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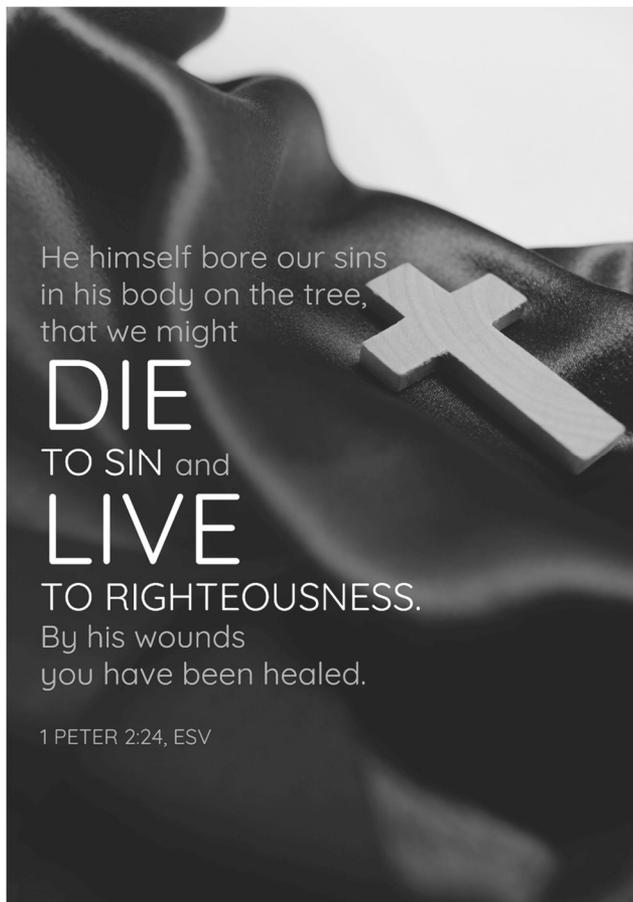
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**Living as
Strangers Here**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Jn. 4:24; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors.

Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Firm Foundation

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Hebrews 4:15-16)

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace

with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

People: teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

Send out your light, send out your truth,

and let them lead us to our home.

Take from us the weight of our sin,

that room might be made for the spirit of truth.

If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,

and the truth will set our spirits free.

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth,

and by this know that our service is faithful.

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from 2 Cor. 5:17-18)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

HYMN

#520 *The Longer I Serve Him*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:13-21 (p. 1887)

SERMON: "Living as Strangers Here"

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#329 *There is Power in the Blood*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- **BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**



What this passage teaches me about God:

What this passage teaches me about myself:

How it applies to my life:

I have questions about:

