

The background of the entire graphic is a landscape of mountains at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. Overlaid on this scene are several musical notes and a staff. A large, thin, golden oval encircles the main title. Two musical notes are positioned above the oval, one on the left and one on the right, with a line connecting them. At the bottom of the image, there is a pattern of musical notes and a staff, suggesting a musical theme.

SONGS OF ASCENT

A SERMON SERIES ON PSALMS

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, August 4th

PRELUDE

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “O God of Every Nation”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: **From where does my help come?**

P: My help comes from the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

C: **He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P: The Lord is your keeper;

C: **The Lord is your shade on your right hand.**

P: The sun shall not strike you by day,

C: **Nor the moon by night.**

P: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!

C: **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: **My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.**

P: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most gracious God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: To you I lift up my eyes,

C: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

P: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

C: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

P: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “O God of Every Nation”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Psalm 133** [ESV]

R: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

R: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

C: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE “Behold the Goodness of the Lord (Psalm 133)”

HOLY GOSPEL **John 17:20-23** [ESV]

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

SERMON “DWELL IN UNITY”

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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