

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

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MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“OUR ENEMY CANNOT STOP OUR WORK”

(Text: Nehemiah 4:15-18) The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

C. 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

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.

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG “You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name.
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Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up.
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

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

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THE CONNECTION

September 8, 2024 10:30am

PRELUDE / WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

WORSHIP SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,
Worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I’ll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning;
It’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

Verse 2

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

Verse 3

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Final Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I worship Your holy Name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy Name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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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 AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

C. **Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

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.

(Please sit)

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS (see insert page)

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING *James 2:1-10, 14-18*

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Mark 7:31-37*

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

(continued...)

³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

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)

TITHES & OFFERING "*Jesus Loves Me*"

(Guitar: Dan Saehler, Singers: Jamie Brandt, Ellie Brandt, Kenzie Ahn, Greta Negaard, Emma Olson)

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG "*Ancient Words*"

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.