

April 14, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m. service

*Indicates we will rise in body or spirit

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Diane Ritzema

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: BASED ON PSALM 9:1-2

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

ALL: We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*SONGS OF PRAISE:

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age-to-age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
Bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come
To gather all his saints to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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GOD'S GREETING/MUTUAL GREETINGS

WE ARE RENEWED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God in prayer.

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, you continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a

broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

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[Children ages 3-3rd grade may exit the sanctuary for Children's Church]

SONG OF ASSURANCE:

LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowling here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need You.

When sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You,
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need You.

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GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES – ROMANS 1:16-17

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH:

ALL:

Heavenly Father, we know that Paul proclaimed your Good News while he was in prison. We are so grateful that because of Easter, we can sing that our chains are gone, and that we have been set free. We rejoice that we can proclaim Your good news right here in Oak Lawn, and in our neighborhoods. May we continue to look for ways to shine the light of Jesus Christ wherever we are. May Christ be proclaimed through us today. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS

***SONG OF PREPARATION: TURN YOUR EYES**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You,
Our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
For we carry His life in our veins.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You,
Our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the heavens,
Our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
“All the glory Jesus alone.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You,
Our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You,
Our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

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***SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18**

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND

***SONGS OF RESPONSE: SONG FOR THE NATIONS**

May we be a shining light to the nations,
A shining light to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world sees the glory of your name.
May your pure light shine through us.

May we bring a word of hope to the nations,
A word of life to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows there's salvation through your name

May your mercy flow through us.

May we be a healing balm to the nations,
A healing balm to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows the power of your name.
May your healing flow through us.

May your kingdom come to the nations,
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.
May your kingdom come in us.

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LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your kingdom come."

Let your kingdom come, let your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.
Let Your kingdom come.

Give us your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

Let your kingdom come, let your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Diane Ritzema

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GOD BLESSES US TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY: HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM**

Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right;
That the light of Christ may shine through us.

King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;
With the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come.
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

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