

✘ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✘
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, July 30, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE.....This Beating Heart

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able.)

OPENING SONG

Open Up the Heavens

Verse 1

We've waited for this day.
We're gathered in Your Name,
Calling out to You.
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.

Pre-Chorus

**You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.**

Chorus

**Open up the heavens. We want to see You.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river,
Flowing from Your heart,
Filling every part of our praise.**

Verse 2

Your presence in this place,
Your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now.
Lord unveil our eyes.
(Repeat Pre-Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus 2X)

Bridge

**Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.**

(Repeat)

(Repeat Chorus 2X)

INVOCATION

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have lived as though we are separated from Your steadfast love,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When our loneliness has caused us to question Your abiding love,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have let others around us live in loneliness, when all they need is a listening ear,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have separated ourselves from the Church, from friends, from our families,
People: **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord God, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 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 X life everlasting. Amen.

OUR GIFTS AND TITHES FOR GOD / REGISTRATION

OFFERTORY SONG.....Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your Name.
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow.
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name.
When I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness.
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

**Every blessing You pour out,
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,**

Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.**

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name.
When the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's "all as it should be".
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name.
On the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering.
Blessed be Your name.

(Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus)

Bridge

**You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.**

(Repeat Bridge)

(Repeat Chorus)

OUR PRAYERS & OUR LORD'S PRAYER

KIDS CHURCH DISMISSAL

✠ GOD'S WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Deuteronomy 7:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Romans 8:28-38

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL READING.....Matthew 13:44-52

SERMON.....**How God Works All Things for Our Good
And Commissioning of Vicar Jason Pankau**
Pastor Charles S. Mueller, Jr.

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG.....**This Is Amazing Grace**

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Chorus

**This is amazing grace, this is unending love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.**

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
And worthy is the King
Who conquered the grave.
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave.
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
And worthy is the King
Who conquers the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy, worthy, worthy.**

(Repeat Chorus)

POSTLUDE

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