

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.

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**--WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION "Come As You Are"**

(Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Peter 5:7)

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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**"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**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ↯ in peace.

**--BENEDICTION**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. Amen.**

**--CLOSING SONG "Open Up the Heavens"**

(Malachi 3:10; Daniel 7:10; 1 Corinthians 5: 1-7)

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...

Channel... 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**

June 16, 2024 10:30am

**The Sacrament Of The Altar** will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

**--PRESERVICE SONG "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"**

**--ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**--WORSHIP SONG "God Will Make a Way"**

(Isaiah 41:10, 43:18-19, 55:8; Mark 13:31; Psalm 25:5)

Chorus... God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. He will make a way.

Verse... By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me. Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain, and He will do something new today!

Chorus, then... With love and strength for each new day, God will make a way. God will make a way.

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**(Please stand)**

**--INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ↯ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

**--CONFESSION OF SINS**

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**--FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

**--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' 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 *(Please sit)***

**--FIRST LESSON *Ezekiel 17:22-24***

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

L. Here ends the first reading.

**--SECOND LESSON *2 Corinthians 5:1-10***

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. *(continued...)*

<sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L. Here ends the second reading.

***(Please stand)***

**--GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 4:26-34***

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

***(Please sit)***

**--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG**

***"I Lift My Hands"*** *(Lamentations 3:22-24; Psalm 46:10)*

*Verse 1...* Be still; there is a healer. His love is deeper than the sea, His mercy is unfailing. His arms, a fortress for the weak. Let faith arise, let faith arise.

*Chorus...* I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge, You are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I remember: You are faithful, God, forever.

*Verse 2...* Be still; there is a river that flows from Calvary's tree. A fountain for the thirsty, Your grace that washes over me. Let faith arise, let faith arise. *Chorus twice...*

*Bridge...* Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Open my eyes, open my eyes. Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my eyes. *Chorus then...*

*Final Chorus...* I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge, You are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I remember: You are faithful, God, You're faithful God, forever.

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**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**"SEEDS OF FAITH"** *(Text: Mark 4:26)*

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

***(Please stand)***

**--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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With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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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.

*Verse 4...* And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
Hallowed be Thy name.