



Living Praise Celebration
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WELCOME

HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" — LBW 499

Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wand - 'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Teach me ev - er to a - dore Thee, May I still Thy good - ness prove.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 31*)

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

All: Amen.

Pastor: Love the Lord, all his faithful people!

All: The Lord preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full.

Pastor: Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord, we have not lost hope,

All: But many times, we have forgotten the hope you offer us. We struggle to understand what's happening in our lives, and deep down we wonder if you really love us. We are appalled at the sight of the misery and violence in the world, and we question how that can be, if it's true that you have compassion on us. In our sin, we have allowed our experiences to shape our hope, rather than your promises. Lord God, for the sake of the One whose hope never wavered, our Savior Jesus, forgive us.

-We pause to remember and repent of our sin –

Pastor: ...What does this promise inspire in us?

All: Hope! Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:21-24

Yet this I call to mind

and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-27

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: 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. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS

THE 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.

NEXT STEPS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

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

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