

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
AUGUST 26, 2018
“LOVE TRUMPS TRADITION”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC..... *“Anywhere With Jesus”*

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go, Anywhere He leads me in this world below
Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade,
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid

Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know,
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go

Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone, Other friends may fail me, He is still my own
Though His hand may lead me over dreariest ways
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise

Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know,
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go

Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep,
When the darkening shadows round about me creep
Knowing I shall waken, never more to roam
Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home

Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go, Anywhere with Jesus I can surely go

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“Chain Breaker”

If you've been walking the same old road, For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice, Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside, There's a better life,
There's a better life

If you've got pain He's a pain taker, If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

**We've all searched for the light of day, In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out, From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right, When there's a better life
There's a better life**

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker, If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

**If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify
If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify testify
If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify**

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker, If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

**Oh if you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker**

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WORSHIP THEME: "Love Trumps Tradition" Mark 7:1-13

Traditions abound wherever we turn. Traditions can persist and evolve for thousands of years. The word "tradition" itself derives from the Latin *tradere* literally meaning to transmit, to hand over, to give for safekeeping. We find tradition in families, businesses, clubs, schools, churches, nations, cultures, ethnic groups, and the list is endless including tradition in the Bible. Traditions are positive and meaningful, yet they can also create barriers. God is certainly not opposed to traditions, yet God makes it very clear through His Word and in and through the words of Jesus. We, as the people of God, are not set apart by our unique traditions, cultures, and ethnicity, but by hearts filled with unconditional love for our neighbors. This love emanates from the heart and comes first before any traditions. Furthermore, traditions can be great and communicate inclusion or they can communicate exclusion. Exclusion flies in the face of God's command to love one another. In God's word, love always trumps tradition.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG..... "This Little Light Of Mine"

**There's a little flame inside us all, Some shine bright some shine small
The rains will come And the waters rise, But don't you ever lose your light**

**In this life you will know, Love and pain Joy and sorrow
So when it hurts When times get hard, Don't forget who's child you are**

**This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Gonna let it shine**

**May you live each day With no regret, Make the most of every chance you get
Let your eyes get wide when you look at the stars
With the same sense of wonder as a child's heart**

**With the ones you love treasure the time
And for those who are gone keep the memories alive
Hold on to your dreams don't ever let go
There's a fire inside you burning with hope**

**This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Gonna let it shine**

**There will be days when you wanna give up, When the clouds settle in
But after the rain comes the sun, Don't you ever forget,
Don't forget child don't forget**

**One day there will be no more pain, And we will finally see Jesus' face
So until then I'm gonna try, To brave the dark, And let my little light shine**

**This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Gonna let it shine**

**This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Gonna let it shine, Oh, shine
Gonna let it shine, There's a little light inside us all**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: It is a joy to be in worship together as we give glory to the name above all names, God, our Father, in and through our Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving and Gracious Lord, You, loved the world so much that You orchestrated the events of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection which changed the life of humanity forever. When Your Son, Jesus, rose from the dead, the hope of eternal life became a reality for all believers. This is an

incredible gift that we can embrace throughout our lives, thereby giving us an abundant life on earth. As we worship today, may the Holy Spirit draw us closer to You and to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: In the name of our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ALL: Holy and Loving God, We know that You and Your disciples found Yourself in the middle of crowds often. Many of them were confused and restless, broken and wounded, and some were filled with curiosity and questions. For the Pharisees, Jews, and others, tradition was first and foremost, and Jesus had to point out this idolatry to them. Their hearts were not in the right place and the commandment to love first had escaped them.

We confess before You today that much of the time we are just like the people surrounding Jesus. We often put out our preferences and traditions before You and Your command to love our neighbors. At times, we hurt each other with our words and actions. We carry wounds and experiences from the past that prevent us from growing in the present. We confess that we often honor You with our lips, but our hearts are far from You. We don't show love to one another as Christ displayed to all.

Loving and grace-filled Lord, forgive us and renew our commitment to You—that we will live out the commandment to love one another as You have loved us. Give us the strength to make changes in our lives so that we will live in conformity to Your will and bring glory to Your name.

Pastor: Know that your sins are washed away and removed through the blood of Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God who restores us and renews us daily.

ALL: Amen!

+ *We Hear God's Word* +

Isaiah 29:11-19(ESV)(page 4 in bulletin) (on page 1102 in NIV pew Bible)

Ephesians 5:22-33(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1823 in NIV pew Bible)

Mark 7:1-13(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1563 in NIV pew Bible)

SERMON SONG *"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken, I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit lives within me, Because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken, I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit lives within me, Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be? That You, my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true, And it's my joy to honor You

Amazing love, how can it be? That You, my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true, And it's my joy to honor You

In all I do, I honor You, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King

Amazing love, how can it be? That You, my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true, And it's my joy to honor You

In all I do, I honor You, In all I do, I honor You

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MESSAGE

+ 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..... "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 PREPARE +

Pastor: Holy God, Mighty Lord, You have invited us to Your table to remember the great gift of grace and love given to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We have a hope that is incomparable now since death will be no more and our sins are washed away forever. During these moments we remember what You did for us and what it means for our future. Jesus commanded us to love one another as He has loved us. He also commanded us to come in obedience to partake of the bread and the wine which provides strength for our lives. In the sacrament, we embrace the real presence of Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG “Amazing Grace”

**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.**

**Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
Tis grace has bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we've first begun.**

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God's perfect peace be with you now as you go out into the world and share the love of God and glorify His name.

People: **Amen!**

CLOSING SONG.....“All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises”

You took, You take our sins away, O God, You give,
You gave Your life away for us
You came down,
You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise, You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again, I know You will

All the earth will sing Your praises, All the earth will sing Your praises

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You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know You will, all the earth will sing Your praises

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*"All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises" written by Paul Baloche 2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
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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.

