Opening Remarks

<u>Call to Worship</u>: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield. 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

Children's Lesson

Song of Petition: "We Look to You"

1 Deliver us from evil, Lord;
We sojourn in a broken world
Though evil hands give rise to war,
Remind us this is not our home
We look to You, we look to You,
Sovereign King of all the earth
We look to You, we look to You;
In Your strength we will endure
In Your strength we will endure

2 Deliver us from evil, Lord;
Our hearts so quickly run astray
Temptation crouching at the door
To turn us from the narrow way
We look to You, we look to You,
Christ the conquering Son of God
We look to You, we look to You;
Lord, complete what You've begun
Lord, complete what You've begun

3 Deliver us from evil, Lord;
The devil's seeking to devour
With trembling hearts we hear his roar,
But Your strong arm will crush his pow'r
We look to You, we look to You,
Come and end his earthly reign
We look to You, we look to You;
Lord, deliver us, we pray

Tag:

We look to You, we look to You You will come again to reign We look to You, we look to You All the earth will bow in praise <u>Special Music</u>: "O God of Mercy, Hear Our Plea"

1 O God, we've seen Your faithfulness; You brought us from the wilderness. But now, our faith is frail and weak. O God of mercy, hear our plea.

2 When will You comfort our distress? How long until the promised rest? We cry to You from deepest need, O God of mercy, hear our plea.

Chorus:

Abba, Father, our Redeemer, In this barren land be our hope and strength. Until glory we will trust and sing, Abba Father, hear our plea.

Message: "Hard Answers for Hard Questions" (Habakkuk 1-3)
See notes on page that follows.

<u>Song of Response</u>: "O God of Mercy, Hear Our Plea" *Reprise*

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Announcements & Benediction

3 We join creation's longing groan
To take Your ransomed children home,
For then the eyes of all will see
The God of mercy hears our plea.

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Hard Answers to Hard Questions Habakkuk 1-3

Who: Habakkuk is the author.
When: He probably wrote near 600BC similar to Nahum, Zephaniah,
and
Habakkuk 1-3
Habakkuk recognizes there is just reason for God's wrath, but he also requests God's (3:2)
Take your tough to God.
Ask in a way, not an accusative way.
Biblical faith allows us to grow and rejoice even in the midst of incredible
Be prepared to follow God even when it gets hard!

Challenge of the Week: Spend 5 minutes (or more) praying for saints who are in the midst of great struggles to find joy in the Lord and be strengthened in their faith.