

Prelude

Welcome

Meditation

Introit #663 Awake, My Soul, verse 1

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-40

O Eternal One, show me how to live according to Your statutes,
and I will keep them always.

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**Grant me understanding so that I can keep Your law
and keep it wholeheartedly.**

35

Guide me to walk in the way You commanded
because I take joy in it.

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**Turn *my head and my heart* to Your decrees
and not to sinful gain.**

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Keep my eyes from gazing upon worthless things,
and give me *true* life according to Your plans.

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**Verify Your word to Your servant,
which will lead me to worship You.**

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Take away the scorn that I dread
because Your actions are *just and good*.

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**Look and see—I long for Your guidance;
restore me in Your righteousness.**

Prayer of the Day

We long for you and gather to seek you, our gracious and loving God. You love us like a parent. You instruct us like a teacher. You guide us like a shepherd. We worship you, as we are, offering ourselves for your glory. Amen.

Hymn. 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak vs. 1, 3, 5

Call to Confession

Scripture reminds us that if we say we have no sin, then we are fooling ourselves and the truth is not in us. So we pause in these moments to be honest with ourselves, one another, and our God, admitting the truth and seeking forgiveness of sin.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we admit we do not always follow your teachings. We often believe we know what is right and often judge those who disagree. We know our words can hurt others, but we still use them as weapons without regard for the damage we do. We would rather gossip or let relationships die than to work through our problems. We become comfortable with division when you want peace and reconciliation. Forgive us for not doing as you have directed us. Forgive when we run from the hard work of peacemaking. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, we pray. (Pause for a time of silent confession.). All God's children say, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news. While it's true we have all sinned and come short of God's glory, in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven. God's grace is greater than our sin. Know this, and be at peace.

Sharing Christ's Peace

Special Music. 377. I want to Walk as a Child of the Light v. 1 & 3

Prayers of the People and the Traditional 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. Amen.

Epistle Lesson. Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel Lesson. Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the form of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Hymn 539 We Will Go Out with Joy v. 1 & 3

Benediction

Postlude