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What were we made for? To know God. What aim should we set ourselves in life? To know God. what is the 'eternal life' that Jesus gives? Knowledge of God.  
J. I. Packer, in "Knowing God"

So the Lord now manifestly came to his own, and, born by his own created order which he himself bears, he by his obedience on the tree renewed and reversed what was done by disobedience in connection with a tree. Irenaeus, A.D. 180

### A Logos for Life

A service of corporate worship based on the prologue to the Gospel of John (John 1:1-13)

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

John 1:1,2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

#### Hymn of Adoration

Join All the Glorious Names (Hymn #301)

#### Prayer of Invocation

#### Song of Praise

Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father; (women echo) We believe in the blood of Jesus; (women echo)  
We believe in Christ, the Son. (women echo) We believe in eternal life. (women)  
We believe in the Holy Spirit; (women echo) We believe in His blood that frees us (women)  
We are the Church and we stand as one. (women) To become the bride of Christ. (women)

Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

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We believe in the Holy Bible; (Women echo)  
We believe in the virgin birth. (women echo)  
We believe in the resurrection; (women echo)  
That Christ one day will return to earth. (women echo)

## 1. Everyone Has a Logos

#### Song of Assurance

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;  
Your boundless love, unending, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,  
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

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## II. Jesus is God

#### Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Questions 15-18

Q: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for?

**A: One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

Q: Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?

**A: God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for its sin, but a sinner could never pay for others.**

Q: Why must he also be true God?

**A: So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.**

Q: And who is this mediator-true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

**A: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.**

#### Song of Praise

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide;  
but You have sent Him from Your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in Your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,  
they laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
the humble King they named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in Your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died;  
but You have brought me to Your side  
to be led by Your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in Your precious blood,  
'til I am just a lamb of God.

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[ children ages 4-8 are dismissed for Children's Church]

## III. Unbelief is a Riddle

#### Confession of Sin

#### Song of Adoration

Across the Lands

You're the word of God the Father  
From before the world began.  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You're the Author of Creation  
You're the God of every man  
And Your cry of love  
rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels;  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You calmed the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free! (chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wrestling victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation;  
You are leading sinners home! (chorus)

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#### God's Tithes and Our Offerings

## IV. Faith is a Miracle

#### Hymn of Thanksgiving

#### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown

He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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**Minister:** Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

## John 1:1-13

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup>The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup>There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. <sup>9</sup>There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.