

Order of Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2020 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Death Was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
Lost without hope with no place to begin;
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains;
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Chorus:

**Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.
You have made me new, now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.**

Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.
That's when death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus*

Oh, we're free, free; forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free, free; forever amen!
When death was arrested and my life began. *Repeat*

When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 55:6-9

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

THE EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14, 19-30

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹ For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

SONG

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Chorus:

**Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.**

The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. *Chorus*

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world. *Chorus*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.

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THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"10,000 Reasons"

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.**

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*

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*

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

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,

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,
I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.

"Living In God's Generosity"

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

ABIDING PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Hosanna"

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus:

Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

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We Pray For This Week

John & Sally Tan & Family, John & Julie Taylor & Family, Denise Teague & Family,
Joni Terens & Family, Julianne Tomer & Family, Randy & Janice Trumbauer,
Christopher Bell, Brian Gordon, Shelly Gouveia, Michael Lipps

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams	Patricia Howard	Maggie Winn
Terri Green	Jeanne Kelly	
Alexander Hernandez	Jan Morton	

We pray for those who are recovering:

Rocky Hewitt	Brad Morton
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