

**Worship Script**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
July 9, 2023, 8:15 a.m.

**WELCOME and GREETING**

**INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER**

**P:** A new day is upon us. We come here in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to be refreshed and renewed through the Word of God and the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is through Jesus, that we can receive rest for our souls and strength for the journey.

**C: Amen!**

**OPENING SONG**                      **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

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

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

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise**  
**When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say**

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

**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**

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

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise**  
**When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say**

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

**You give and take away**

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

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by Beth Redman and Matt Redman

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: It is good for us to take time and see how we are doing on the inside – to stop for a few moments and come to terms with areas of our lives that prevent us from being the whole people God created us to be. God desires that we be honest with ourselves and admit our shortcomings, behaviors, habits, and actions that are contrary to God’s desire and will for our lives. Let’s admit those areas now in silence and come to repentance.

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

P: Let us confess together:

**C: We confess to you that we have not lived our lives in accordance with your word and your desires for us. We have been self-centered and allowed the world and outside forces to get a foothold in our lives. We have tried to carry the burdens of life on our own shoulders instead of heeding the instructions of Jesus to release them. We have carried sins inside us needlessly. We have found ourselves drowning in pity, anxiety and worry instead of seeking the peace and rest given us through Jesus. Forgive us Lord for attempting to handle everything ourselves.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a spokesperson for Christ himself, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Know that your sins are forgiven through the hard work of Jesus Christ on the cross. This gift of grace was earned for you when Christ died and poured out his blood for the world. Rest now in the reality that you are free from the condemnation of sin and that God’s Holy Spirit is with you to help you to live in God’s rest and peace.

**C: Amen. Thank you, God, for the sacrifice of Your beloved Son in order to grant us forgiveness.**

**SONG**

**“The Lion And The Lamb”**

**He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break as broken hearts de - clare His praise For who can  
stop the Lord Almighty?**

**Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him**

**So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?**

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He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him**

**Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
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by Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, and Brian Johnson

### EPISTLE Romans 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C: We believe in God, the Creator and source of salvation for the world. We believe that God is the maker of beauty, the source of every breath, and the author of all gifts. We believe that God showed us the importance of Sabbath time and rest when He himself rested on the seventh day of creation. Out of tremendous love for the world, God sent His only Son to give us an abundant life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who died on the cross at Calvary and in that death took on the sins of humanity. We believe that we have**

been freed from the bonds of sin through this unbelievable sacrifice. Out of great mercy, we have been given this gift so that we can enjoy an abundant life on earth and live with the promise of eternal life awaiting us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the helper and counselor who energizes and strengthens us while we run the race of life. It is this Spirit that provides the breathe and endurance when we find ourselves in valleys or on mountain tops. We believe that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to put our faith into action so that we will bear fruit and bring glory to God's name.

**SERMON          "Pillow or Yoke?"          Matthew 11:28-30**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC                          "Redeemed"**

Seems like all I could see was the struggle  
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past  
Bound up in shackles of all my failures  
Wond'ring how long is this gonna last  
Then You look at this pris'ner and say to me  
Son stop fighting a fight that's already been won

I am redeemed You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain I'm not who I used to be  
(I am redeemed)

All my life I have been called unworthy  
Named by the voice of my shame and regret  
But when I hear You whisper child lift up your head  
I remember O God You're not done with me yet

I am redeemed You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain I'm not who I used to be

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me  
'Cause his day is long dead and gone  
Because I've got a new name a new life  
I'm not the same and a hope that will carry me home

**I am redeemed You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain I'm not who I used to be**

**O God I'm not who I used to be Jesus I'm not who I used to be I am redeemed  
Thank God Redeemed**

**Song Select # 6219086  
Michael Weaver and Benji Cowart**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** May you go in peace through the comforting words of Jesus, when He said, "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

**C: Amen!**

## **CLOSING SONG**

**"How Great is Our God"**

**The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth re - joice 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**

**Name above all names worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God**

**Name above all names worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God**

**How great is our God sing with me  
How great is our God and all will see  
How great how great is our God**

**How great is our God sing with me  
How great is our God and all will see  
How great how great is our God**

**Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art How great Thou art  
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How great Thou art How great Thou art**

Song Select # 4348399  
by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves