

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

AS WE GATHER

Abraham is a great example of faith. As we often pray for faith and good courage to the Lord who has called us “to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown,” Abraham lived with this courage. From Haran to Canaan, Abraham was led by the hand of God toward the unfolding future God had prepared in the incarnation of His only-begotten Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. During Lent we join with Abraham of old and all the saints in trusting the Lord through the unknown tomorrows to the outcome and end we do know in Christ—everlasting life.

“Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord”

Preservice #1

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You**

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“How Great Is Our God”

Preservice #2

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God**

**And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb**

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God**

**Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great
Is our God**

**Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great
Is our God**

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God**

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God**

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BELLS - CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Lord, I Need You”

Opening Song

**Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart**

**Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me**

**Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay**

**Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 121:1–2; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Faithful Lord, You promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation and through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. Receive our thanks for the promise kept in the gift of Your Son, whose death and resurrection have paid the price of sin and reconciled us to You. Lead us to follow Abraham's example of faith, trusting in Your Word and promise all the days of our lives; we pray in Your holy name, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

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PSALM

Psalms 121

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EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”

Sermon Song

**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**

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

**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**

**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**

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

**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**

**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**

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CATECHISM: *The 10th Commandment and Meaning.* **p. 322**

SERMON “Promises, Promises” *Romans 4:16*

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

“Step by Step”

Offering Song

**O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your ways
Step by step You lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy God, mighty Lord, You raised up Abraham to be a child of Your promise and the patriarch of a great nation in which You would display Your glory for the salvation of all people. You fulfilled Your ancient promise with the gift of Your only Son, who, born of the Spirit and the Virgin, manifested Your saving will and purpose by living for us the holy life of obedience and, at the appointed time, gave Himself in our place upon the cross, there to redeem us with His passion and to save us by His blood. Because He did this for us, we now receive His body crucified and His blood shed in this blessed Communion, where He gives us Himself under forms of bread and wine, according to His own Word and promise. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

“The Lamb”

Communion Song

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

**The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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BLESSING

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Pastor: O Lord, now let Your servant

People: Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen, Israel.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

“My Lighthouse”

Closing Song

**In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me
Safe to shore Safe to shore Safe to shore
Safe to shore**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me
Safe to shore Safe to shore Safe to shore
Safe to shore**

**Fire before us You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
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You will lead us through the storms**

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