

Order of Worship

August 16th 2020 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

If God is for us, who is against us?

**He who gave us his son,
now gives us the Spirit in power!**

The Holy One is in our midst:

equipping us for life in the service of Christ.

In Christ we are more than conquerors,

for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!

May the all surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And the unshakable love of God be with you.

The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you! Amen.

from Keeping in Step with the Spirit

Hymn of Praise

["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

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 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

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 3

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

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

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

Tag

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Music for Meditation

Opening Prayer

We've gathered together in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.
We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.
So let's come with joy to offer our worship
to God who knows and loves us all. **Amen.**

Special Music

Things Aren't Always As They Seem
Ron Block

Scripture Reading

Rebecca Paschal, reader

Genesis 45:1-15 New Living Translation

Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, "Out, all of you!" So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. 2 Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace.

3 "I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. 4 "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. 5 But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. 6 This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. 8 So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

9 "Now hurry back to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me master over all the land of Egypt. So come down to me immediately! 10 You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me with all your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you own. 11 I will take care of you there, for there are still five years of famine ahead of us. Otherwise you, your household, and all your animals will starve.'"

12 Then Joseph added, "Look! You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that I really am Joseph! 13 Go tell my father of my honored position here in Egypt. Describe for him everything you have seen, and then bring my father here quickly." 14 Weeping with joy, he embraced Benjamin, and Benjamin did the same. 15 Then Joseph kissed each of his brothers and wept over them, and after that they began talking freely with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Our Serotinous God

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Rebecca Paschal, reader

Offertory

There Is A Reason

Ron Block

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

In Every Day That Dawns

Verse 1

In ev'ry day that dawns
I see the light of Your splendour
around me
And ev'rywhere I turn
I know the gift of Your favour
upon me
What can I do but give You
glory Lord
Ev'rything good has come from
You

Chorus

I'm grateful for the air I breathe
I'm so thankful for this life I live
For the mercies that You pour
on me
And the blessings that meet
ev'ry need

And the grace that is changing
me
From a hopeless case to a child
that's free
Free to give You praise
For in ev'rything I know You
love me
I know You love me

Verse 2

Through all that I have known
I have been held in the shelter
of Your hand
And as my life unfolds
You are revealing the wisdom
Of Your sovereign plan
There are no shadows in Your
faithfulness
There are no limits to Your love

Chorus

I'm grateful for the air I breathe
I'm so thankful for this life I live
For the mercies that You pour
on me
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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

God, our very present help in trouble, we seek peace in these troubled times. We seek faith over fear. We seek calm in the chaos. Above all, we seek You. Our strength is in You. You are in us and know everything that we are facing now. You know what's ahead. Your presence and guidance can be fully trusted. We are safe in Your care. Therefore, we will not fear. Help us to trust that you are working through all things for good. In your strong name, Lord Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Postlude

Change Your Mind

Ken Block, Mark Trojanowski, Jeff Beres, Andrew Copeland & Ryan Newell

Our love in action now begins...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Lorraine & Craig Curry & Michael Schoepe.