



Living Praise Celebration
Online
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OPENING SONG:

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love (Chorus)

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside (Chorus)

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 96

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Pastor: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

CONFESSION

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you have called your Church to "sing a new song," to share the marvelous story of our God's salvation with people in ways that respond to what is happening in our lives, but today we confess:

All: So often, we fail to "sing a new song." We prefer the old "songs," even though they may fail to communicate to new people. As we carry out the mission of the church, we cling to old strategies, at the expense of effectively sharing your good news. We repeat what worked yesterday, even though it fails to work today. We preserve our traditions, even if it means making the gospel inaccessible to those who don't share them. Lord, for failing to "sing a new song," forgive us.

-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-

Pastor: Now, what kind of song shall we sing?

All: A new one! Amen.

FIRST READING – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 15:21-28

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

CLOSING SONG :

"Goodness of God

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

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

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

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