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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING SONG: “Glory be to Jesus”**

#### **Verse 1**

Glory be to Jesus who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins  
Grace and life eternal in that blood I find  
Blest be His compassion infinitely kind

#### **Chorus 1**

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name  
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb who was slain

#### **Verse 2**

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment did the world redeem  
Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies  
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries

#### **Chorus 2**

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name  
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb  
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For the mercy that flows from the Lamb who was slain

#### **Bridge 1**

Praise You I will never cease to praise You  
Praise You I will never cease to praise You

#### **Bridge 2**

We'll not be silent we'll shout it aloud  
Letting all the world know of this Love  
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### **CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on 1 Timothy 1:2)***

**L**: Good will, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord are yours!

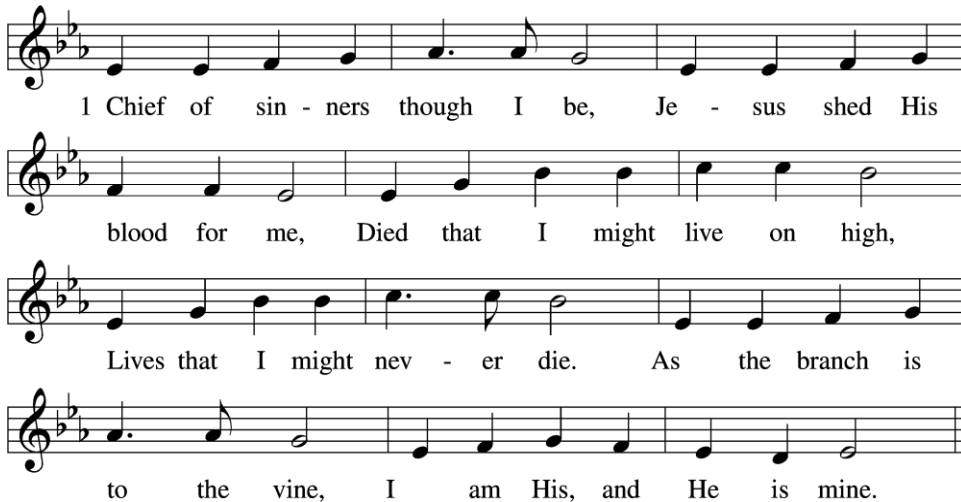
## CONFESSION OF GUILT AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

(based on 1 Timothy 1:15 & 1 Timothy 2:6)

- L:** This is a trustworthy saying, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am worst.

### “Chief of Sinners Thou I Be”

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I Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

- L:** Rejoice! Jesus Christ offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice, to free you from your sins. You are forgiven, you are His, He is yours. Amen.

## PSALMODY: **PSALM 66:1-9** (we read responsively)

- L:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
**P:** **sing the glory of His name;  
give to Him glorious praise!**
- L:** Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!  
**P:** **So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.**
- L:** All the earth worships You  
and sings praises to You;  
**P:** **they sing praises to Your name.” *Selah***
- L:** Come and see what God has done:  
**P:** **He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**
- L:** He turned the sea into dry land;  
**P:** **they passed through the river on foot.**

**L:** There did we rejoice in Him,  
who rules by His might forever,  
**P:** **whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah***

**L:** Bless our God, O peoples;  
**P:** **let the sound of His praise be heard,**

**L:** who has kept our soul among the living  
**P:** **and has not let our feet slip.** -ESV®

**L:** The Holy Scriptures have the power to give you wisdom, for every passage is inspired by God and useful for teaching, correcting, and training God's people.  
(based on 1 Timothy 3)

### **EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord that He has trusted me and has appointed me to do His work with the strength He has given me. In the past I cursed Him, persecuted Him, and acted arrogantly toward Him. However, I was treated with mercy because I acted ignorantly in my unbelief. Our Lord was very kind to me. Through His kindness He brought me to faith and gave me the love that Christ Jesus shows people.

This is a statement that can be trusted and deserves complete acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and I am the foremost sinner. However, I was treated with mercy so that Christ Jesus could use me, the foremost sinner, to demonstrate His patience. This patience serves as an example for those who would believe in Him and live forever. Worship and glory belong forever to the eternal king, the immortal, invisible, and only God. Amen. -GW®

**L:** Having heard the Word, you are equipped as a servant of God and prepared to do good in, for and through Him. Amen

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** **"Who You Say I Am"**  
~Hillsong Worship

8:00 Troubadour Choir

9:30 Trinity Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

8:00 & 9:30

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 15:1-10***

All the tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus. But the Pharisees and the experts in Moses' Teachings complained, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus spoke to them using this illustration: "Suppose a man has 100 sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the 99 sheep grazing in the pasture and look for the lost sheep until he finds it? When he finds it, he's happy. He puts that sheep on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says to them, 'Let's celebrate! I've found my lost sheep!' I can guarantee that there will be more happiness in heaven over one person who turns to God and changes the way he thinks and acts than over 99 people who already have turned to God and have His approval."

"Suppose a woman has ten coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house, and look for the coin carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Let's celebrate! I've found the coin that I lost.' So I can guarantee that God's angels are happy about one person who turns to God and changes the way he thinks and acts." -GW®

## **SERMON SONG: "His Mercy is More"**

### **Verse 1**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Verse 3**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Chorus**

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**MESSAGE: "Gathered, Connected, Sent" 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

## **SONG OF THE DAY: “Ignite”**

### **Verse 1**

Lord you call us  
To be people of peace  
To reconcile  
And to redeem  
Lord we're willing  
But we are weak  
Give us strength to serve—All we meet

### **Pre-Chorus 1**

To the weak and the poor made known  
May your love through us be shown

### **Chorus 1**

Spirit of God ignite our hearts  
To burn bright for yours  
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

### **Verse 2**

Lord you call us  
To be people of love  
Living sacrifice  
To your glory oh Lord  
Transform us, By the blood of your Son  
Bringing justice and mercy—Walking with you God

### **Pre-Chorus 2**

To the weak and the poor made known  
May your love through us be shown

### **Chorus 2**

Spirit of God ignite our hearts, To burn bright for yours  
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

### **Bridge**

Ignite in us pure holiness  
Cleanse us from all selfishness  
Lead us in paths of righteousness  
To the work You prepared in advance for us

### **Chorus 3**

Spirit of God ignite our hearts  
To burn bright for yours  
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(Intro 2 Timothy 6:12)*

**L:** The apostle has called us to make a good testimony regarding the Christian faith:

### **NICENE CREED:** *(\*catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy \*catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *(1 Timothy 2:1-2)*

**L:** “This is good and it pleases God, to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and give thanks for all, including rulers and those in authority that  
**P:** **we can have a quiet and peaceful life, always lived in a godly and reverent way.”**

## 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, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*\* For our 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 10 with Announcements.**

**\*\*\* For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

## ✠ Holy Communion ✠

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.***

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are gluten free.*

*In our 9:30 am service, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*



## **DISTRIBUTION:**

### **“My Song Is Love Unknown”**

#### **Verse 1**

My song is love unknown  
My Savior's love to me  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be  
Oh who am I that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die

#### **Verse 2**

Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King  
Then crucify is all their breath  
And for His death they thirst and cry

#### **Chorus 1**

Oh Your grace has made a way  
Oh Your love has conquered this grave  
Oh Your love made known to me  
And to the world Your love I'll be

#### **Verse 3**

Here might I stay and sing  
No story so divine  
Never was love dear King  
Never was grief like Thine  
This is my friend  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend

#### **Chorus 2**

Oh Your grace has made a way  
Oh Your love has conquered this grave  
Oh Your love made known to me  
Oh Your grace has made a way  
Oh Your love has conquered this grave  
Oh Your love made known to me  
And to the world Your love I'll be

## **“Jesus Paid it All”**

### **Verse 1**

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

### **Chorus 1**

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

### **Verse 2**

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

### **Verse 3**

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

### **Interlude 2**

Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow

### **Chorus 2**

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION:** *(based on 1 Timothy)*

- L:** The Lord will bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, and give you peace.
- P:** **He is the only God; the immortal, invisible and eternal King, to whom belongs worship and glory forever. Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG: “Be Thou My Vision”

### Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

### Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

### Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

### Ending

Be Thou my Vision

## POSTLUDE



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“Glory be to Jesus” LSB 433

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“Who You Say I Am”

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"His Mercy is More"

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"Ignite"

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"My Song is Love Unknown" LSB 430

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"Be Thou My Vision" WOV 776

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## **SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez

9:30...Josette & John Utke

11:00...Nick Davies

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Keyboard...Pat Gagan

Director of Music and Worship Ministries...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Children's Message...Alissa Brege

Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann, Greg Goebel



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