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Does God want you to break the law?

Call to Worship

Psalm 139: 1-6

Lord God, you know me through and through;

you know my sitting down, and my getting up.

You sense what I am thinking from far away;

you understand my journeying and my resting.

You are familiar with the way I do everything;

even before I speak, you know what's on my mind.

You are in my past, and in my future,

you surround me with your love

and your reassuring hand is upon me.

This wonderful knowledge is beyond my understanding;

it surpasses everything, and is beyond my grasp. AMEN

Welcome and Notices

Song

Love is the Law

Robin Mann ATA 184

1 Spring follows winter, as sun follows rain;
With thunder comes lightning, it's always the same
The world keeps on rolling through the day, month, and year;
Then sun needs no telling that daybreak is near.

2 O how I would like to be just like the sun,
O how I would like to know what must be done!
It's always a struggle between right and wrong:
I need You, Lord Jesus, to guide me along.

3 The promise was made, through your prophet, that we
Would live by your Spirit, that we would be free;
Laws would be written on paper no more;
Our hearts are the paper, and love is the law.

4 "My spirit I leave you, although I must go;
My Spirit I leave you, my peace you will know.
Love one another, as I have loved you.
This I have told you, this you must do."

5 We thank you, our father, for freedom to slip,
for freedom to stumble, for freedom to trip;
Christ is our helper, to him we will cling.
Love is the song he has taught us to sing.

Centring

Scripture Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Song **Praise to the Living God** Jewish Yigdal TIS 102
(refer to attached song sheet)

Hearing the Word Geoff Hurst

Prayer of Response

Ever present God of grace, by your Spirit you gather us to worship you;
**you who formed my very consciousness, and wove me together in my
mother's womb you who are so awesomely wonderful you whose
creativity is so marvellous.**

Lord God, you know me through and through;
**even my bones, being formed in secret, in the depths of the earth,
were not hidden from you.**

Your eyes saw my embryo
**and in your book are all written down days that were planned before
any of them occurred.**

Your thoughts of me, Lord God, are difficult to comprehend and far
beyond counting

**If I tried to count them, they would be more than grains of sand and if I
came to the end, I would not have summed you up.**

Engage us by your word and change us:

open our ears to hear you; open our eyes to see what we might become; open our hearts to follow in the way you have shown to the world in Jesus. Amen.

Song Feed us now Robin Mann TIS 538

1 Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;
let us know your love anew: we hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

2 Piece of bread, cup of wine: Lord, this food is good:
love and mercy come to us your promise we trust,
Piece of bread, cup of wine: who can understand
how God's mercy works in these? Yet, lord, we believe.

3 God is here, oh so near, nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here oh so near, in this heavens meal.
May we always feed on you, on the bread that is true.

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

W Wallace

**Most compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you:
may we work with you to establish your new order of justice, peace
and love.**

**Give us what we need for growth, and help us, through forgiving
others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in the time of testing, that
we may resist all evil.**

For all the tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.

AMEN

**Song Love makes a way Alison Campbell Rate
(refer to attached song sheet)**

Gathering our Gifts

Sending Out

Song	A Christmas Blessing (refer to attached song sheet)	Robin Mann
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Scripture **Mark 2:23 - 3:6**

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

[You are invited to light a candle as you leave the sanctuary.]
