

Worship Script
August 6, 2023, 8:15am
TENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME AND GREETING

INVOCATION and PSALM (136:1–9; 23-26)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: To him who alone does great | wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: To him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: To him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: To him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: The sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: The moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: And rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: He who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING SONG

“All Because Of Jesus”

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe Author of all eterni - ty
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing to You be the glory
Maker of heaven and of earth no one can comprehend Your worth
King over all the uni - verse to You be the glory
And I am alive be - cause I'm alive in You

(And) it's all because of Jesus I'm a - live
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man's life
It's all because of Jesus

**I'm a - live
I'm alive, I'm alive**

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It's all because of Jesus
I'm a - live**

**Ev'ry sunrise sings Your praise
The universe cries out Your praise
I'm singing freedom all my days
Now that I'm a - live**

**(And) it's all because of Jesus I'm a - live
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man's life
It's all because of Jesus
I'm a - live**

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I'm alive, I'm alive**

**Song Select #4882903
by Steve Fee**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Today in our readings we will hear how God takes care of our every need. He has chosen us to be a part of His forever family. Yet we often fail to honor Him. Our lives at times do not reflect the holiness of God. We ignore Him even while He cares for us. It is right for us now, being in His presence, to confess our sins to Him and to ask for forgiveness.

(Moment of silence for self-examination and reflection)

P: Holy Lord,

C: We confess that we have sinned against You and one another. We have not honored You with our lives. We have not glorified Your name on earth. We trust in Your mercy shown to us on the cross when our Savior died for us. Forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life.

P: Our Lord has had mercy upon you and called you to faith in Christ. Through Him you have been freed from the bondage of sin and death. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SONG

“At the Cross”

**There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

**At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Je - sus)**

**There's a place Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

**At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Je - sus)**

**Here my hope is found Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life Here I bow down here I bow**

**At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You**

I owe all to You I owe all to You Je – sus

Song Select # 7017786

by Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Matt Armstrong, Ed Cash, and Chris Tomlin
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 9:1-13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

APOSTLE'S 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON "God Provides More Than A Meal" Matthew 14:13-21
(Sermon outline is found on the back page of today's bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Miracle Power"

**This is for the lost and lonely For the broken and a-fraid
This is for those who are hurting Hoping help is on the way**

**In these battles of addiction When fear is chasing after me
Whatever trouble I am facing I will lift my hands and sing**

**I believe in miracle power In a wonder working God
I am filled with the Holy Spirit Working wonders in my heart
I belong to a loving Father I'm a friend of Christ His Son
When it feels like I won't make it I call on Jesus**

**Sometimes it's so hard being human So much struggle so much pain
When I start singing halle - lujah I say goodbye to every chain**

**I believe in miracle power In a wonder working God
I am filled with the Holy Spirit Working wonders in my heart
I belong to a loving Father I'm a friend of Christ His Son
When it feels like I won't make it I call on Jesus**

**I may not know what a day may bring But I know who brings the day
On the darkest night when I cannot see Still my soul will say**

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When it feels like I won't make it I call on Jesus**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“The Fathers House”

**Sometimes on this journey
I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness
Is a canvas for Your strength
My story isn't over my story's just begun
Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does
Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does**

**Oo lay your burdens down
Oo here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Oo you're in the Father's house**

**Arrival's not the endgame
The journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect
You just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over
If the story isn't good
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room**

**Prodigals come home the helpless find hope
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room
Prison doors fling wide the dead come to life
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room
Miracles take place the cynical find faith
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Jericho walls are quaking
Strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room**

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