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Prelude

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

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



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

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ 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. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ 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.’

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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.”

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ 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.



Sermon



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.



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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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