

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
“ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC*..... *“Emmanuel”
For everyone, Hope has come, The Savior of the world

To light the dark, And heal our hearts,
The Savior of the world, He is the Savior of the world

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Our God has come close
The world needs to know, This good news we have to tell, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

For unto us, Is born the one, Whose love will set us free

And we will sing, Unto our king,
His love has set us free, It's His love that sets us free

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Our God has come close
The world needs to know, This good news we have to tell, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Ring the bells, Ring the bells, Emmanuel, Ring the bells, Ring the bells

Ring the bells, Ring the bells, Emmanuel, Ring the bells, Ring the bells

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Our God has come close
The world needs to know, This good news we have to tell, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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“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

Every 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**

**Every blessing You pour out, I 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**

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

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

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***WORSHIP THEME-* "Escape from Alcatraz" Mark 10:2-16**

Alcatraz, the presumably "inescapable" Federal penitentiary is viewed as an symbol of control and restraint. Still, there were 14 escape attempts (not one of them proved to be successful). Sometimes people tend to view God's commands as a type of Alcatraz; a code of restrictions and rules to keep us under God's thumb. Nothing could be further from the truth, and yet many of us occasionally find ourselves on the lookout for a good escape route. Let's take a look at how Jesus handles some self-imposed "prisoners" of God's law.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG..... "Forever"

**Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King
His love endures forever, For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us,
Forever, Forever**

**With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm, His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever - 10 -**

**From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever
By the grace of God, We will carry on, His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever**

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OPENING

Pastor: The laws of God are written to show us our sin. The Gospel is written to show us our Savior. May we understand more clearly a need for both in our lives, as the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen our faith during our time together this morning.

People: **May our ears be open to hear, our eyes to see and our hearts to receive the Lord's message for us today.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: Almighty God as we begin our worship, we appeal to You, Oh Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in Your Holy Name we come. God, we know You are present as we gather now for worship. Abide with us. AMEN.

People: **Yeah, yeah, may it be so ... Amen.**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: TRUE OR FALSE: If someone breaks one of the Commandments (Ten) they're guilty of breaking them all? Well, James 2:10 says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. Let's take a few moments this morning to reflect on our own lives, and examine our hearts in the light of God's law:

People: **Oh Lord, God, here we are, guilty as accused. There is not one of Your commands that we can honestly say we have kept perfectly. Even if we don't know the ways that we have sinned, James reminds us that, yes, if we have broken even one, we stand in need of Your forgiveness. Some sin we are more aware of than others. By our very nature, we are imperfect. Please forgive us, O Father.**

Pastor: Repentance is a term that refers to intentionally willing to turn away, turn 180 degrees and walk AWAY from that temptation to sin again. It means as if you were walking east and you flip around and walk west. God can see our true confessing and repentant hearts. He is faithful and just and will forgive us because of the death and resurrection of His dear Son, our Savior Jesus. It is in His name, I declare, you are forgiven.

People: **Amen.**

+ We Hear God's Word +

**Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29(ESV)(page 4 in bulletin)(on page 224 in NIV pew Bible)
James 5:1-20(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin) (on page 1884 in NIV pew Bible)**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Come Christians Join To Sing" by Praise and Worship Choir
Traditional Spanish Hymn (Madrid) Arranged by Jay Althouse**

Revelation 19:4-5 – And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying 'Amen! Alleluia!' And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him small and great.'

Mark 9:38-50(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1569 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 "Christ Is Risen (Come Awake)"

**Let no one caught in sin, Remain inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross, And run to Him Who showed great love
And bled for us, Freely You've bled for us**

**Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead, We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave**

**Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown, No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign, Forever let Your church proclaim**

**Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave**

**Christ is risen from the dead, We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave**

**O death where is your sting, O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light, The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting, O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light, Our God is not dead, He's alive He's alive**

**Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead, We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave**

**Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead, We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave**

*"Christ Is Risen (Come Awake)" written by Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes 2009 Thankyou Music CCLI Song:5242683
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MESSAGE

OFFERING SONG..... "God Is So Good"

God is so good,	He cares for me,	I praise His name,
God is so good,	He cares for me,	I praise His name,
God is so good,	He cares for me,	I praise His name,
He's so good to me	He's so good to me	He's so good to me

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PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: We ask Your blessing on all who depart from here this morning, and on all those who worshiped You around the world, with us today.

People: **Bless us, Lord Jesus, and may Your kingdom come quickly. Amen and amen.**

CLOSING SONG..... "All The People Said Amen"

**You are not alone if you are lonely, When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy, To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God it's all you need**

**And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen**

**If you're rich or poor well it don't matter,
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together, God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all**

**And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God**

**And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen**

**And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen
And all the people said amen**

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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.