



Contemporary Worship

April 28, 2024 10:30 AM

Words of Welcome

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: who gave us His Son.

Pastor: In the name of God the Son,

People: who suffered, died and was buried for my sins.

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: who calls us to repentance and faith. Amen.

Opening Words

God So Loved the World

Come all you weary come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water come and thirst no more

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Come all you sinners come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness find what you're looking for

Bring all your failures bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Praise God praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love

Bring all your failures bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting

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Confession

Absolution

Abide in Me

Abide in me abide in me
Send Your Holy Spirit come and abide in me
Whatever it takes create in me the space
Make my heart a place designed for Thee
Lord come and abide in me

Abide in me abide in me
Spirit of truth come and abide in me
You came to compensate now the price has all been paid
With the life You freely gave at Calvary
Lord come and abide in me

Seas could be raging but I'll overcome
And wars could be waging but I'll overcome
No I won't be shaken if I know You're the one
That's turned my heart into Your home

Lord I give up I'm giving You the space
I'm breaking down the walls and calling this Your place
I confess I've been living for the world take it all away
I just need You to come Jesus come Jesus

Abide in me abide in me
Without You I have nothing come and abide in me
Come and restore what You made me for
You waited at the door now here's the key
Come and abide in me

Raise me from my grave Lord break the stone
I'm giving You my heart to call Your own
Come and abide in me



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Sharing of the Peace

Children's Message

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God
O it chases me down, fights till I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down coming after me

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First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:1-16

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon: “What Kind of Love is This?”

1 John 4:1-16

Pastor Derek Klemm

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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Your Love O Lord

Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings

Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**



Service of the Sacrament

Words of Our Lord

The Lamb the Lion the King

You were the rescue plan
From the beginning
Our sacrificial lamb
Who bled for our healing
The scars on Your perfect hands
The seal of new covenant
Through Your suffering
Death has lost its sting

You are and You always will be
The Savior of the world who gave everything for me
The One all of Heaven calls worthy
The Lamb the Lion the King

Your body inside the grave
The Spirit was warring
You stormed the accuser's gates
Like a lion roaring
Heir to the highest throne
The Kingdom is yours alone
Through Your victory
Death has lost its sting

One day we'll hear Your Name
From every nation
You'll walk through the Eastern Gate
For Your coronation

All hail the One True King
Who reigns for eternity
And every living thing
Will join their voice and sing

You are and You always will be
The Savior of the world Who is coming back for me
The One all of Heaven calls worthy
The Lamb the Lion the King

You are and You always will be
The Savior of the world who means everything to me
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Jesus You are and You always will be
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The Lamb the Lion the King
Jesus the Lamb the Lion the King

Hallelujah What a Savior

Man of sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah what a Savior

Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah what a Savior

Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in heaven exalted high
Hallelujah what a Savior

When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe

I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives

You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come

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Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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