



APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Welcome to Worship this Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter! We are pleased to have Reverend Bill Ward back in the pulpit with us. The sermon is titled “No Other Name” and is based on Acts 4: 5-12.

We continue to be working on our “hybrid” model for Worship and are glad to be welcoming people back to the sanctuary in a safe manor! We look forward to the time when we can all be back to worship together.

# Welcome!

Series: Living in the New Creation

# Order of Worship

Welcome

Cherie Hankal

Call to Worship

Song of Praise '10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)'

*Accompanied by Joe Murrow in previous recording*

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies  
before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
Forevermore

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Oh my soul bless the Lord,

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

I'll worship  
I'll worship Your holy name

## Call to Confession

Carol Merritt

### Prayer of Confession

Welcoming God, we confess that we have journeyed far from you. We have traveled far from your love and justice. We have neglected the stranger in our midst. And we have been doubted your presence with us. Help us to see the way you have set for us in Christ. Restore us to a life of mutuality, love and justice for all.

(Silent confession)

Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### The Peace

## Time for Young Disciples

Christy Sumner

### Reading from Acts 4: 5-12

Rev. Bill Ward

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is

*"the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone."*

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

## Message “No Other Name”

### Reflection Questions

1. What is the “Scandal of Particularity”? Describe it in your own words. How have you seen or heard this concept articulated in the broader culture, especially as a criticism?
2. What is the radical inclusiveness of the Gospel, especially in contrast to the above? How is this perhaps misunderstood or misinterpreted by those still entangled in the Scandal of Particularity? What are the real challenges and some of their responses?
3. Jesus is Savior to those who realize they need Him and an offense to those who don’t. What is our part in the “Wonderful Exchange” of Grace, and how is our understanding of that critical to our receptivity?

### Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Cherie Hankal

### Invitations

### Benediction

### Sending Song: ‘My Hope is Built on Nothing Less’

Carol Ortiz

*Hymn #379 versus 1,2 and 4*



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