

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

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Call to Worship and Approach to God. *You are invited to light a candle.*

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Psalm 139:7-10

❖ Hymn 162

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.
Jehovah, Great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.
2. The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame and power,
and him my only portion make,
my shield and tower.
3. He by himself has sworn,
I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne,
to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face,
I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.
4. There dwells the Lord of King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.
5. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! —
I join the heavenly praise —
all might and majesty are thine,
through endless days.

❖ **Prayer of approach** ending with the Lord's Prayer:
(say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

❖ **Music in worship:** *Behold Now, Praise the Lord* - Everett Titcomb

❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 561**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story...

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story...

❖ **Prayers of intercession**

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

All praise to you, loving God,
for all good gifts that enrich our lives
**Take us and all that you have given us
and use us in the service of your Kingdom. Amen,**

❖ **Hymn 512**

- 1 To God be the glory, great things he has done,
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

- 2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
foe every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
- 3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

❖ **Blessing:**

Go in peace to love and to serve God;
**and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.**