

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 20 – 10:30 A.M.**

**“PERSISTENT FAITH STIRS THE HEART OF GOD”**

*WE ENTER TO WORSHIP*

*PRESERVICE MUSIC* ..... “Our God”

Water You turned into wine,  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You,  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine,  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You,  
None like You

Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other,  
Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power,  
Our God, Our God

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Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You,  
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Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other,  
Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power,  
Our God, Our God

**Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other,  
Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power, Our God, Our God**

**And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against**

**And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against**

**Then what could stand against**

**Our God is greater, Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other, Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power, Our God, Our God**

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God You are higher than any other, Our God is Healer  
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*"Our God" written by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman 2010 Thankyou Music  
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### **"Sing A Song"**

**I want to sing a song for You, Lord, Lord, for You I want to sing a song  
And I want to lift my voice to Heaven, And listen to the angels sing along**

#### **CHORUS**

**A song of Your faithfulness, A song of Your grace  
And of Your loving kindness, To the glory of Your name  
With everything that's in me, Lord, Listen to me say  
I want to sing a song for You, I want to sing a song**

I want to live my life for You, Lord, Lord, for You I want to live my life  
I want to praise the name of Jesus, Pray above all things You're glorified **CHORUS**

And I sing about Your mercy, And I sing about Your love  
Your goodness, Lord, Your righteousness, I want to sing. . . **CHORUS**

And we'll sing holy, holy, holy, We'll sing holy, holy, holy  
We'll shout holy, holy, Are You Lord almighty

And we'll sing holy, holy, holy, We'll sing holy, holy, holy  
We'll shout holy, holy, Are You Lord almighty (chorus)

*"Sing A Song" written by Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee, Tai Anderson*

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**WORSHIP THEME: "Persistent Faith Stirs the Heart of God" Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus responded to a pleading woman's great faith by healing her demon-possessed daughter. This Canaanite woman, an outcast, was viewed as a "dog" and yet her persistence in asking Jesus for her daughter's healing stirred His heart. Her suffering daughter was healed because of her mother's faith. Status holds no weight in the Kingdom of God, but great faith and persistent prayer moves the heart of the Father to answer.

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

**OPENING SONG..... "The Lion And The Lamb"**

He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break, As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb, The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save, Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

**Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him**

**Our God is the Lamb, The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

**Who can stop the Lord Almighty, Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)**

**Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him**

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For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

**And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb**

*"The Lion And The Lamb" written by Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring © 2015 Meaux Mercy  
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## **INVOCATION**

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

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

**Pastor:** Worthy is His name!  
**People:** **Worthy is His name!**

**Pastor:** From, through, and for Him are all things!  
**People:** **Glory to the King forever! Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Lord of the heavens and of the earth, Your riches and wisdom abound. Who has a mind like Yours? No one is comparable to You. You are higher than the highest mountain; You are deeper than the depths of the ocean; Your love knows no bounds, and yet You love us lowly beings. You call us the apple of Your eye.

**People:** **We are humbled in Your presence, Lord.**

## **TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we are lazy in our faith. We tire of waiting, losing focus of Your promises, and doubting the plans You have for us.

**People:** **Forgive us for our apathy.**

**Pastor:** We are quick to judge and hold pride in our hearts.

**People:** **Forgive us for trusting our judgment instead of Yours.**

**Pastor:** In all that we do, steer us on Your path of righteousness. Even in our sin, You loved us and even died for us, raising from the dead and overcoming sin's curse of death.

**People:** **We accept Your forgiveness. Thank You, Lord!**

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

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1149 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin) (page 1761 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Matthew 15:21-28(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1522 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 ..... “O Church Arise (Arise Shine)”**

**O Church arise and put your armor on,  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong,  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of Truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness**

**Our call to war to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
An inheritance of nations**

**Arise shine for your Light has come,  
Arise shine for the risen Son  
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride,  
Arise O Church arise**

**Come see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues 'til the day,  
Every eye and heart shall see Him**

**So Spirit come put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize,  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day,  
When with Christ we stand in Glory**

Arise shine for your Light has come,  
Arise shine for the risen Son  
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride,  
Arise O Church arise

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**MESSAGE..... "Great Faith".....Matthew 15:21-28**

**OFFERING SONG..... "Father I Adore You"**

Father, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You

Spirit I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You

*"Father I Adore You" written by Terrye Coelho 1972 Maranatha! Music Scripture Reference: John 17:1 CCLI Song: 26557  
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**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS**

**+ We Pray +**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**+ We Depart in Peace +**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Persist in your faith and go with peace, for the Lord Your God hears and answers your prayers!

**People:** Amen!

**CLOSING SONG..... "My Redeemer Lives"**

**I know He rescued my soul  
His blood covered my sin  
I believe I believe**

**My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe I believe**

**I'll raise the banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**I know He rescued my soul  
His blood covered my sin  
I believe I believe**

**My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe I believe**

**I'll raise the banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**You lift my burdens; And I rise with You  
I'm dancing on this mountain top  
To see Your Kingdom come**

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

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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.***