

OPENING HYMN #146

“We Gather Together”

1 We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing,
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His Name—He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side—all glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Confession of Sin ~ Common

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness 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 eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Faith ~ Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #554

“In Times Like These”

1 In times like these you need a Savior,
In times like these you need an anchor;
Be very sure, Be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

Refrain: This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He’s the One;
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!
Be very sure, be very sure
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

2 In times like these you need the Bible,
In times like these O be not idle;
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! *[REFRAIN]*

3 In times like these I have a Savior,
In times like these I have an anchor;
I’m very sure, I’m very sure
My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He’s the One;
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!
I’m very sure, I’m very sure
My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

CLOSING HYMN #245

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent pray’rs;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.