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**PRELUDE**

**A Thousand More**

By: Charmaine Carrasco, Corbin Phillips, Taylor Gall

**And Can It Be**

By: Thomas Campbell, Charles Wesley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name!**

His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**He has scattered the proud and exalted the humble!**

Let us worship God.



**HYMN OF PRAISE: All Glory Be To Christ**

By: Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

Chorus



Hymn

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

By: Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan

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

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



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Prayer of Confession

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy God, we know that You alone are sovereign over all things and that You work together all things for our good. And yet, we confess that we fail to trust You in many ways: succumbing to temptation, choosing to sin, yielding to fear. These and other sins we lay before You now in the silence.

(silent confession)

Loving Father, by Your Word and through the fellowship of Your people, teach us to trust You and to grow in holiness. We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; the new life has come. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**



**HYMN OF PRAISE: Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder**

By: John Newton | Laura Taylor



Hymn

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

**SERMON: FAITH. FORWARD.**  
Why Does the Church Exist?**ACTS 17:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

“ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,  
“ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Outline:

1. A spirit that is provoked.
2. A response that is compassionate.
3. A message that is controversial and compelling.
4. A result that is mixed.
5. A mission that is clear.



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The Lord's Prayer

**PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory



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**HYMN OF PRAISE: Just The Cross**

By: Chloe Evans, Mark Evans, & Christian Lewis



Hymn

Oh the cross upon Your shoulders  
Oh Your love for all mankind  
Every step that You were taking  
Was a step in place of mine  
Oh the scars that You endured  
Oh the weight of painful sin  
Was salvation for this world  
To begin again

It was sin that separated  
But Your blood has brought me near  
You became God and man among us  
To repair my brokenness  
This is undeserved affection  
I'm a trophy of Your grace  
Overwhelmed by Your forgiveness  
There is no equal love

Chorus  
Just the cross  
It's enough  
Just the cross  
It's enough

When darkness had its moment  
And death thought that he had won  
Still Your perfect plan in motion  
For the world that You so love  
On the third, You rose again  
Oh Your power conquered death  
So that I could live forever  
Hallelujah

Chorus x2

Bridge x2  
You are alive, our risen King  
Your love is stronger than the grave  
Now on the throne, seated on high  
Yours is the victory

Chorus x2

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