

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9 – 10:30 A.M.
“KEEP YOUR CHILD-LIKE FAITH ”**

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

***PRESERVICE MUSIC*..... “Days of Elijah”**

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord.

And these are the days of His servant, Moses, Righteousness being restored.

**And these are the days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord!**

**Behold He comes, riding on a cloud, Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of His servant, David, Rebuilding the temple of praise.**

**And these are the days of the harvest, The fields are all white in Your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.**

**Behold He comes, riding on a cloud, Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah,
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"Overcomer"

**Staring at a stop sign, Watching people drive by
T Mac on the radio, Got so much on your mind
Nothing's really going right, Looking for a ray of hope**

**Whatever it is you may be going through,
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of you**

CHORUS

**You're an overcomer, Stay in the fight 'til the final round
You're not going under, 'Cause God is holding you right now
You might be down for a moment, Feeling like it's hopeless
That's when He reminds You, That you're an overcomer, You're an overcomer**

**Everybody's been down, Hit the bottom, hit the ground
Ooh, you're not alone, Just take a breath, don't forget
Hang on to His promises, He wants You to know CHORUS**

**The same Man, the Great I am, The one who overcame death
He's living inside of You, So just hold tight, fix your eyes
On the one who holds your life, There's nothing He can't do, He's telling you
(Take a breath, don't forget, Hang on to His promises) CHORUS**

**You're an overcomer, You're an overcomer
So don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer,
Don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer
Don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer, You're an overcomer**

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WORSHIP THEME: "Keep Your Child-Like Faith" – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

We can certainly learn a great deal from children. They are so honest, transparent, to the point, simplistic, and yet profound in their expressions of faith in Jesus and understanding of God. We know how loving, giving, trusting and dependent they are which are all vital characteristics of a person who knows the Lord. Many adults have a tendency to outgrow these traits since they become clouded by life as it gets more complex with age and "so-called" maturity. Children are actually great theologians and often ask the question, "why?" "Why" is an excellent theological question. Isn't theology "faith seeking

understanding” as the great theologian, St. Anselm, stated it? It would do us all good to keep our child-like faith. Scripture tells us that we need to be “as a child” in faith to enter the kingdom of God. In our Gospel lesson for today, Jesus said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants.”

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG.....“Daddy’s Hands”

**I remember Daddy’s hands, Folded silently in prayer
And reaching out to hold me, When I had a nightmare
You could read quite a story, In the callouses and lines
Years of work and worry, Had left their mark behind**

**I remember Daddy’s hands, How they held my Mama tight
And patted my back, For something done right
There are things I’ve forgotten, That I loved about the man
But I’ll always remember, The love in Daddy’s hands**

**Daddy’s hands, Were soft and kind when I was cryin’
Daddy’s hands, Were hard as steel when I’d done wrong
Daddy’s hands, Weren’t always gentle but I’d come to understand
There was always love in Daddy’s hands**

**I remember Daddy’s hands, Working til they bled
Sacrificed unselfishly, Just to keep us all fed
If I could do things over, I’d live my life again
And never take for granted, The love in Daddy’s hands**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: We come in faith to worship God, the Father, maker of the heavens and the earth.

People: We come in faith to lift up Jesus who fulfilled the Word of God.

Pastor: We come in faith to embrace the power of the Holy Spirit—our advocate for change.

People: We come together in faith knowing and believing that there is always hope! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we are here to worship You and raise our voices in praise to Your Holy name! You are one who gives us hope in a world that brings despair so often. Like the faith of a child, we need to depend on You and put our trust in You. You reveal Yourself in such wonderful and powerful ways to children and they respond so beautifully. We know that You are able to do far beyond anything we could ask or imagine because of the power at work in us. You have showed us in so many ways that child-like faith is so vital. You have planted the seed of Your Word in us and now it is our desire to grow into maturity in our faith which we know leads to action. Empower us with the Holy Spirit so that we can impact lives and bear fruit --- giving glory to You!

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 as You always have. We know that we are slaves to sin and cannot free ourselves. That reality means we need Jesus who has the power to set us free from this bondage. We know that we cannot do this ourselves. Give us a willingness to submit our lives to You so that we can be released from sin's grip on us.

People: Father, we confess to You that we often take control in our lives and leave You out of our thoughts and decisions. We have lacked the sheer faith of a child in so many areas of our lives. We have not let You be in control and have not heeded Your invitation to come to You when we feel weighed down. Our attitudes and belief system have been influenced by the world and we suffer the consequences. We are deeply sorry and ask for Your forgiveness.

Pastor: We have openly made confession to God and have asked for His forgiveness. God has promised us cleansing and renewal. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, we have been reconciled and made new again. The Lord loves you and pours out His grace on you. You are set free from the grips of your sin. You are forgiven! Praise God!

People: Amen.

+ We Hear God's Word +

Zechariah 9:9-12(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1480 in NIV pew Bible)

Romans 7:14-25a(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1756 in NIV pew Bible)
Matthew 11:25-30(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1513 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 "I Can Only Imagine"

**I can only imagine what it will be like, When I walk by Your side...
I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your Face is before me!
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.**

**Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus? Or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing 'Hallelujah!'? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!**

**I can only imagine, when that day comes, When I find myself standing in the Son!
I can only imagine, when all I will do, Is forever, forever worship You!
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!**

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**I can only imagine! I can only imagine! I can only imagine! I can only imagine!
I can only imagine, when all I do is forever,
Forever worship You! I can only imagine "I Can Only Imagine" written by Bart Millard © 2001, 2002**

MESSAGE..... “Burdens And The Yoke”.....Matthew 11:25-30

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 Celebrate the Lord’s Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His Own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

Pastor: Holy God and mighty Lord, we are so blessed as we join together in this Holy Sacrament which You commanded us to do often. In faith, we gather together to remember all that You accomplished for us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We know that grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began and was revealed to us when Christ came to earth and abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. It is Your Spirit that anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. Through His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG “Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;

Let us know Your love a-new; We hunger for You.

Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live within;

Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; We receive from You

Your true body and true blood Your promise we trust.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand

How Your mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You, On the bread that is true.
Thank You Lord for this gift, such a holy meal.
Only You can give us life; forgive all our sins.
Praises be to our God for the blessings here.
At Your altar Lord we say, "Praise be to our God"

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+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace through faith—trusting in Him always!

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "I'll Fly Away"

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

CHORUS

I'll fly away Oh Glory, I'll fly away, When I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away **CHORUS**

Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away **CHORUS**

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away **CHORUS**

*"I'll Fly Away" written by Albert E. Brumley 1932 Hartford Music Company. Renewed 1960 Albert E. Brumley And Sons
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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.

BAPTISM FOLLOWING 10:30AM SERVICE.....AVERY LYNN WESTJOHN

BORN: May 12, 2017

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