

A SHOOT  
WILL COME  
UP FROM THE  
STUMP OF JESSE.

ISAIAH 11:1a



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Welcome

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Ernewerten Gesangbuch

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

Isaiah 9:2, NIV

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

### \* Opening Prayer

Leonard Sweet

O God, we worship and lift our hearts... not because the world is good and last week was awesome, but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the God of the whole Earth.

We worship and raise our hands... not because our lives are all sweetness and light, but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star.

We worship and bow down... not because God gives us what we want, but because God gives us what we need – the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift. Amen.

### \* Opening Song

*My Jesus, I love Thee*

# 133

#### Verse 1

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

#### Verse 2

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.

I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 3

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Time with Our Children** (after, children, over 5, can go to Children's Church)

**Song**

*In Christ Alone*

# 332

*In Christ Alone* by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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*Verse 1:*

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song—  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

*Verse 2:*

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save,  
till on the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
My ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

*Verse 3:*

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

*Verse 4:*

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7, CEV

### A Song about a Vineyard

**The Lord said:** <sup>1</sup> I will sing a song about my friend's vineyard that was on the side of a fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> My friend dug the ground, removed the stones, and planted the best vines. He built a watchtower and dug a pit in rocky ground for pressing the grapes. He hoped they would be sweet, but bitter grapes were all it produced.

<sup>3</sup> Listen, people of Jerusalem and of Judah! You be the judge of me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more could I have done for my vineyard? I hoped for sweet grapes, but bitter grapes were all that grew. <sup>5</sup> Now I will let you know what I am going to do. I will cut down the hedge and tear down the wall. My vineyard will be trampled and left in ruins. <sup>6</sup> It will turn into a desert, neither pruned nor hoed; it will be covered with thorns and briars. I will command the clouds not to send rain.

<sup>7</sup> I am the Lord All-Powerful! Israel is the vineyard, and Judah is the garden I tended with care. I had hoped for honesty and for justice, but dishonesty and cries for mercy were all I found.

## Congregational Prayer

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Special Music

*All Praise to Thee, My God*

Thomas Tallis

## Thoughts on Giving

Henry Ward Beecher, the American abolitionist and clergyman, once said, “Do not give as rich people do, like a hen that lays her eggs... and then cackles”. Jesus tells us not to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing.

## Song

*God, Whose Giving*

# 7 4 5

*God, Whose Giving* by Robert Lansing Edwards, Rowland Hugh Prichard

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### Verse 1

God, whose giving knows no ending  
from your rich and endless store—  
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,  
costly cross, grave’s shattered door—  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
off’ring up ourselves in praise.  
Thankful songs shall rise forever,  
gracious Donor of our days.

### Verse 2

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

Verse 3

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred—  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-4a, CEV

11 Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord.

This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors. <sup>4</sup> The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice.

### Sermon

“Plant a Radish, Get a Radish?”

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Song

*Heart with Loving Heart United*

# 8 1 3

Verse 1

Heart with loving heart united, met to know God's holy will.  
Let this love, in us ignited, more and more our spirits fill.  
He the head, we are his members, we reflect the light he is.  
He the master, we disciples, he is ours and we are his.

Verse 2

May we all so love each other and all selfish claims deny,  
so that each one for the other will not hesitate to die.  
Even so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.  
Still he grieves and still he suffers, for our selfishness and strife.

Verse 3

Since, O Lord, you have demanded that our lives your love should show,  
so we wait to be commanded forth into your world to go.  
Kindle in us love's compassion so that ev'ryone may see  
in our fellowship the promise of a new humanity.

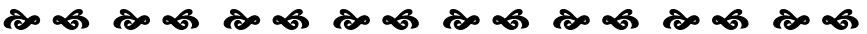
\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Heart with Loving Heart United*

Manuscript Chorale Book (USA)

\* Please stand as able and led



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Children's Time .....	Sarah Hartman
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