

✘ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✘
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Spiritual Simplicity Week 8
Sunday, April 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE.....Waterfall

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able.)

OPENING SONG

Your Love Awakens Me

Verse 1

There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down,
You broke them down.
And there were chains around us.
By Your grace we are no longer bound,
No longer bound.

(Repeat Pre-Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus)

Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave.
You called me into the light.
You called my name and then,
My heart came alive.

Bridge

And what a love we've found.
Death can't hold us down.
We shout it out:
We're alive 'cause You're alive!
And what a love we've found.
Death can't hold us down.
We shout it out:
We're alive 'cause You're alive!

Chorus

Your love is greater.
Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater.
Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

(Repeat Chorus 2X)

Ending

Your love awakens me.
Your love is greater.
Your love is stronger.
You're love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Verse 2

Feel the darkness shaking.
All the dead are coming back to life.
I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing, "We're alive"
"Cause You're alive!"

INVOCATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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. From thence He will come 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.

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have given us faith by which we are able to witness to Your Easter victory.

People: We confess that too often we have remained silent when confronted with the possibility of physical harm, social shunning, and even unkind remarks from our neighbors. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.

Pastor: Likewise we give thanks for the joy and hope Your resurrection provides.

People: We confess that too often in our daily living we have let the conflict, turmoil, and immorality of the world cloud that joy with sorrow and gloom. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.

Pastor: And we give thanks for the fellowship of believers we enjoy here in this place and wherever we gather around Your Word.

People: We confess that we have not always demonstrated the peace and forgiveness You brought to the disciples on Easter evening. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.

Pastor: Almighty God has given His Son to die for You and by raising Him to life again has declared that the payment for your sins has been accepted. He has given you His Holy Spirit that You may trust Him for all things and serve Him in joy. As a called and ordained servant of the our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OUR GIFTS AND TITHES FOR GOD / REGISTRATION

OFFERTORY SONG (PS & PK).....God Is Love

OUR PRAYERS & OUR 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 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.**

✠ OUR LORD’S SUPPER ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS.....**Amazed**

Verse 1

You dance over me while I am unaware,
 You sing all around,
 But I never hear the sound.

(Repeat Chorus 2X)

Bridge

**How deep, how wide, how great is
 Your love for me,
 How deep, how wide, how great is
 Your love for me.**

Chorus

**Lord, I'm amazed by You,
 Lord, I'm amazed by You,
 Lord, I'm amazed by You,
 And how You love me!**

(Repeat Chorus)

Verse 2

You paint the morning sky
 With miracles in mind,
 My hope will always stand,
 For You hold me in Your hand.

Change My Heart, Oh God

Chorus

**Change my heart, Oh God,
 Make it every true;
 Change my heart, Oh God,
 May I be like You.**

(Repeat)

Verse

You are the Potter,
 I am the clay;
 Mold me and make me,
 This is what I pray.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Please stand as you are able.)

DISMISSAL FROM COMMUNION

KIDS CHURCH DISMISSAL

✠ GOD'S WORD ✠

NEW TESTAMENT READING.....2 Corinthians 5:11-21

GOSPEL READING.....John 20:19-31

SERMON.....Love Train (Get On Board)
Pastor Charles S. Mueller, Jr.

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG.....With Every Act of Love

Chorus

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh,
We bring the Kingdom come;
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh,
With every act of love;
Jesus, help us carry You;
Alive in us Your light shines through;
With every act of love
We bring the Kingdom come.

(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

God put a million, million doors in the world
For His love to walk through;
One of those doors is you.
I said God put a million, million doors
in the world
For His love to walk through;
One of those doors is you.

(Repeat Chorus 2X)

Ending

With every act of love,
We bring the Kingdom come.
With every act of love,
We bring the Kingdom —
Come.

POSTLUDE

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