

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come together to celebrate Jesus Christ,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
Instead, he emptied Himself completely,
not only taking on human form,
but the form of a slave.
He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.

So God raised Him up with great honour,
and gave Him a name above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus
everyone—
in heaven and on earth and even under the earth
might bow down,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

This is our God—

PEOPLE: GLORY BE TO GOD

SONG - HOW MARVELOUS

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be,
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
Twill be my joy through the ages
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SONG - LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven

The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope (x2)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (x2)
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want

People: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

People: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener. The waters aren't always still. Our souls still thirst.

Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: O Lord, we long to be led by you, though we may complain along the path.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

People: And yet, O God we do sometimes fear. May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table. Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

People: Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

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ASSURANCE

The words are sure and true: The Lord is our Shepherd and provides for us everything we need. Know that God is with you now, forgiving you, rejoicing to be in your presence and willing to transform you by the power of the Holy Spirit into true and full disciples of the Son, Jesus, the Crucified and Resurrected One. Amen.

SONG - HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

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PREACHING AND TEACHING

Open your bible to Ephesians 4:1-16 and follow along.

COMMUNION AND RESPONSE

Matthew 26:26–28 (ESV) - 26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*“Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

SONG - BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none besides You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

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I will build my life upon Your love

It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & GIVING

- Women's Equip Class this fall! It starts next Sunday (9/6)
- Backyard Gatherings will continue through September.

BENEDICTION

Matthew 11:28-29 (ESV) - *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*