

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
AUGUST 19, 2018
“WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC..... “King Of My Heart”

**I'm in a war every minute, I know for sure I'll never win it
I am David up against Goliath, And it's a fight for my attention
I'm being pulled every direction, This world tells me trust what I can see
Lord, won't You help me believe what I believe**

**You are bigger than any battle I'm facing,
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me, Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart, The King of my heart, heart**

**All by myself I fall to pieces, But You are strong when I am weakest
I feel Your kingdom come alive in me,
My feet are bruised but they'll follow where You lead**

**You are bigger than any battle I'm facing,
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me, Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart, The King of my heart, heart**

**Your love is deeper than the ocean, You wash away my brokenness
Your arms are always open, Come and rule in me, Come and be my king**

**You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me, Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart, The King of my heart, heart
You're the King of my heart, heart The King of my heart, heart
You're the King of my heart, heart**

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“When We Love”

**Hey, are we listening? There’s someone crying out right now
And yeah, we all know what it feels like, When up is really upside down
Everybody’s got their story, The hard days and the long nights
Everybody needs somebody, Now might be the time**

When we love, when we love, when we love someone
We're the evidence, the evidence of You
When we love like You love, we can see You move
You're alive in us when we love someone

Hey, I keep thinking, Life is more than where we are
So come on, let's be part of something,
Something that can change somebody's heart
Cause everybody's got their story, The heartbreaks and the hard times
And everybody needs somebody, Standing by their side

When we love, when we love, when we love someone
We're the evidence, the evidence of You
When we love like You love, we can see You move
You're alive in us when we love someone

So God give me a heart like Yours, Help me to look at the world like You do
I wanna be caught up in Your love,
Cause Your love is enough to mend the most broken of lives
Please God, help me to love like You, Help me to love like You

When we love, when we love, when we love someone
We're the evidence, the evidence of You
When we love like You love, we can see You move
You're alive in us when we love someone

When we love someone, When we love someone
When we love someone, When we love someone

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WORSHIP THEME: What's in It for Me?" John 6:51-69

We live in a world that can be very self-centered at times. Each of us can identify with this. For instance, we may be asked to do something or receive an invitation to an event, a meeting, church, party, or program. We then ask ourselves, "What's in it for me? How will I benefit? Is it worth my time, energy, and money if there is a cost involved?" Now if it is an event to celebrate someone or something or to serve in some way, hopefully that question would not come up, yet even then it might. In our Gospel text, Jesus says, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." These words from Jesus must have caused some deep pondering. In essence, He is

saying, "if you want an abundant life while on earth and a life forever in heaven, you must eat my flesh and drink my blood." Drink, eat, and the benefits are yours. This is what's in it for you!

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING 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**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: Our worship begins today in the name of God, our Father, Jesus, the bread of life, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious Lord, You made the ultimate sacrifice by sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world as the living bread which gives an abundant life and eternal life. Out of amazing love, You revealed Yourself though the flesh and blood of Christ and gave us a visible means to grasp the magnitude of who You are in all Your splendor and glory. From the beginning of civilization, people have been searching for meaning and purpose in life and have searched in the wrong places. The benefits of knowing Jesus cannot be duplicated by any worldly endeavors or material possessions. Through this

time of worship today, may we grasp once again that an abundant and joy-filled life can only come through a relationship with Jesus Christ, the bread of life who came down from heaven to take away the sins of the world and give us new life.

People: In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: It is time in our worship to do some self-reflection. We all have areas of our lives that seek to lead us and create barriers between us and God. Now is time to look within and admit our unhealthy behaviors, habits, actions, and omissions that have prevented us from being the whole person God created us to be. Let's name those areas now in silence and come to repentance.

People: We confess to You that we have not lived our lives in accordance with Your Word and Your desires for us. We have not nourished ourselves with the bread that satisfies but have looked rather at the lures of the world and engaged in unfruitful works. We know the world diverts our attention away from that which is most important. We constantly see and hear messages that tell us how we should use our time and what we should value the most. Forgive us for not embracing the bread of life which brings real wholeness and satisfaction. Forgive us Lord for not heeding Your instructions for living because of our own selfishness and lack of daily worship.

Pastor: People of God, our Lord is filled with mercy and grace and forgives us of all our sins and will leave us blameless on the day of Jesus Christ. As God's called and humble servant, I tell you, your sins are forgiven. You are restored.

+ We Hear God's Word +

Proverbs 9:1-10(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) (on page 996 in NIV pew Bible)
Ephesians 5:6-21(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1822 in NIV pew Bible)
John 6:51-69(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1658 in NIV pew Bible)

SERMON SONG "What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is,
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King,
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this,

**What a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater,
What could separate us now**

**What a wonderful name it is,
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King,
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus,
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus,
Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You,
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring,
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again**

**You have no rival,
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign,
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the name above all names**

**What a powerful name it is,
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King,
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against,
What a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus**

**You have no rival,
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign,**

**Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the name above all names**

**What a powerful name it is,
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The name of Jesus Christ my King,
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against,
What a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus**

**What a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus
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The name of Jesus**

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MESSAGE. "Practice, Practice, Practice".....1 Timothy 4:15 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

+ We Respond to God's Word +

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLE'S CREED

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....."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.**

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

+ *We Pray* +

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

+ *We Depart in Peace* +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord bless you as you live in His light, truth, and love, and may that perfect peace that comes from God be upon you now and always.

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "All The People Said Amen"

You are not alone if you are lonely, When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy, To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter,
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together,
God knows we stumble and fall, And He so loved the world,
He sent His Son to save us all

And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, And all the people said amen
And all the people said amen whoa, And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,
And all the people said amen, And all the people said amen

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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.