

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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“Come As You Are” (Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10)

Verse 1... Come out of sadness from wherever
you've been, come brokenhearted; let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel,
earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus... So lay down your burdens; lay down your
shame. All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay
down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

Verse 2... There's hope for the hopeless, and all those
who've strayed. Come sit at the table; come taste the
grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures;
earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. Chorus...

Bridge... Come as you are. Fall in His arms.
Come as you are.

Verse 3... There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still
earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Chorus...

Tag... Come as you are. Come as you are.

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“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (2 Corinthians 3:18;
Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17)

Verse 1...Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His
wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely
dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Verse 2...Turn your thoughts upon Jesus, think deep of
His comforting love; and the thoughts of sin, and of self,
and strife will be lost in the heavens above.

Repeat Verse 1...

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--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 peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

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THE CONNECTION

February 19, 2023
10:30am



--PRESERVICE SONG

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

--WELCOME (please fill out the Friendship Pads)

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG **“Offering”** (Romans 12:1)

Verse...The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your
love. There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
before the Holy One of heaven. It's only by Your blood
and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, we come.

Chorus...We bring an offering of worship to our King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.
O Lord, we bring an offering to You.

Repeat Chorus, then...O Lord, we bring an offering to
You. O Lord, we bring an offering to You. We bring an
offering to You.

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--INVOCATION

--CONFESSION OF SINS

--ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

--STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

--FIRST LESSON *Exodus 24:8-18*

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

--SECOND LESSON *2 Peter 1:16-21*

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

--GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 17:1-9*

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG

(Please bring your Offerings forward during the song.)

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" *(John 8:12)*

Verse 1... Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me. Shine on me. *(continued...)*

Chorus... Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 2... Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me. Shine on me. *Chorus...*

Verse 3... As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me. Shine on me. *Sing Chorus twice...*

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"DESTINATION OR JOURNEY"

The Rev. Larry Wesolik

--PRAYERS

(Sung at beginning of prayers)

"The Spirit Intercedes For Us" *(Romans 8:26)*

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

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:

"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

(Sung at end of the prayers)

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--THE LORD'S PRAYER---*Caribbean*

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2... As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name. *(continued...)*