

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 22, 2018
“THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE”**

***PRESERVICE MUSIC* “Will Follow”**

**Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move, I will follow...**

**All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone, Higher than my sight
High above my life, I will trust in You alone, in You alone**

**Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move, I will follow you
Who You love, I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, I will follow You**

**Light unto the world, Light unto my life
I will live for You alone, You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find, All I need in You alone, in You alone**

**Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, I will follow You**

**In You there's life everlasting, In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow**

**Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move, I will follow
Who You love, I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow**

**Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, I will follow You, I will follow You, I will follow You**

***"I Will Follow" written by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan © 2010 SHOUT! Music Publishing
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“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

**Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God, Come**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly know You now**

**Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God, Come**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those, Who gladly know You now**

**Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God, Come**

*“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship” written by Brian Doerksen 1998 Vineyard Songs Scripture Reference: Phil 2:6-11
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WORSHIP THEME: “The Ultimate Sacrifice” John 10:11-18

All of us know what it means to sacrifice such as giving time, money, possessions, and service for the benefit of another person, cause, or organization. We are not as familiar with sacrificing or giving life in order to save the life or the lives of others. What may come to mind first as we think in these terms, are the lives that have been sacrificed on the battle field in war. Perhaps we have seen the statement and reality embossed on a memorial wall or monument: “All gave some and some gave all.” The greatest sacrifice a person can make is to lay down one’s life for his or her friends or comrades. The ultimate purpose for our soldiers fighting on behalf of the U.S., is to preserve the freedom we hold so dear. As we examine our Lesson from John, we see that the ultimate sacrifice for humanity was made by God in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on a cross for our sins to give us an abundant life on earth and eternal life in heaven. As the good Shepherd, we see in this sacrifice the incredible love toward us, the sheep, and the amazing love and faithfulness toward God, the Father. This truly is the ultimate sacrifice. Knowing this, how will we live?

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

**Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before
Oh my soul,
I worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again,
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before
Oh my soul,
I worship Your holy name**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before
Oh my soul,
I worship Your holy name**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise un-ending
10,000 years and there forever more**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name,**

**Sing like never before
Oh my soul,
I worship Your holy name**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before
Oh my soul,
I worship Your holy name
I worship Your holy name,
Lord, I worship Your holy name**

**Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: We have come together to give praise and honor to the Lord, our Shepherd. God spoke clearly when He said, "Be still and know that I am God." May God's love and wisdom enter the recesses of our minds and hearts as we begin this time of worship.

People: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious and Merciful God, we are so grateful that You spoke, thus revealing Your glory and power to the apostles so that they could record accounts we have in scripture. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus came so that through our knowledge of Him, we would know You. Like the flock of a shepherd, we are called to hear Your voice and follow You so that we will grasp Your will for our lives. As we worship today through prayer, song, and the Word, help us to be attentive to the saving power of Jesus Christ. You have called us to make sacrifices for the well-being of our brothers and sisters so that the light of Jesus will shine through us. The ultimate sacrifice was made for us as Jesus laid down His life and took it up. Instill in us the love of Christ that we may give sacrificially in love and service.

People: In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Gracious God, at this time, we lay before You our brokenness and sins we have committed. Help us to acknowledge our condition and bring them before You.

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

Our tendency to listen to the voices of the world rather than the voice of God who has perfect wisdom.

Our reluctance to ask for help from others, but mostly our unwillingness to ask for Your help to transform us and direct our lives.

Our selfishness and preoccupation with our own needs instead of focusing on the needs of others.

Our attempts to rationalize our decisions and behavior, yet when we hear and read about Your commands and the example of Jesus, we are convicted.

Our inclination to be drawn into the things of the world rather than worshipping and praising You, the one, true God and Father of us all.

Our unwillingness to make sacrifices for the lives of others because of our self-centeredness.

Forgive us Lord for our disobedience which shows up in many and various ways.

Pastor: The voice of God spoke and promises were made, fulfilled, and realized. God sacrificed His Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the dead, so that all our sins are forgiven and we have life forever in heaven. Praise be to God!

+ We Hear God’s Word +

Acts 4:1-12 (ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1696 in NIV pew Bible)

1 John 3:16-24(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1901 in NIV pew Bible)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Speak, O Lord”by Crosstones

John 10:11-18(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1666 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 "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

**How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
And make a wretch His treasure**

**How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection**

**Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

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I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

*"How Deep The Father's Love For Us" written by Stuart Townend 1995 Thankyou Music
Scripture Reference: Isaiah 53:12, Ephesians 2:4-9 CCLI Song: 1558110 CCLI License: 51072*

MESSAGE..... "The Lord Is My Shepherd"Psalm 23 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING SONG..... "Step by Step"

**O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
Step by step You lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.**

*"Step By Step" written by David (Beaker) Strasser © 1991 BMG Songs, Inc. Scripture Reference: Psalm 34, Psalm 63
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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: Blessed are You, Holy Father, the Lord and giver of life, Out of tremendous love, You sent Jesus who laid down His life for the sins of humanity as the sacrificial lamb. Without this sheer gift of grace, our sins would not be washed away, and we would be without hope for the future. It is in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, that we are forgiven, healed, and restored forever. We are so grateful for what Jesus did for us and now we eat the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of this mighty sacrifice. We believe that Christ is truly present in this sacrament and strengthens us for our continued journey.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG "Taste And See"

REFRAIN:

**Taste and see, taste and see
The goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
My soul shall glory in the Lord
For God has been so good to me. RERAIN**

**Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me;
From all my troubles I was set free. REFRAIN**

**Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
In God we need put all our trust.**

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DISMISSAL BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish and strengthen you
and give you hope for the future

People: **We are renewed and strengthened!**

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and give you peace as you listen to the voice of God
and apply His word in your life.

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
Scripture Reference: 1st Thessalonians 4:17 CCLI Song: 26399 CCLI License: 51072

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.