

✘ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✘  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Sunday, May 14, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

OPENING SONG

Alive

Verse 1

I was lost with a broken heart,  
You picked me up, now I'm set apart.  
From the ash, I am born again,  
Forever safe in the Saviour's hands.

Verse 2

You are more than my words could say,  
I'll follow You, Lord, for all my days.  
Fix my eyes, follow in Your ways,  
Forever free in unending grace.

Pre-Chorus 1

'Cause You are, You are, You are my freedom.  
We lift You higher, lift You higher.  
Your love, Your love, Your love, never ending.  
Oh, Oh, oh.

Chorus 1a

You are alive in us, nothing can take Your place.  
You are all we need, Your love as set us free.  
Oh.  
Oh.

Verse 3

In the midst of the darkest night  
Let Your love be the shining light.  
Breaking chains that were holding me,  
You sent Your Son down and set me free.

Verse 4

Ev'rything of this world will fade,  
I'm pressing on till I see Your face.  
I will live that Your will be done,  
I won't stop till Your kingdom come.

*(Repeat Pre-Chorus 1)*

*(Repeat Chorus 1a)*

Oh.

Pre-Chorus 2

You are, You are, You are my freedom.  
We lift You higher.

*(Repeat Pre-Chorus 1)*

Chorus 1b

You are alive in us, nothing can take Your place.  
You are all we need, Your love has set us free.  
  
*(Repeat)*

Oh.

Oh.

INVOCATION

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

CONFESSION OF SINS AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*Silence for self-examination.*

**Pastor:** We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for apostles and martyrs who have gone before us.

**People:** **We confess that we have not always made a clear witness to the salvation You won for us in Your death and resurrection. Forgive us, and give us opportunities to witness to You, the way, the truth, and the life.**

**Pastor:** We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You graciously call us Your holy nation, Your royal priesthood.

**People:** **We confess that in our life and conduct we have too often reflected the world around us rather than our membership in the Body of Christ. Forgive us, and strengthen us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: We give thanks, O Holy Spirit, that You have worked faith in our hearts so that we may approach the throne of grace with every petition.

**People: We confess that too often we seek to bend Your will to ours, failing to trust You not only for the place You have prepared for us in eternity, but also for that which is best for us today. Forgive us, and open our hearts to receive Your answers, which are always better than our prayers.**

Pastor: God has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. You are His own people, thanks to the grace and mercy that is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ☩ life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OUR GIFTS AND TITHES FOR GOD / REGISTRATION**

**OFFERTORY SONG (Brass, Band & Praise Choir).....Free for All**

## **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** ..... **Jesus at the Center**

**Verse 1**

Jesus at the center of it all.  
 Jesus at the center of it all.  
 From beginning to the end  
 It will always be, it's always been you,  
 Jesus, Jesus.

**Chorus**

**And nothing else matters;  
 Nothing in this world will do.  
 Jesus, You're the center.  
 Everything revolves around You,  
 Jesus, You.**

**Verse 2**

Jesus be the center of my life  
 Jesus be the center of my life  
 From beginning to the end  
 It will always be, it's always been You,  
 Jesus, Jesus.

*(Repeat Chorus)*

**Bridge**

**From my heart to the heavens,  
 Jesus, be the center.  
 It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.  
 From my heart to the heavens,  
 Jesus, be the center  
 It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.  
 From my heart to the heavens,  
 Jesus, be the center.  
 It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.  
 From my heart to the heavens,  
 Jesus, be the center.  
 It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.**

**Verse 3**

Jesus, be the center of Your Church.  
 Jesus, be the center of Your Church.  
 And every knee will bow;  
 Every tongue shall confess You.

**Interlude**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.  
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**DISMISSAL FROM COMMUNION**

**KIDS CHURCH DISMISSAL**

✠ GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Acts 6:1-7

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING.....1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-10

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

GOSPEL READING.....John 14:1-7, 12-14

SERMON.....**Asking for What We Need**

*Pastor Charles S. Mueller, Jr.*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**THE BLESSING**

CLOSING SONG.....**My Redeemer Lives**

**Verse**

I know He rescued my soul.  
His blood has covered my sin.  
I believe – I believe!  
My shame He's taken away,  
My pain is healed in His name!  
I believe – I believe!  
I'll raise a banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave!

**Chorus**

**My Redeemer lives – My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives – My Redeemer lives!**

*(Repeat Verse)*

*(Repeat Chorus 2X)*

**Bridge**

**You lift my burdens – I'll rise with You:  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop  
To see Your Kingdom come.**

*(Repeat Chorus)*

**POSTLUDE**

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