

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:15–23

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♪ **I Will Sing of My Redeemer (TH #650)**

Sermon: An Unholy War

1 Samuel 4:1–11

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♪ **Lead On O King Eternal (TH #580)**

Closing Prayer

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An Unholy War

1 SAMUEL 4:1–11



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Greeting

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Call To Worship (Psalm 50:1–6)

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Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

All: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

♪ **Psalm 46: God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (TH #40)**

Confession of Sin

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Call to Confession (Psalm 50:16–21)

“But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. “You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.”

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable. You have no needs, for you own every beast of the forest and the cattle on a thousand hills. We confess that we have hated discipline and cast your words behind us. We have been pleased by thieves and content to keep company with adulterers. We give our mouths free rein for evil, and our tongues have framed deceit. We sit and speak against our brother, and we have slandered those closest to us. Forgive us for our transgressions, absolve us of our sin, and blot out the impure iniquity within our souls. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:1)

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“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

♪ **And Can it be that I Should Gain? (TH #455)**