

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 11, 2018**  
**“GOD’S GIFT OF LOVE”**

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

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

**“Sweet By And By”**

There’s a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way, To prepare us a dwelling place there.

**REFRAIN**

In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore, The melodious songs of the blessed;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. **REFRAIN**

To our bountiful Father above, We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love, And the blessings that hallow our days. **REFRAIN**

*“Sweet By And By” written by Elsie Leslie Public Domain Scripture Reference: John 14:2 CCLI Song: 271924 CCLI License: 51072*

***WORSHIP THEME: “God’s Gift of Love” John 3:14-21***

Because of God’s love for us, Jesus was resurrected on the third day giving us the gift of eternal life. He is the Light who brings life instead of condemnation. Just as the Israelites looked to the bronze snake in the desert to be saved, we must look to Jesus to be saved. However, some will reject the Light, hiding in the darkness in fear of what may be exposed in them.

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

**OPENING SONG..... "How Can I Keep From Singing?"**

**There is an endless song, Echoes in my soul  
I hear the music ring, And though storms may come  
I am holding on, To the rock I cling**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough?  
How amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart want to sing**

**I will lift my eyes, In the darkest night, For I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You, Knowing You see me through,  
And sing the songs You give**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough?  
How amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart want to sing**

**I can sing in the troubled times, Sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step, And I fall down again**

**I can sing 'cause You pick me up, Sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, When I call to You in prayer**

**I can sing with my last breath, Sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels, And the saints around the throne**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough?  
How amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name?**

**I know I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart want to sing**

*"How Can I Keep From Singing" written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman 2006 worshiptogether.com songs  
Scripture Reference: Psalm 30:12 CCLI Song: 4822372 CCLI License: 51072*

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor: For God so loved the world**

**People: That He sent His one and only Son**

**Pastor: That whosoever believes in Him**

**People: Shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

Pastor: John 3:16 may be the most well-known verse from Scripture. Many of us can recite it from memory, but how many of us allow these words to penetrate our hearts? Today, let us have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor: Father God, may the truth of Your Word penetrate our hearts and minds today. May we walk away changed by Your Spirit, renewed, and made whole. Give us an understanding of Your deep love for us like never before. In Your precious name we pray,

**People: Amen.**

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

Pastor: We once walked in darkness, dead in our transgressions and following the ways of the world.

**People: Our sinful tendencies are to satisfy the cravings of our flesh and neglect the love and truth You offer to us, Lord.**

Pastor: We in our sin deserve Your wrath, but You poured out Your wrath on Your only Son, Jesus, who was sinless and undeserving of death.

**People: You love us with a love we cannot fully comprehend.**

Pastor: We are no longer dead in sin, but alive in Christ! We are free and forgiven.

**People: We are His beloved handiwork. Praise be to the name of Jesus!**

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

**Numbers 21:4-9(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) ..... (on page 242 in NIV pew Bible)**

**Ephesians 2:1-10(ESV) (page 7 in bulletin)..... (on page 1818 in NIV pew Bible)**

**John 3:14-21(ESV)(page 8 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1650 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** ..... **"My Savior My God"**

I am not skilled to understand, What God has willed, what God has planned  
I only know at His right hand, Stands one who is my Savior  
I take Him at His word and deed, Christ died to save me this I read  
And in my heart I find a need, For Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high, And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange, so once did I, Before I knew my Savior

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me  
My God He was, my God He is, My God He's always gonna be

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me  
My God He was, my God He is, My God He's always gonna be

Yes, living, dying; let me bring, My strength, my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my king, Once died to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high, And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange, so once did I, Before I knew my Savior

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me  
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My God He was, my God He is, My God He's always gonna be

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me  
My God He was, my God He is, My God He's always gonna be

**My Savior lives, My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior loves, My Savior lives**

*"My Savior My God" written by Aaron Shust, Dorothy Dora Greenwell 2005 Bridge Building Music, Inc.  
Scripture Reference: John 4:50; 1 Chronicles 28:6 CCLI Song: 4592255 CCLI License: 51072*

**MESSAGE**..... **"Saved By Grace"** ..... **Numbers 21:4-9**

**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.

*“Bless This Offering” Public Domain Scripture Reference: Genesis 14:20, Psalms 9:1-2 CCLI License 51072*

**+ 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:** We read in Numbers that any Israelite who had been bitten by a venomous snake and looked at the bronze snake on the pole would live just like any person who believes in the Son of Man Who was lifted up on the third day will have eternal life.

**People:** **Christ’s body was broken for us; His blood was shed for us.**

**Pastor:** We look to Christ and remember His sacrifice. We believe that He is the Messiah, the Saving One, who has delivered us from sin and brought us into the Light.

**People:** **We remember, we believe, we are thankful for His body and blood.**

**COMMUNION SONG ..... “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

*“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” written by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louid Giglio 2006 worshiptogether.com songs  
Scripture Reference: Ephesians 2:8-9, Psalm 44:8 CCLI Song: 4768151 CCLI License: 51072*

**DISMISSAL BLESSING**

Pastor: In the name of Christ, may we love others with the same love that Jesus loved us.

People: **With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we do it!**

**+ We Depart in Peace +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God bless you as you forgive as you've been forgiven and love as you have been loved.

People: **In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen!**

**CLOSING SONG..... "Your Grace Is Enough"**

**Great is Your faithfulness Oh God,  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy,  
And nothing can keep us apart**

**So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise,  
Oh God**

**Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is Your love and justice God,  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,  
And all Your people sing along**

**So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise,  
Oh God**

**Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me**

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise,  
Oh God

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough,  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me, God  
I see Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love,  
Your grace is enough for me,  
For me

*"Your Grace Is Enough" written by Matt Maher 2003 spiritandsong.com Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 12:9  
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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.*

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*"But now, O Lord, Thou art  
our Father,  
We are the clay, and Thou  
our potter;  
And all of us are the work of  
Thy hand."*

ISAIAH 64:8

