

Praise Service



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* = Please rise in body or spirit

* *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

* *Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* *Prayer of the Day*

P: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God, Come

Chorus

One day every tongue will confess you are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Repeat Verse and Chorus

Instrumental Verse

Repeat Chorus 2X

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come Come Come Come Come

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Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a good, good Father, it's who You are
It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am
It's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

Repeat Chorus 2x

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Repeat Bridge

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

Repeat Chorus 2x

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* *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods, the forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze...

Repeat Chorus

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin...

Repeat Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Repeat Chorus

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Good News:

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

“The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’

“‘An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed.

“‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked.

“‘No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”

Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.”

Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

“Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

** The Apostle’s Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** Prayers of Intercession*

** Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*** *Offering Prayer***

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** *The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*** *The Eucharistic Prayer***

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

*** *Lord's Prayer***

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,

may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
C: Amen.

*** *Benediction***

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you,
Within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*** *Reckless Love***

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

CHORUS

(And) O, the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
And You have been so, so kind to me

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Repeat Bridge 4X

Repeat Chorus

** Dismissal*

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

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This Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Deneen Kratz, Ian Kratz
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center:	Jen Christman & Charlotte Christman
Counters:	Jerry Jordan, Doug & Sharon Killough

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader:	Jen Christman
Altar Guild:	Jen Christman
Welcome Center:	Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage
Counters:	Randi Rose, Mike Way

St. Luke's Calendar

Today	Thrift Store meeting, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, July 21 st	Congregational Council, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, July 22 nd	Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday, July 26 th	Holy Communion service, 9:00 AM, Buckner's Visit



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