

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30 – 10:30 A.M.
“WE HAD HOPED.....”**

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

***PRESERVICE MUSIC*..... “Let It Rise”**

**Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us, Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise**

**Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us, Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us, let it rise**

Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise, Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise

**Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us , Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise**

**Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise, Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Let it Rise, Let it Rise**

**Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us, Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise**

Oh Let It Rise

Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise, Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise

Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise, Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise

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“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 declare 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 sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains**

**And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

**So open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save, Is here to set the captives free
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 sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

**Who can stop the Lord Almighty, Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, 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 sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

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WORSHIP THEME: "We Had Hoped..." Luke 24:13-35

Verse 21 of our Gospel for today contains a verb in the imperfect tense: *hipizomen*, which is translated as "we had hoped." Our story finds two travelers walking on the road from Jerusalem back toward Emmaus. Soon, a stranger joins them in their conversation and they share with him that "they had hoped" that this prophet, Jesus, the Nazarene, would be the one to redeem Israel. He responds by saying they are "foolish and slow to believe." Later at dinner in Emmaus, Jesus revealed himself to them and disappeared. Throughout life we have many of these "we had hoped" experiences so it makes sense to us as we read the narrative and can identify with the disappointment. We like future tenses such as "it will be fine" or "it will all come together" yet we know that there are times when our hope is not fulfilled and we find ourselves sad and disappointed. We

need to remember that we are all in this together and that Jesus walks with us through all our life experiences and shares our pain. Some of our hopes in life may be shattered at times yet the ultimate hope in Jesus for redemption and eternal life can never be taken away.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG..... "You Are My All in All"

**You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all, Seeking You like a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all**

**Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name**

**Taking my cross my sin my shame, Raising again I praise Your name
You are my all in all, When I fall down You pick me up
When I run dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all**

**Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name**

*"You Are My All In All" written by Dennis Jernigan 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. CCLI Song: 825356
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INVOCATION

Pastor: We gather together in faith to give glory to God, our Father, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

People: **We gather together in faith to praise Jesus who fulfilled the Word of God and brought Good News.**

Pastor: We gather together in faith to embrace the power of the Holy Spirit who enables us to share the news of salvation.

People: **We gather together in hope believing that at the end of life's journey, a great prize awaits us. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, it is a joy to be here to worship You and give honor and praise to the name above all names. We live with hopes and dreams and at times, they are not fulfilled to our satisfaction, leaving us sad and disappointed. You are One who gives us the greatest hope in a world that gives us messages of hopelessness. Give us the willingness and strength to share the Good News with those we meet, that they will see the light of Christ and source of hope living in us. Help us to show the love of Christ to others so that the genuineness of our faith will shine through. Even though our hopes in life do not always meet our desires, we know that our greatest hope is built on the

solid rock of Jesus Christ today and always. Give us strength when hopes are shattered and we find ourselves filled with despair and sadness. Walk with us Lord Jesus, and empower us with the Holy Spirit so that we can impact lives, that they may recognize Jesus living in us.

People: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You speak to us today through Your word which endures forever. We are slaves to sin and unable to free ourselves. We desperately need Christ, the Lamb of God, who was destined before the foundation of the world to redeem us. It is impossible to accomplish this ourselves. Give us willing hearts to submit our lives to You so that we can be released from sin's hold on us.

People: **Father, we confess to You that we often have this desire to take control of everything and leave You out of our thoughts and decisions. We lack vision to see You and make decisions through the eyes of faith which produces hope. For this reason, we have not let You be in control and have stood in the way of Your will for our lives. Our belief system has been influenced by the world and we suffer the consequences and our hope is diminished. We are deeply sorry and ask for Your forgiveness.**

Pastor: We have made confession to God and are now restored and forgiven. God has promised that He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, we have been reconciled and born anew through the enduring word of God. God's grace has rescued you. Trust in the Lord and know that you are set free from your sins.

People: Amen!

+ We Hear God's Word +

Acts 2:14a, 36-41(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1692 in NIV pew Bible)

1 Peter 1:17-25(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1887 in NIV pew Bible)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC....."May The Road Rise To Meet You"..... by Crosstones

Luke 24:13-35(ESV)(page 7 in bulletin) (on page 1642 in NIV pew Bible)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 everlasting.
Amen

SERMON SONG ***“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”***

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, And make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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MESSAGE..... ***“Eternally Free”*** ***1 Peter 1:17-25***

OFFERING SONG..... ***“Bless This Offering”***

God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring You.
May our lives do Your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.
God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring You.

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+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God give you hope and peace as you go forward in life, knowing that
Jesus walks with you always.

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "My Redeemer Lives"

**I know He rescued my soul
His Blood 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 the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**I know He rescued my soul
His Blood 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 the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**You lift my burdens; And I rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your Kingdom come**

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

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We Exit to Serve!

If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with one of the Pastors after the service.