

GOD'S EMPIRE VS. THE WORLD'S EMPIRE

AUGUST 11 - 10AM

ACTS

GATHERING SONG

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

CCLI# 1043199

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONG

"House of the Lord"

CCLI# 7168995

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Lord,

teach us how to pray. We don't always need to know what to pray for, but we do so desperately need to pray. We need to pray for others; to pray about the dangers that beset us as a nation and as a world. Help us to open our hearts and be honest before you. We know that in the mystery of prayer, a mystery that we cannot fathom, something is happening that makes possible the activity of your Spirit to work in unusual ways, ways that otherwise would never happen. We pray that that would be so today. In Christ's name, Amen.

Please be seated.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION VIDEO

COMMUNION SONG

"Goodness of God"

CCLI# 7117726

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A READING FROM ACTS 12:1-24

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." ¹²As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. ¹³When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." ¹⁶Meanwhile Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the believers." Then he left and went to another place. ¹⁸When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. ²⁰Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body; and after winning over Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. ²²The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a mortal!" ²³And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an

angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ACTS OF RESURRECTION

REFLECTION

Pastor John Anderson

SONG OF THE DAY

"Yes and Amen"

CCLI# 7048885

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, our refuge and strength, we confess we are complicit in the evils of our age. Breathe on us as we commit ourselves to the way of Christ individually and as a community to live in your story for the world; to take up the heavy cross that we cannot bear alone; to struggle for peace and justice; to seek fullness of life for all creation; to pray for your kingdom come. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

"Here I Am to Worship"

CCLI# 3266032

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

CCLI# 117947

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:

**Sunday, August 18
8am & 10am – Worship**

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I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Bridge

Oh I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
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House Of The Lord

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Interlude

Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

Bridge(twice)

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Chorus(twice)

Ending

We shout out Your praise
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

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Goodness Of God

Verse

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge(twice)

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

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Yes And Amen

Verse 1

Father of kindness You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

Chorus 1

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Verse 2

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse
Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

Chorus 1

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Chorus 2

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are yes You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Bridge(4 times)

I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness

Chorus 2

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are yes You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Ending

All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

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Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus(twice)

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Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus (3x)

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Thank You, Lord, for the open doors of the Church. Thank You for the exuberant little ones, for the faithful retired attendees. Thank You for the piano playing, the guitar tuning up, the voices of all ranges reaching the roofs. Thank You for all who lead us in Worship. Thank You for Your Word remaining the same all over the world. Thank You for the body coming alongside us. Thank You for loving us through the Church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, we thank you for the good work of our call committee and give thanks to You for leading us through this process of calling a second Pastor. We thank You, God, for calling Reverend Ryan Gerlach and his family to our Congregation. We pray for his family in this time of transition and for his current congregation as they begin to say their farewells. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, you have sent us into empire, in the world to witness to another way of justice, mercy and faithfulness. You have called us to transform any economy that violates the bodies of both rich and poor and the earth itself. You call us to take the time necessary in a speed-addicted world to be friends, lovers, parents, caregivers, gardeners, advocates and peacemakers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, today we lift up to you all who are hurting in mind, body, or Spirit. We pray especially for *John, Jeanne, Heather, Betty, Florence, Bob, Myrna, Jim and Mark*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, our refuge and strength, we confess we are complicit in the evils of our age. Breathe on us as we commit ourselves to the way of Christ individually and as a community to live in your story for the world; to take up the heavy cross that we cannot bear alone; to struggle for peace and justice; to seek fullness of life for all creation; to pray for your kingdom come. **Amen.**