

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 21 – 10:30 A.M.  
“THE INVISIBLE ADVOCATE”**

***WE ENTER TO WORSHIP***

***PRESERVICE MUSIC* ..... “Lord, I Need You”**

**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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**"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"**

**I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

**REFRAIN:**

**Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Thro' this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.**

**REFRAIN**

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.**

**REFRAIN**

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**WORSHIP THEME: "The Invisible Advocate" John 14:15-21**

Jesus told His disciples to keep His commands. He brought them comforting news of the Holy Spirit, another advocate, who would be their helper and guide them into truth. As Jesus was preparing the disciples for His death, resurrection, and ascension, He assures them that they would not be left alone on this Earth to fend for themselves. Because of God's eternal love for those who love Him, we will someday be in Heaven with Him.

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

**OPENING SONG.....by Sunday School Children**

**“Jesus Loves Me”  
“The BIBLE”  
“Who’s The King Of The Jungle”**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Come and hear, the Lord is near!

**People:** **The Lord is good!**

**Pastor:** Yes, He is good! He hears our prayers and pours out His love on us.

**People:** **He does not withhold His great love from us.**

**Pastor:** He did not leave us as orphans to walk this life alone.

**People:** **The Spirit of Truth guides us in all that we do.**

**Pastor:** Praise the Lord, for He is good!

**People:** **The Lord is good, Amen!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Almighty God of Heaven and of Earth, thank You for loving us, mere human beings who are not worthy of Your love. You poured out Your love through Jesus, Your only Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper. We are grateful for Your love, Your compassion, and Your mercy. It’s in Your wonderful name we pray,

**People:** **Amen.**

**TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Father, we read in Your Word that if we love You, we should keep Your commands. You are perfect in all Your ways, and we are not.

**People:** **We are imperfect people who have sinned.**

Pastor: As much as we strive to keep Your commands, we fail and follow the paths of destruction.

**People: Help us, O Lord!**

Pastor: Father, You extend Your gracious hand to us; Your arm is not too short. You sent Your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty of our sin through death on the cross. His death satisfied Your wrath, and we are no longer declared guilty, but innocent because of Christ crucified!

**People: We are forgiven! We are free! We are loved by the Everlasting Father!**

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

**Acts 17:16-31(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1723 in NIV pew Bible)**

**1 Peter 3:13-22(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1890 in NIV pew Bible)**

**John 14:15-21(ESV)(page 7 in bulletin)..... (on page 1676 in NIV pew Bible)**

### ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***

Pastor: Let us together proclaim the name of the Lord who is worthy to be exalted.

**People: 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* ..... *"Here I Am, Lord"***

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

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**MESSAGE..... "The Other Helper" .....John 14:15-21**

**OFFERING SONG..... "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

**REFRAIN:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!**

*"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" written by Louisa M. R. Stead; Mark Hall; William James Kirkpatrick  
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**+ We Pray +**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**+ WE DEPART IN PEACE +**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!**

**People: And with you as well! Amen!**

**CLOSING SONG....."Love The Lord"**

**Love the Lord Your God  
With all your heart with all your soul  
With all your mind and with all your strength  
Love the Lord Your God  
With all your heart with all your soul  
With all your mind and with all your strength**

**With all your heart with all your soul  
With all your mind with all your strength  
Love the Lord Your God  
With all your heart with all your soul  
With all your mind and with all your strength**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength**

With all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)  
I will praise You (I will praise You)  
I will serve You (I will serve You)  
I will trust You (I will trust You)

With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength

I will love You Lord with all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength  
I will love You Lord with all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength  
I will love You Lord with all my heart with all my soul  
With all my mind and with all my strength

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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.*



"My sheep hear my voice.  
I know them, and  
they follow me."

- John 10:27