

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
“A LESSON IN GREATNESS”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC **“Overcomer”**

Staring at a stop sign,
Watching people drive by
T Mac on the radio,
Got so much on your mind
Nothing's really going right,
Looking for a ray of hope

Whatever it is you may be going through,
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of you

CHORUS

You're an overcomer,
Stay in the fight 'til the final round
You're not going under,
'Cause God is holding you right now
You might be down for a moment,
Feeling like it's hopeless
That's when He reminds You,
That you're an overcomer,
You're an overcomer

Everybody's been down,
Hit the bottom, hit the ground
Ooh, you're not alone,
Just take a breath, don't forget
Hang on to His promises,
He wants You to know **CHORUS**

The same Man, the Great I am,
The one who overcame death
He's living inside of You,
So just hold tight, fix your eyes
On the one who holds your life,
There's nothing He can't do, He's telling you

(Take a breath, don't forget, Hang on to His promises) CHORUS

You're an overcomer, You're an overcomer

**So don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer,
Don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer,
Don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer,
You're an overcomer**

*"Overcomer" written by Ben Glover / Christopher Stevens / David Garcia © 2013 Ariose Music
Scripture Reference: Romans 8:35-39 CCLI Song: 6623328 CCLI License: 51072*

"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*

WORSHIP THEME- "A Lesson in Greatness" (Mark 9:30-37)

The world says bigger, faster, smarter, more power. The Kingdom of God says, kinder, lower, weaker, slower. If you had to think of the "greats" in this world what names come to mind? Muhammad Ali, Bill Gates, Michael Jordan, a famous world leader? What do you think of when you hear the names: Alan Kurdi, Alfie Evans, or Omran Daqneesh? Maybe you didn't recognize any of those names. These are all children: little, poor, suffering, and some, now gone because of their circumstances. The world would say they were may be small, helpless, not famous or powerful. Jesus says they are the greatest. To be first you must be last. The Kingdom of God is always upside down. Jesus was the Messiah and He was also the servant of all. The disciples feared when Jesus shared of His impending death. Their lack of knowing was not a knowledge issue but a heart issue. Jesus welcomes us in our lowly condition. Jesus served to the point of death. When we humble ourselves and welcome others in their humble state, we welcome the Kingdom of God.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG..... "This Is My Father's World"

**This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings,
The music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.**

**This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world,
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring,
God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

<instrumental>

**This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.**

*"This Is My Father's World" written by Franklin Sheppard, Maltbie Davenport Babcock 2003 Triune Music, Inc.
CCLI Song: 3927278 CCLI License: 51072*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God our Father, we gather here today.

People: **Together we gather to sing His praise and hear from His word. In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we come as one body. Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving Father, thank You for Your sacrificial and unconditional love for each of us. You knew us before we were formed and love us each so intimately and infinitely. You have never left or forsaken us. Teach us, O Lord of Your Holy Greatness. Conform us to Your image. We long to know of Your great love for the least of these. We want to love like You do. Your great love has changed the world.

People: **Help us receive Your Truth with open hearts and ears. Give us new eyes for Your Word. May we find our identity in Your truth and love today. Amen!**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus sharing of His impending death. The disciples were afraid and uncertain. Their lack of knowing was not from lack of knowledge. Their hearts were resisting the fullness of who Christ is and what will the Father had for Him and the world. To be first you must be last. The Kingdom of God is upside down.

People: **Father God, we need You. Grant us eyes of faith and hearts of pure humility. We must decrease, and You must increase. Help us to seek wisdom that comes from above. We confess we have been wise in our own eyes and we repent.**

Pastor Jesus welcomes us in our lowly condition. He died for your sinful condition because He loves you so much. Jesus served you, to the point of death. You have been forgiven. Receive His love and forgiveness today. As we humble ourselves and welcome others in their humble state, we welcome the Kingdom of God.

People: **We receive Your love and forgiveness today, O God help us to choose to be last, so You can be first. Amen!**

+ We Hear God's Word +

Jeremiah 11:18-20(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1192 in NIV pew Bible)

James 3:13-4:10(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1883 in NIV pew Bible)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Come Christians Join To Sing" by Praise and Worship Choir
Traditional Spanish Hymn (Madrid) Arranged by Jay Althouse**

Revelation 19:4-5 - And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying 'Amen! Alleluia!' And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him small and great.'

Mark 9:30-37(ESV)(page 7 in bulletin)..... (on page 1569 in NIV pew Bible)

+ 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

SERMON SONG "Still"

**I believe that You are God alone,
But sometimes I still try to take control
Cause I get scared when I can't see the end,
And all You want from me is to let go**

**You're parting waters making a way for me,
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak,
All You need for me to be is still** **- 16 -**

I bring my praise before I bring my need,
Cause there's no fear You've not already seen
I rest my heart on all Your promises,
Cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness

You're parting waters making a way for me,
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak,
All You need for me to be is still

And know that You are God, Be still,
And know that You, trust that You are parting waters
Lord, You whispered my name, Oh, You answered my prayer,
You're moving mountains

You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still, Be still

"Still" written by Justin Ebach, Molly Reed © 2015 Wordspring Music, LLC Scripture Reference: Psalm 86:10; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 65:24 CCLI Song: 7050725 CCLI License: 51072

MESSAGE "Who Is The Greatest?" Mark 9:30-37

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

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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: As we come to the Lord's table, blessed are we to receive from our Lord Jesus Christ. For on the night He was betrayed, He took the bread saying, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

People: **Heavenly Father bless us through this holy meal which we are about to receive. Unite us with all the saints as one family. Grant us perfect peace and mercy through this sacrament. Amen**

Pastor: In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

People: Lord, we receive this meal prepared for us and proclaim Your sacrificial love poured out for us on the Cross until You come again. Praise Your holy name, Amen!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: We go now in peace with the leading of the Holy Spirit shepherding us to serve the Lord as we love the least of these. May His name be made Great!

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "My Savior Lives"

**Our God will reign forever, And all the world will know His name
Ev'ryone together, Sing the song of the redeemed**

**I know that my Redeemer lives, And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives, Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way, My Savior my Savior lives**

**The King has come from Heaven, And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever, Is the song of the redeemed**

**I know that my Redeemer lives, And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives, Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way, My Savior my Savior lives**

**My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives,
My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives
My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives
My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives**

**I know that my Redeemer lives, And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives, Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way, My Savior my Savior lives**

**I know that my Redeemer lives, And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives, Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way, My Savior my Savior lives**

"My Savior Lives" written by Jon Egan, Glenn Packlam © 2006 Vertical Worship Songs Scripture Reference: Job 19:25;1 Corinthians 5:5-9 CCLI Song: 4882965 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.