

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)

Sung intermittently during the prayers...

The Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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--THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken)

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

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

“Lord, Reign in Me” (Psalm 146:5-7)

Verse 1...Over all the earth, You reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You’d reign in me again.

Chorus...Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow’r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won’t You reign in me again.

Verse 2...Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; ‘cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won’t You reign in me again.

Repeat Chorus twice, then...Won’t You reign in me again, won’t You reign in me again.

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“I Give You My Heart”

Verse...This is my desire to honor You. Lord, with all my heart I worship You. All I have within me, I give You praise, all that I adore is in You.

Chorus...Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for You alone. Every breath that I take, ev’ry moment I’m awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

Repeat Verse, and Chorus three times

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

--BENEDICTION

--MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

--MEMORY VERSE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
(Proverbs 3:5)

--CLOSING SONG

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Judges 5:31; Ecclesiastes 12:4; Psalm 7:17; Isaiah 42:21;

Verse 1...Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Verse 2...Joy to the world, the Savior reigns.

Let all their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Chorus...Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well, no tongue can tell! Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

Verse 3...He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness.

And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love. Chorus...

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* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

LEADING WORSHIP

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Music: Connection Team

Elder: Eric Remold **Worship Assistant** Wayne Meyer

Soundboard: Braxton and Neal Weeg

THE CONNECTION

January 3, 2021
10:30am

**“CONNECTING PEOPLE
TO CHRIST
THROUGH GOD’S WORD!”**



--PRESERVICE SONG “Messiah” (Matthew 25:34-36)

Verse 1...Someone’s shouting from the desert.
Someone’s shouting from the sea.
Someone’s shouting from the mountain.
Someone’s shouting from the valley.

Chorus:...Messiah, come and be our King.
Messiah, come and be our King.

Verse 2...Someone’s shouting from the city. I am young,
I am cold. Someone’s shouting from the country.
I am lonely, I am old. Chorus:...

Verse 3...Someone’s shouting I am broken.
Someone’s shouting, make me whole.
Someone’s shouting, come and change me.
Someone’s shouting, save my soul. Chorus:...
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--WELCOME & WORDS OF PEACE

**--WORSHIP SONG “Family Prayer Song
(As For Me and My House)”** (Joshua 24:15)

Verse 1...Come and fill our homes with Your presence;
You alone are worthy of our reverence.

Chorus...As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord;
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord;
We will serve the Lord.

Verse 2...Lord, we vow to live holy, bowing our knees to
You only; Chorus...

(continued...)

Bridge...Staying together, praying together any storm we can weather, trusting in God's Word. We need each other, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers in harmony and love.

Sing Chorus, then...We will serve the Lord.

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--INVOCATION

P. Let us now say together our memory verse.

C. But test everything; hold fast what is good.
(I Thessalonians 5:21)

--CONFESSION OF SINS

--ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Verse 1...

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.

Chorus...

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. Chorus...

Chorus 2...

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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--FIRST LESSON / Samuel 13:9-14

⁹So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. ¹¹Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, ¹²I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering."
¹³And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

--SECOND LESSON Acts 13:16-23

¹⁶So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²²And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' ²³Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

--GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-33

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (continued...)

³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--MESSAGE SONG "Christ Be Our Light"

Verse 1...Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own,
Your holy people, light for the world to see.

Chorus...Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Verse 2...Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair. Your Word alone has
pow'r to save us. Make us Your living voice. Chorus...

Verse 3...Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us Your bread,
broken for others, shared until all are fed. Chorus...

Verse 4...Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us Your building,
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. Chorus...

Verse 5...Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts
that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come. Chorus...

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

**"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID:
AFTER GOD'S HEART"**

~The Rev. Paul Rieger

--TITHES AND OFFERING

--PRAYERS

After each intercession, pastor concludes with:
"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."