

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 113:1-3*

\* **Our Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting:**

Congregation of Jesus Christ, where is your trust placed?

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

\* **Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Refrain:* So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

\* **Awesome God** 3x

Our God is an awesome God.  
He reigns from heaven above;  
With wisdom, pow'r and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.

\* **Change My Heart, O God**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
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\* *indicates to stand if you are able*

**Call to Confession:** Isaiah 30:15,18

**Prayer of Confession**

God, you placed us in the world to be its salt. We are afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world. We do not want to hear what "they" might have to say, and our salt dissolves as if in water.

**Forgive us, Jesus.**

God you placed us in the world to be its light. We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty. We do not want to know other people's struggles, and our light slowly fades away.

**Forgive us, Jesus.**

God, you placed us in the world to live in community. Thus you taught us to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and justice, your truth incarnate in our life.

**So be it, Jesus. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:** 1 Peter 2:24

**Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

**(Children ages 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Church during this song.)**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** *Chris Roos*

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** Matthew 7:13-14 pg. 1014

<sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Road Less Taken*

**Prayer**

\* **All the Way My Savior Leads Me** #598:1 (HFG)

All the way my Savior leads me –  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide.  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.

\* **Parting Blessing**

\* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that you give  
Change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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**Pastor:** *Robert Woodyard*

**Congregation Prayer:** *Blaine Kooy*

**Offertory Prayer:** *Paul Assink*

**Piano:** *Dave Korthuis*

**Keyboard:** *Cheryl Korthuis*

**Praise Team:** *Melissa Smit, Bryan Ahlers,  
Cal Buys and Liz Vander Pol*

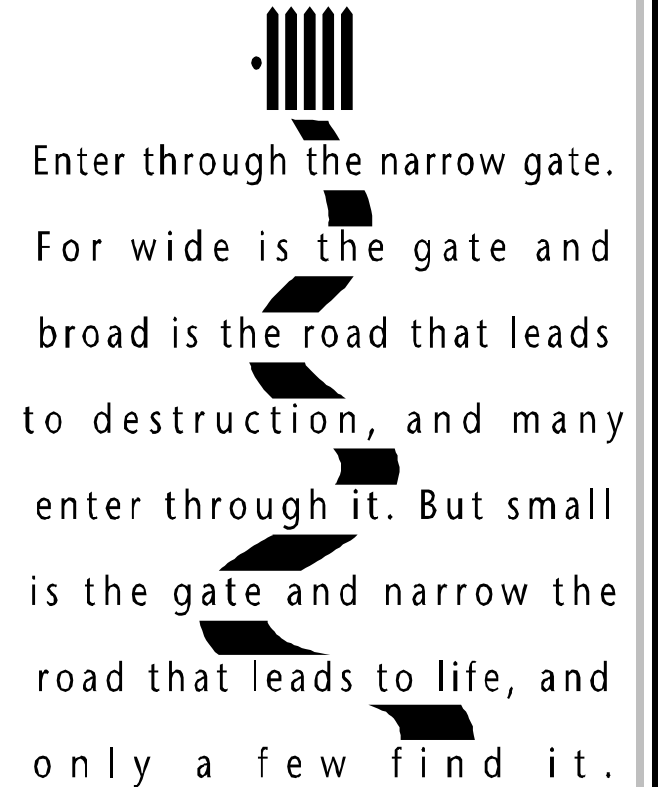
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**Sermon Notes**

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Enter through the narrow gate.  
For wide is the gate and  
broad is the road that leads  
to destruction, and many  
enter through it. But small  
is the gate and narrow the  
road that leads to life, and  
only a few find it.

**Matthew 7:13-14**

***July 11, 2010  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service***