

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
JUNE 17, 2018
“IT STARTS WITH A SEED”**

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

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"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 - 11 -**

**I am a child of God
I am a child of God
I am a child of God
I am a child of God**

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WORSHIP THEME: "It Starts With A Seed" (Mark 4:26-34)

Jesus spoke in parables comparing the Kingdom of God to a growing harvest started by seeds as small as a mustard seed. God is building His Kingdom and we are part of the building process. Allow God to grow you and stretch you so that you can be built according to His plans and not your own.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" [LSB 803]

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadows, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine;
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

RECAP OF VBS

INVOCATION

Pastor: I welcome you from this temporary home on earth knowing full well that our permanent home is in Heaven. Welcome!

People: **We are glad to be here together.**

Pastor: Let's prepare our minds and our hearts to listen to the Spirit and all that He is saying to us today.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Spirit of the Living God, we are listening. We are aware that this earthly place is not our home and that You are building an everlasting Kingdom where we will be united with You someday.

People: **We cannot wait for that day!**

Pastor: We soften our hearts as Your seeds are sown in our hearts today. We want to grow as godly men and women who are strong in Your truth, discerning, and most of all, loving toward the world.

People: **Help us, Lord.**

Pastor: It is in the name of Jesus Christ we pray,

People: **Amen!**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord, we confess openly and honestly to You.

People: **We confess of the sinful weeds that we allow to grow in us. Sins such as envy, bitterness, unforgiveness, hatred, adultery, lying, stealing, and putting our wants and desires above others. We confess that these things are not from You and that You command us to bear much fruit produced by the Holy Spirit in us.**

Pastor: Lord, we accept Your forgiveness for our sins.

People: **We accept the forgiveness freely given through the sacrificial offering of Christ’s body. We desire the fruit of the Spirit given to us- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

+ We Hear God’s Word +

Ezekiel 17:22-24(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) (on page 1308 in NIV pew Bible)

2 Corinthians 5:1-17(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1798 in NIV pew Bible)

Mark 4:26-34 (ESV)(page 7 in bulletin) (on page 1558 in NIV pew Bible)

SERMON SONG “Because He Lives (Amen)”

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives, Because He lives

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**MESSAGE..... "The Kingdom Of The Mustard Seed"..... Mark 4:26-34
by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

+ We Respond to God's Word +

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

OFFERING SONG..... "Father I Adore You"
Father, I adore You Jesus, I adore You Spirit I adore You
Lay my life before You Lay my life before You Lay my life before You
How I love You How I love You How I love You

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+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Remember, it starts with a seed. What seeds will you plant this week? Listen to the Spirit's leading and allow Him to use you where you are. Blessings on you this week in the name of the Lord.

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
 Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! Still today Walking with me on my way
 Wanting as a friend to give, Light and love to all who live**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay, Close beside me all the way
 Thou has bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for thee**

**Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
 He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.**

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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.