lamb of God, O Christ, our Lord,
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
Impart Your joy, our faith increase,
Sustain with Your mercy,
And grant us Your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN:

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A Light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The Glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit –
Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Cong:

**My Shepherd fed me from His table,
With gifts no mortal eye can see.
By His forgiveness I am able
To dwell with Him eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: Amen. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER