THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

- P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: "As I live," says the Lord God, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live."
- C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Is prejudice a problem? Is pride?

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: We confess to you our sinfulness, and our helplessness to escape from it. We regard ourselves more worthy than others. We close our doors to them; we close our hands and hearts, as well. We are wicked; we are doomed to die. We beg your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive our sins, and turn us from our ways.
- P: God has mercy for everyone; God's love reaches out to all. Jesus Christ was given to die for us; for his sake our sins are forgiven, and we shall live! Our God has turned to us in love.
- C: Thanks be to God! Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN: - "In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN - "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

THE SERMON: "Gifts That Can't Be Taken Away"

THE APOSTLES CREED

CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, have mercy**.

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you.

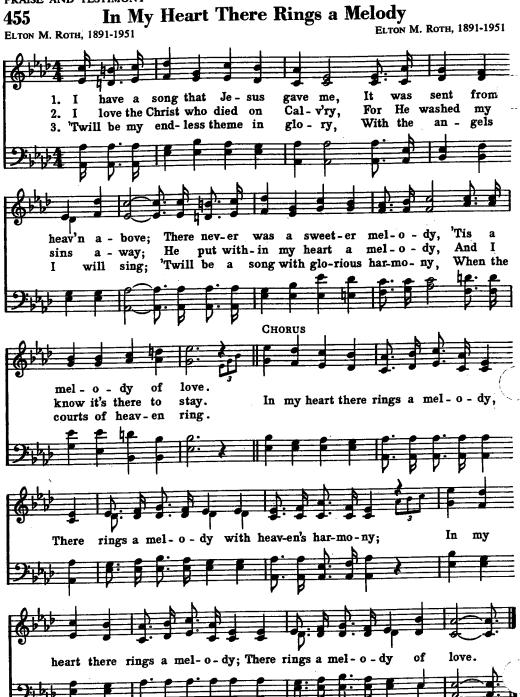
The Lord look upon you with favor and 🗭 give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

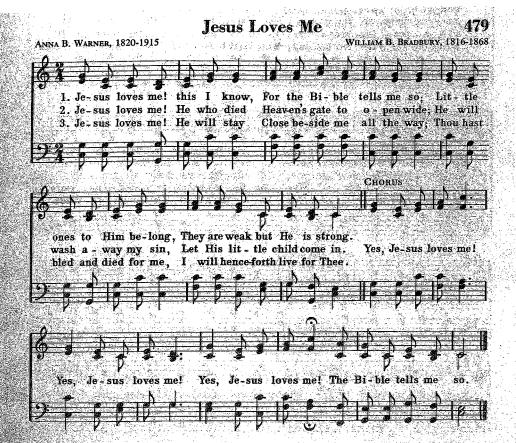
People: Thanks be to God. Amen



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I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES Psalm 89 J.H. Fillmore

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing.

I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,I will sing.I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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