

## **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 - BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of Glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

### **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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Jesus Christ, my living hope  
O God, You are my living hope

### **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 - YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **PREACHING AND TEACHING**

Open your bible to John 12:23-50 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 - CHRIST IS RISEN**

A-mazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
For I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
Halle-lujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Halle-lujah Christ is risen from the grave  
The prodigal is welcomed home  
The sinner now a saint  
For the God who died came back to life  
And everything has changed  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

O death where is your sting? O fear where is your power?  
The mighty King of kings has dis-armed you  
Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is ours  
O praise His name forever

Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
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And all throughout eternity our song will be the same  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in  
To heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars Your open arms  
The beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy  
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise  
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & GIVING**

- Basics Class today!
- Volunteers needed
- Women's Newsletter going out this week! Make sure you stay connected and we have your email address by filling out a connect card.

## **BENEDICTION**

**Jude 24-25 (ESV)** - *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*