

--THE LORD'S PRAYER--*Echo*
(Sung - Men: Lead; Women: Echo)

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION
"Love Crucified, Arose"

Verse 1...Long ago He blessed the earth, born older than the years; and in the stall a cross He saw through the first of many tears. A life of homeless wandering cast out in sorrow's way; the Shepherd seeking for the lost; His life, the price He paid.

Chorus 1...Love crucified, arose. The Risen One in splendor. Jehovah's sole Defender, has won the victory. Love crucified, arose, and the grave became a place of hope; for the heart that sin and sorrow broke is beating once again.

Verse 2...Throughout Your life You felt the weight of what You'd come to give. To drink for us that crimson cup, so we might really live. At last the time to love and die; the dark appointed day; that one forsaken moment when Your Father turned His face away.

Chorus 2...Love crucified, arose. The One who lived and died for me; was Satan's nail-pierced casualty; now He's breathing once again. Love crucified, arose, and the grave became a place of hope, for the heart that sin and sorrow broke is beating once again. Sing Chorus 1...

Tag...Love crucified, arose.

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"Be Unto Your Name" (Revelation 5:13)

Verse 1...We are a moment, You are forever.
Lord of the ages, God before time; We are a vapor,
You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus...Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain; Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your
name, be unto your name.

Verse 2...We are the broken, You are the healer. Jesus,
Redeemer, mighty to save; You are the Lovesong we'll sing
forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Repeat chorus twice, then...Be unto Your name.

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

--MEMORY VERSE

"Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament,
but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but
your sorrow will turn into joy."
(John 16:20)

--BENEDICTION

--CLOSING SONG

"Open Up the Heavens" (Malachi 3:10; Daniel 7:10)

Verse 1...We've waited for this day; we're gathered in Your
Name, calling out to You. Your glory, like a fire, awakening
desire, will burn our hearts with Truth. You're the reason we're
here. You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus...Open up the heavens; we want to see You.
Open up the floodgates: a mighty river flowing from Your heart,
filling every part of our praise.

Verse 2...Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
we're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now; Lord, unveil our eyes.
You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.
Sing Chorus twice, then...

Bridge...Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your
power. Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.
Repeat Bridge, then...

Chorus...We want to see You. We want to see You.
Sing Chorus twice...

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P. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!
C. Thanks be to God!

LEADING WORSHIP

Pastor: The Rev. Paul Rieger **Music:** Connection Team
Elder: Wayne Meyer **Worship Assistant:** Mark Prieve
Soundboard: Braxton and Neal Weeg

THE CONNECTION

May 15, 2022
10:30am

**"CONNECT...
GROW...
GO..."**



--PRESERVICE

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

--WELCOME & WORDS OF PEACE

**--MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE /
TITHES & OFFERING**

--MEMORY VERSE

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
(John 10:28)

--WORSHIP SONG "Glorious Day"

Verse 1... One day when Heaven was filled with His praises; one
day when sin was as black as could be; Jesus came forth to be
born of a virgin; dwelt among men, my example is He. One day
they led Him up Calvary's mountain; one day they nailed Him to
die on a tree; suffering anguish, despised and rejected; bearing
our sins, my Redeemer is He. Hands that healed nations,
stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me.

Chorus 1... Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried,
He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forev-
er. One day He's coming, Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

Verse 2... One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose,
over death He had conquered. Now He's ascended, my Lord
evermore. Death could not hold Him; the grave could not
keep Him from rising again.

Chorus 2... Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely
forever. One day He's coming, Oh glorious day, oh glorious
day, glorious day.

(continued...)

Bridge... One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glories will shine. Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing, my Savior, Jesus, is mine.
Chorus 2, then... Oh glorious day.

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--INVOCATION

--CONFESSION OF SINS

--ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

--FAITH LEGACY BLESSING EVENT

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--FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' (continued...)

¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

--SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

--GOSPEL LESSON John 16:12-22

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

(continued...)

¹⁶"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'?" We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--MESSAGE SONG "Lord, Reign in Me" (Ps. 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. (c) 1998 Vineyard Songs, CCLI #918029

--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"RECREATION" ~The Rev. Paul Rieger

--PRAYERS

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:
"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

(Sung before and after the prayers)

"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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