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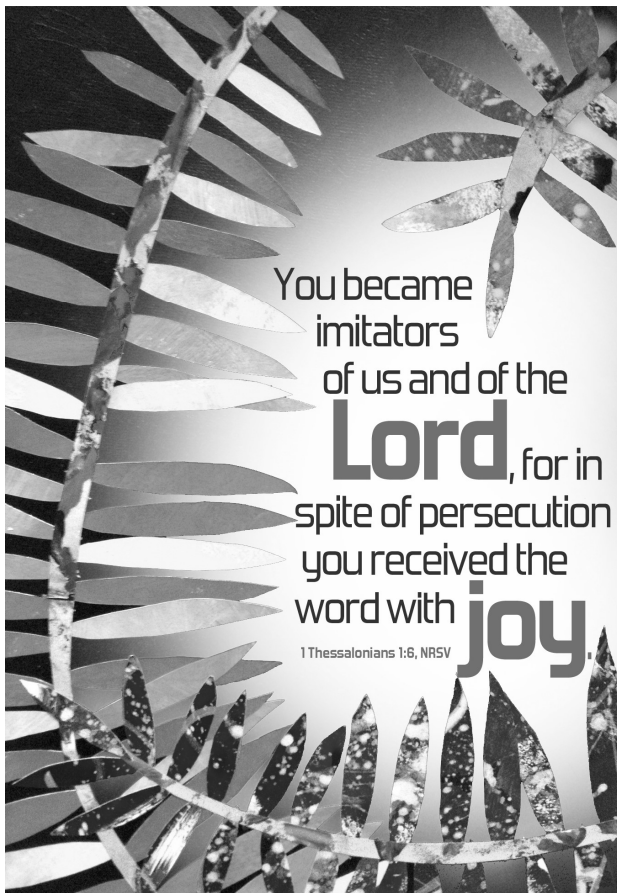
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**Understanding the
Opposition**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25:1,4-10)

Leader: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

People: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

**Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are
from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners
in his ways.**

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

**All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those
who keep the demands of his covenant.**

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to
love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in
truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

*Battle Belongs
Living Hope*

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 1 John 1:8-9)

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we
deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our
sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8)

Hear the good news! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

#348 *My Savior's Love*

(v. 1, 4, & 5)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Thess. 2:1-12

(p. 1843)

SERMON: "Understanding the Opposition"

Rev. Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#435 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- BENEDICTION
- ORGAN RESPONSE
- POSTLUDE