

# First Sabbath Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

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*If you are a visitor, we wish you a special welcome. You are invited to enter into our worship as you are able. Please to stay after worship for dinner with us in the Activity Center. "H" indicates hymns found in the Church Hymnal. "C" indicates hymns found in Celebrate. May God's Spirit touch and renew your life today.*

## PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Preparation

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Albert Travis

Call to Worship Psalm 30:4-12 (*The Message*)

Leader: All you saints! Sing your hearts out to God!  
Thank him to his face!  
He gets angry once in a while,  
but across a lifetime there is only love.  
The nights of crying your eyes out  
give way to days of laughter.

**People: When things were going great I crowed,  
"I've got it made.  
I'm God's favorite.  
He made me king of the mountain."  
Then you looked the other way  
And I fell to pieces.**

L: I called out to you, God,  
I laid my case before you.  
"Can you sell me for a profit when I'm dead?  
Auction me off at a cemetery yard sale?  
When I'm 'dust to dust' my songs  
and stories of you won't sell.  
So listen! And be kind!  
Help me out of this."

**P: You did it: you changed wild lament  
into whirling dance  
You ripped off my black mourning band  
and decked me with wildflowers.  
I'm about to burst with song.  
I can't keep quiet about you.  
God, my God  
I can't thank you enough!**

\* Hymn of Praise

"Sing a New Song to the Lord"

H 33

CALL TO CONFESSION: Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:6-10; Romans 10:9-11 (*The Message*, adapted)

L: What’s the price of two or three pet canaries? Some loose change, right? But God never overlooks a single one. And he pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs of your head! So don’t be intimidated by all this bully talk. You’re worth more than a million canaries.

**P: Stand up for me against world opinion, [confess me,] among the people you meet and I, the Son of Man, will stand up for you before My Father in Heaven and all his angels! But if you don’t know me, do you think I’ll defend you?**

L: If you bad-mouth the Son of Man out of misunderstanding or ignorance; that can be overlooked. But if you’re knowingly attacking God himself, taking aim at the Holy Spirit; that won’t be overlooked.

**P: The word that saves is right here,  
as near as the tongue in our mouth,  
as close as the heart in our chest.**

L: It’s the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God – “Jesus is my Master” – embracing, body and soul, God’s work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That’s it! You’re not “doing” anything; you’re simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That’s salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud:

**P: “God has set everything right between Him and me!”**

SILENCE *for personal reflection and confession*

ASSURANCE

L: Scripture reassures us:

**P: “No one who trusts God like this—heart and soul – will ever regret it. “**

Congregational Response                      “Father I Adore You”                      **C 80**

### HEARING THE WORD

Children’s Story                      “The Air We Breathe”                      Ryan Nelson

Hymn                      “This Little Light of Mine”                      **H 580**

Responsive Scripture                      Psalm 9:9-10 (KJV)

L: The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,  
A refuge in times of trouble

**P: And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee:  
For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.**

Sermon                      “TRUST, FAITH AND DELIVERANCE”                      Ryan Nelson

## OUR RESPONSE

\* Hymn of Response

“Trust and Obey”

No. 590

Family Prayers

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” (#510)

Combined Budget

*Don Freudenburg*

Admonition: Hebrews 11:32-12:2 (*The Message*, adapted)

**L + P: We could go on and on, but we’ve run out of time. There are so many more . . . ,**

L: Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves.

**P: They were protected from lions, fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies.**

L: Women received their loved ones back from the dead.

**P: There were those who, under torture, refused to give in and go free, preferring something better: resurrection.**

L: Others braved abuse and whips, and yes, chains and dungeons.

**P: We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two , murdered in cold blood, stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless—the world didn’t deserve them!—making their way as best they could on the cruel edges of the world.**

L: Not one of these people, even though their lives of faith were exemplary, got their hands on what was promised. God had a better plan for us.

**P: That their faith and our faith would come together to make one completed whole, their lives of faith not complete apart from ours [– all together ascending to glory!]**

L: Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever.

**P: And now he’s *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God.**

L: When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

\* Hymn of Joy

“For All the Saints”

H 421

Benediction

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Postlude

“Sortie”

*Andre Campra*