

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 10:30 A.M.  
“THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST”**

*WE ENTER TO WORSHIP*

*PRESERVICE MUSIC ..... “You Are So Good To Me”*

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
And I will sing again

You are so good to me,  
You heal my broken heart  
You are my Father in Heaven,  
You are so good to me  
You heal my broken heart,  
You are my Father in Heaven

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song

You ride upon the clouds,  
You lead me to the truth  
You are the Spirit inside me,  
You ride upon the clouds  
You lead me to the truth,  
You are the Spirit inside me

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
And I will sing again

You are my strong melody,  
You are my dancing rhythm  
You are my perfect rhyme,  
And I will sing of You forever

You poured out all Your blood,  
You died upon the cross  
You are my Jesus who loves me,  
You poured out all Your blood  
You died upon the cross,  
You are my Jesus who loves me

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,  
And I will sing again

You are my Father in Heaven,  
You are the Spirit inside me  
You are my Jesus who loves me

*"You Are So Good To Me" written by Ben Pasley, Don Chaffer, Robin Pasley 1999 Blue Renaissance Music Hey Ruth Music  
Squint Songs Scripture Reference: Mark 8:27-30; Matt: 16:13-20; Isaiah 12:1-6 CCLI Song # 2757944 CCLI License # 51072*

### **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life.  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
(Repeat)

*"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" written by Rick Founds 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc.  
Scripture Reference: Hebrews 2:12; Genesis 46:28 CCLI Song: 117947 CCLI License: 51072*

**WORSHIP THEME: "The Real Presence of Christ"**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

Most churches have a constitution and by-laws that govern the functioning of the congregation. They are designed, voted on, and presumably implemented to help leaders and members have structure, make decisions, govern, and handle conflict if it arises. The Gospel passage from Matthew 18 is used often to help congregations deal with adverse behavior and conflict in the life of the church. Wherever people gather together, it is a known fact that there will be problems and conflict. The narrative has Jesus spelling out the steps to take when a brother or sister commits an act of sin against another. Rather than handling a situation in a destructive manner, Jesus gives us a step by step process with an eye toward resolution. It is clear that the real presence of Christ is crucial to the

process so that our human inclinations do not take precedence. Jesus states that “where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The real presence of Christ makes all the difference in the world when it comes to healthy decision-making, reconciliation, and harmony in the community. With Christ and His love at the center of our conversations, the results can be amazing so that all involved can move forward.

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

**OPENING SONG..... “You Are My All in All”**

**You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all,  
Seeking You like a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I’d be a fool,  
You are my all in all**

**Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name,  
Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name**

**Taking my cross my sin my shame,  
Raising again I praise Your name  
You are my all in all,  
When I fall down You pick me up  
when I run dry You fill my cup,  
You are my all in all**

**Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name,  
Jesus Lamb of God, Holy is Your name**

*“You Are My All In All” written by Dennis Jernigan 1991 Shepherd’s Heart Music, Inc.*

*Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 12:10; Philippians 4:17; Proverbs 20:15; Jonah 1:12 CCLI Song: 825356 CCLI License: 51072*

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Worship is a time to experience the real presence of Christ in our lives and give praise and adoration to His Holy name.

**People:** Amen!

## ***OPENING PRAYER***

**Pastor:** Mighty and Everlasting God, we are here to worship You and all the mighty and wonderful things You have done in our lives. You have revealed Yourself in so many ways since the beginning of creation. Most importantly, You became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ so that we would see more clearly who You are and the power You have. We are thankful for the ways You show forth Your presence and give us a better understanding of Your love for us. Help us God, to listen to You and the words of Jesus so that we can be a beacon of that light in this dark world and within our relationships with others.

**People:** **In Jesus name, we pray. Amen**

## ***TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***

**Pastor:** It is so freeing to know that we can come to You with our sins by admitting and naming them and releasing them to You. We do this now in silence knowing that You so readily forgive us.

**People:** **We openly confess to You the following:**

**Our tendency to conform to the world's standards rather than the standards You have laid out to us in Your Word—knowing that Christ should be at the center of our lives.**

**Our reluctance to share our own stories of Your power in our lives for fear of rejection or the responses we may receive.**

**Our unhealthy habits that affect us and those around us and our unwillingness to make changes.**

**Our hurtful words and actions toward others, some which may not even register in our minds.**

**Our lack of wisdom to embrace the real presence of Christ when dealing with conflict and discord in our relationships with other people.**

**Our lack of love and compassion toward those who are different from us.**

**We ask for Your forgiveness for all our sins including those which we have not put into words.**

Pastor: This is the greatest news you will ever hear: The real presence of Christ is here and has taken all our sin on the cross. We are all forgiven and made new in Christ. This is cause for Joy!

People: **Amen.**

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

**Ezekiel 33:7-9(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1339 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Romans 13:1-10(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1764 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Matthew 18:1-20(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1526 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 ..... "No Longer Slaves"***

**You unravel me with a melody,  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies,  
Till all my fears are gone**

**I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God**

From my Mother's womb,  
You have chosen me  
Your love has called my name,  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

You split the sea so I could walk right through it,  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing,  
I am a child of God

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God

*"No Longer Slaves" written by Brian Johnson, Joel Case, Jonathan David Helser © 2014 Bethel Music Publishing  
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**MESSAGE..... "A Life Of Love" .....Matthew 20:1-20**

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

God is so good,  
God is so good,  
God is so good,  
He's so good to me

He cares for me,  
He cares for me,  
He cares for me,  
He's so good to me

I praise His name,  
I praise His name,  
I praise His name,  
He's so good to me

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# **DEDICATION OF REMODELED PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS**

**+ 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: Gracious and Loving God, You chose very special people as Your vessels so that we would be able to attest to Your power and presence. We remember Moses and the covenant in his hands up on the mountain. We remember the prophets who were Your spokespeople so that the Word could be communicated. We remember the experience of Jesus and the disciples where teaching, prophecy, miracles, and healing took place. Most of all, we remember now at this moment, the new covenant and the real presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament we are about to receive.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION SONG .....** *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry,  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry,  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer:  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" written by Charles Crozat Converse, Joseph Medlicott Scriven  
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### **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

**Pastor:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ give you strength for your journey as you share the Good News of reconciliation and salvation.

**People:** Thank You Lord! We are equipped and ready to serve!

**+ We Depart in Peace +**

### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Go now in peace—knowing that God loves you and is with you always.  
Go now in peace—assured that the real presence of Christ has saved you.  
Go now in peace—believing that the Holy Spirit will guide you forever.

**People:** Amen!

### **CLOSING SONG..... "Today Is The Day"**

I'm casting my cares aside.  
I'm leaving my past behind.  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Today is the day You have made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow;  
I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside.  
I'm leaving my doubts behind.  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Today is the day You have made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow;  
I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)  
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live for You.)  
And I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)  
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live.)

Today is the day You have made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow.  
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.  
Where You lead me, I will follow;  
I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day.  
Today is the day.  
Today is the day.  
Today is the day.  
Today is the day.

"Today Is The Day" written by Lincoln Brewster, Paul Baloche 2008 Integrity's Hosanna! Music Scripture Reference: Psalm 118:24  
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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.*