

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 1 as at #1 in the hymn book**

How blest are those who do not stray, led by the wicked's talk;  
who will not with the sinful stand, nor sit where scoffers mock.

The teaching of the Lord their God they follow with delight,  
and meditate upon God's word with gladness day and night.

They flourish like well-watered trees set by a riverside,  
whose fruit matures, whose leaves remain – they prosper and abide.

The wicked, like the straw and chaff by wind blown far away,  
can have no place among the just nor stand on judgement day.

The Lord will guard the righteous well, and knows the way they take;  
but doomed to perish is the way the wicked undertake.



You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;  
you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.

You are like the sunlight enticing us taller and like the breeze rustling our leaves.  
You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,  
and in the nights when winter's frost ices the landscape  
your love warms and sustains us.

You are everything to us. Let our gratitude be great, and our praise be plentiful.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN based on Psalm 1:1-3**

**words below:**

How great the joys of those whose path  
is not mapped out by evil;  
who follow not the wicked ways  
of those who're lost for ever.

*God's word is their delight,  
their guiding light by day and night;  
God's word will keep them right,  
so they'll know joy for ever!*

How great the joys of those who keep  
well clear of every scoffer;  
who give no heed to bitterness –  
resist what cynics offer.

*God's word is their delight,  
their guiding light by day and night;  
God's word will keep them right,  
so they'll know joy for ever!*

Such ones as these are like the trees  
safe-rooted by a river –  
they'll bear much fruit when times are right;  
their leaves will never wither.

*God's word is their delight,  
their guiding light by day and night;  
God's word will keep them right,  
so they'll know joy for ever!*

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**HYMN 694**      **Brother, sister, let me serve you**

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**REFLECTION**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      **Christ be our light**      **PLEASE STAND**

**Dedication, intercessions and Lord's Prayer**

**HYMN 622**      **We sing a love that sets all people free**

**The Blessing after which we sing HYMN 786**

**"WHEN A MAN SEES GOD IN ALL BEINGS AND ALL BEINGS IN GOD, AND ALSO GOD DWELLING IN HIS OWN SOUL, HOW CAN HE HATE ANY LIVING THING?"**

**The Upanishads**

The Upanishads, a part of the Vedas, are ancient Sanskrit texts that contain some of the central philosophical concepts and ideas of Hinduism, some of which are shared with other religious traditions like Buddhism and Jainism.