

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018  
“THE HEART OF THE MATTER”**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** ..... *“How Can It Be”*

I am guilty  
Ashamed of what I've done what I've become  
These hands are dirty  
I dare not lift them up  
To the Holy One

You plead my cause  
You right my wrongs  
You break my chains You overcome  
You gave Your life  
To give me mine  
You say that I am free  
How can it be  
How can it be

I've been hiding  
Afraid I've let You down  
Inside I doubt  
That You could love me  
But in Your eyes  
There's only grace now

You plead my cause  
You right my wrongs  
You break my chains You overcome  
You gave Your life  
To give me mine  
You say that I am free  
How can it be  
How can it be

Though I fall You can make me new  
From this death I will rise with You  
Oh the grace reaching out for me  
How can it be  
How can it be

**You plead my cause  
You right my wrongs  
You break my chains You overcome  
You gave Your life  
To give me mine  
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### **"You Say"**

**I keep fighting voices in my mind  
That say I'm not enough  
Ev'ry single lie that tells me  
I will never measure up**

**Am I more than just the sum of  
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Remind me once again just who I am  
Because I need to know**

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe oh I believe  
What You say of me I believe**

**The only thing that matters now  
Is ev'rything You think of me  
In You I find my worth  
In You I find my identity**

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak - 10 –**

You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe oh I believe  
What You say of me I believe

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You'll have ev'ry failure God  
You'll have ev'ry victory

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe oh I believe  
What You say of me I believe

Oh I believe yes I believe  
What You say of me I believe

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**WORSHIP THEME: – “The Heart of the Matter” Mark 7: 14-23**

Jesus had a way of seeing straight through to the heart of a matter. While the Pharisees and teachers of the law were determined to get to the bottom of why their traditions were not being followed, Jesus was more concerned with getting to the root of their hearts. God desires worshipers to come to Him in spirit and in truth. He is not interested in our vain practices or rote adherence to manmade rules. God desires our honest, thoughtful, heartfelt praise. He is drawing us to return to the heart of worship and His commands. Jesus is drawing us near. He desires our whole hearts over traditions.

**+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +**

**OPENING SONG.....“Thy Word”**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near,  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

**I will not forget Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
And a light unto my path, You're the light unto my path.**

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### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** We gather together as one body in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

**People:** **Amen!**

**Pastor:** We gather to be renewed in our mind, body, soul, and spirit in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**People:** **Amen!**

**Pastor:** We gather to receive hope in our great time of need in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

**People:** **We gather to thank You for Your Great Love. We ask for deep revelation of Your intimate love for each of us today in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You are Alpha and Omega. You are Redeemer. You are the Prince of Peace. We come humbly before You in awe of Your great sacrifice on the Cross. We remember Your great love for us.

**People:** **We ask that You draw our hearts closer to You today. Prepare us now to receive Your Word. We long to know You more. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Our Gospel reading for today recounts for us the hypocritical practices of the Pharisees and teachers of the law. The unwashed hands or food was not making them unclean. Their ceremonial customs and evil practices were destroying them from the inside out. They honored Him with their lips, but their hearts could not be further from knowing their Lord. Jesus was inviting them to see a new path to freedom. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He invites us all to share in the freedom that comes when we align our hearts and practices with the truth of God's Word.

**People:** Father, we need Your help. We confess all too often we honor You with our lips, but our actions speak differently. We have not listened to Your warning to keep our hearts clean. Show us our heart's true devotion. Give us Your eyes to see where we have let go of the commands in Your Word. We want to honor Your holy name. Amen.

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ our Lord died for our sins. He has ransomed us. He has paid the price. He has forgiven all iniquity. He has won over death. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May we return with glad and whole hearts to our Father who waits with open arms to receive us in our great time of need.

**People:** AMEN!

**+ We Hear God's Word +**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) ..... (on page 279 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Ephesians 6:10-20(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1824 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Mark 7:14-23(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1564 in NIV pew Bible)**

**+ We Respond to God's Word +**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 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 everlasting. Amen

**SERMON 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. Scripture Reference:  
2 Corinthians 12:10; Philippians 4:17; Proverbs 20:15; Jonah 1:12 CCLI Song: 825356 CCLI License: 51072*

**MESSAGE ..... "Fight The Good Fight With All Your Might!"....Ephesians 6:10-20**

**OFFERING SONG..... "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks, With a grateful heart  
Give thanks, To the holy one  
Give thanks, For He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)

And now let the weak say, I am strong  
Let the poor say, I am rich  
Because of what, The Lord has done, For us (repeat)

Give thanks...

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## **PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**+ We Depart in Peace +**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: And now may the power of the Holy Spirit guard you, guide you, and keep you as you go on in love and serve the Lord God Almighty. Do everything for His glory as you go down the path. May the Lord bless you and keep you and grant you His peace.

People: **Amen!**

**CLOSING SONG..... "Today Is The Day"**

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day. Today is the day.**

**I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day. Today is the day.**

**I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)  
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live for You.)  
And I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)  
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live.)**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.  
Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.**

**Today is the day.  
Today is the day.  
Today is the day.  
Today is the day.  
Today is the day.**

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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.***