



LITURGY GUIDE

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WELCOME

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MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:24, Psalm 136:1-3

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery

In the dawning of the King

He the theme of heaven's praises

Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness

Now the light of life has come

Look to Christ, who condescended

Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery

He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

(repeat)

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How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

SONGS OF PRAISE

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

(repeat)

*Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Based on Isaiah 53:4-11

Leader: Surely Jesus Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. Out of the anguish of his soul he made us to be accounted righteous, and he bore our iniquities.

To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the forgiveness of sins is freely given in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

*I rejoice in my redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
And I will trust in him, no other
My soul is satisfied in him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

*I rejoice in my redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in him, no other
My soul is satisfied in him alone*

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid

At the cross

*And I rejoice in my redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in him, no other
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TITHES & OFFERINGS

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joining Seven Hills

Are you interested in making Seven Hills your church home?
We will be receiving new members in February. If you have questions or interest, please reach out to Pastor Matt.

Lenten Bible Study

This winter, we are looking forward to hosting two Bible study groups which will meet on alternating weeks starting in mid-February. Each group will meet four times leading up to Easter. The study will be an accessible guide through Holy Week, the week leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. We'd love to see you there! As we plan, we'd like to get a sense of those interested and their schedules. Please sign up at sevenhillschurch.org/events

Questions? Please reach out to Paige or Pastor Matt!

"Together New England" Youth Event - Saturday February 28, 10am-2pm

Attention Youth leaders & Youth parents, next month there will be a fun presbytery-wide youth event at Whitinsville Christian School, about 1.5 hrs from Somerville. We would love for our Middle & High School Youth to have the opportunity to join in this half-day "Winter Camp" event and meet other teens from around southern New England. Seeking two or more adult Youth Team leaders/carpool drivers in addition to interested youth students. \$10 per person with lunch provided. If interested, contact Geren Stone.

Seminar with Rev. Dr. Bryan Loney - March 7, 10am-12pm

Join us for "Lay Care Principles for Walking with One Another Through Suffering and Hardship," a free seminar on a variety of Biblical and practical principles to aid us in caring for others who are suffering. With a background as a professor of Clinical Psychology and pastoral ministry, Rev. Dr. Bryan Loney will lead this 2-hour seminar at our Hillside Community Space (324 Broadway, Somerville). On-site childcare is available.

Sign up at sevenhillschurch.org/events.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to our **Sunday Operations Team** members for your faithful service to Seven Hills! (Set-up & Greeting, Clean-up, Announcements, Scripture Reader, Offering, Sunday Operations Supervisor)

Hermioni Lokko Amonoo

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Paige Van Norstrand

Tim Wiggin

Holly Wiggin, Media &
Events Coordinator

TIME OF GREETING

Children are dismissed to classes

SONG OF PREPARATION

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God
Is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart
And the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone
From the first to the last
Hath won my affections
And bound my soul fast

Without thy sweet mercy
I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through thy free goodness
My spirits revive,

And he that first made me
Still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more
Than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel
Its own hardness depart
Dissolved by thy goodness
I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise
Of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies
thy goodness I own
And the covenant love
of thy crucified Son
All praise to the spirit
whose whispers divine
Seals mercy and pardon
And righteousness mine

(repeat)

All praise to the spirit
whose whispers divine
Seals mercy and pardon
And righteousness mine.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:6-13, 19-34

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Pastor Matt Owens

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism: Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SONG OF SENDING *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more!*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion.

*We will sing with our hearts restored.
 "He has done great things,"
 we will say together.
 We will feast, and weep no more!*

In the dark of night before the dawn,
 my soul be not afraid;
 For the promised morning, oh how long!
 O God of Jacob, be my strength!

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
 We will sing with our hearts restored.
 "He has done great things,"
 we will say together.
 We will feast, and weep no more!*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
 You are the faithful One;
 And from the garden to the grave,
 Bind us together, bring shalom!

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
 We will sing with our hearts restored.
 "He has done great things,"
 we will say together.
 We will feast, and weep no more!*

(repeat)

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BENEDICTION

Getting Connected:

- To sign up for Seven Hills News & announcements, or for community groups, membership questions, volunteering & general info - Joseph Lam at admin@sevenhillschurch.org
- Pastoral Care, Membership & Men's Discipleship - Rev. Matt Owens at mattowens@sevenhillschurch.org
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