

✘ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✘
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE.....All the People Said Amen

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able.)

OPENING SONG

Better than Life

Verse 1

Your love is everlasting, it's an everlasting love.
Your mercy is as new as ev'ry rising of the sun.
 And Your loving-kindness,
Loving-kindness is better than life.
 Your grace is all-sufficient,
 it's an all-sufficient grace.
Your power and Your glory
 Are forever on display.
 And Your loving-kindness,
Loving-kindness is better than life.

Chorus

**Oh, it's better, Oh, better than life.
 Oh, so much better,
 Jesus, Your loving-kindness
 Is better than life.**

Verse 2

Fairest of ten thousand, of ten thousand
 You are fair.
And nothing in this world could ever
 Measure or compare,
 To Your loving-kindness,
Loving-kindness is better than life.
 All Your ways are just, oh Lord;
 You're just in all Your ways.
And I will lift my hands, oh Lord,
 In gratitude and praise,
 For Your loving-kindness,
Loving-kindness is better than life.

(Repeat Chorus)

Jesus, Your loving-kindness
 Is better than life itself,
 Better than life itself.
Jesus, Your loving-kindness
 Is better than life itself,
 Better than life.

(Repeat Chorus 2X)

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: Beloved, Jesus said, "I will be with you always." Let us take Him at His word and come into His presence, sharing our great need of Him as we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

People: **I confess to almighty God all my sins with which I have offended You, especially the sin of trying to go it alone without You. On my own, I am weak, and sin so easily makes me forget Your Word and will for my life. I have sinned in many ways by evil thoughts, words, and deeds. Because of Your merciful death on the cross and in the power of Your resurrection from the dead, let me hear from You the words of Your grace and forgiveness and new life. Amen.**

Pastor: In keeping with His promise, the Lord sends another helper to deliver His own words of forgiveness. So now, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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.....Your Grace Finds Me

Verse 1

It's there in the newborn cry,
There in the light of ev'ry sunrise,
There in the shadows of this life:
Your great grace.
It's there on the mountain top,
There in the ev'ryday and the mundane,
There in the sorrow and the dancing:
Your great grace,
O such grace.

Chorus 1

**From the creation to the cross,
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me,
Yes, Your grace finds me.**

Verse 2

It's there on a wedding day,
There in the weeping by the graveside,
There in the very breath we breathe:
Your great grace.
The same for the rich and poor,
The same for the saint and for the sinner,
Enough for this whole wide world:
Your great grace,
O such grace.

Chorus 2

**From the creation to the cross,
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me,
Yes, Your grace finds me.**

**There, in the darkest night of the soul,
There in the sweetest songs of victory,
Your grace finds me,
Yes, Your grace finds me.**

Bridge 1

Your great grace, O such grace.
Your great grace, O such grace.
The same for the rich and poor,
The same for the saint and for the sinner,
Enough for this whole wide world:
Your great grace, O such grace.
Oh.....

Chorus 3

**So I'm breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise.
I'm breathing in Your grace.
Forever, I'll be: breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise.
I'm breathing in Your grace.
Forever, I'll be: breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise.
I'm breathing in Your grace.
Forever God, forever, God!**

Bridge 2

It's the same for the saint and the sinner.
It's enough for this whole wide world!
Yes, Your grace finds me,
Yes, Your grace finds me.

OUR PRAYERS & OUR LORD'S PRAYER

KIDS CHURCH DISMISSAL

✠ GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Acts 17:16-31

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING.....1 Peter 3:13-22

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL READING.....John 14:15-21

SERMON.....Defend! He Is Near!

Pastor Charles S. Mueller, Jr.

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG.....Love the Lord

Verse 1

Love the Lord, your God,
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, and with all your strength.
Love the Lord, Your God,
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, and with all your strength.

Chorus 1

**With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord, your God,
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord,
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord,
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.

Chorus 2

**With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord.
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.**

Bridge

**I will love You.
(I will love You.)
I will praise You.
(I will praise You.)
I will serve You.
(I will serve You.)
I will trust You.
(I will trust You, Lord.)**

Chorus 3

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.
I will love You, Lord,
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will love You, Lord,
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will love You, Lord,
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, and with all my strength.

POSTLUDE