

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 25, 2019**

**“Don’t Just Squeeze By” Luke 13:22-30**

**“He Is With Us”.....PRESERVICE #1**

Remember when  
Your hope is lost and faith is shaken  
Remember when  
You wonder if you're gonna make it  
There's a hand stretched out  
Through your deepest doubt

We can't pretend  
To see the ending or what's coming up ahead  
Don't know the story of tomorrow  
But we can stay close  
To the One who knows

We can trust our God  
He knows what He's doing  
Though it might hurt now  
We won't be ruined  
It might seem there's an ocean in between  
But He's holding onto you and me  
And He's never gonna leave, no  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always

We believe  
There is purpose, there is meaning  
In everything  
We surrender to His leading  
He wants nothing more  
Than to have us close

We can trust our God  
He knows what He's doing  
Though it might hurt now  
We won't be ruined  
It might seem there's an ocean in between

But He's holding onto you and me  
And He's never gonna leave, no  
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He is with us, He is with us, always

Our faith is sealed  
Our hope is real  
Come what may  
We're not afraid

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Our hope is real  
Come what may  
We're not afraid, We're not afraid

We can trust our God, always, always  
We can trust our God, always, always

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He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always  
Our God is with us

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**"The Lion And The Lamb"..... PRESERVICE #2**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah

He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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The Lion of Judah  
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Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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### ***WORSHIP THEME***

To strive in the Greek is "AGONIZOMAI," from which we derive the word "AGONY," and it means to contend with adversaries; to enter into a contest. To contend with difficulties and in dangers; to compete for a prize; to endeavor with strenuous zeal. It simply means to make or exert an effort with earnestness. We are all contenders in our individual lives of faith – so we "strive" or make a wholehearted effort to obtain the eternal reward Jesus has promised. To be able to enter by the narrow gate we have to surrender everything to God. We must let go of any extra baggage that hinders our entrance to the door of life.

**+ *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

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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:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen**

*Pastor* Our Father and our God, we bless your name forever. There is none like you on earth or in heaven. Your children have gathered to worship in your presence and sing your praises. Let us come unto you, sweetest savior. Our provider and our light, we put all of our trust in you. We commit our plans to you and ask that you bring them to pass. Do not allow us to fall to evil or become vain. Bless us so that we can show the world your goodness and light. Let us be filled with your presence.

**ALL** **Amen!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*Pastor* Gentle Shepherd ... King of Love, we come to You as we are, not as we pretend to be. The truth is, God, that when we lift our heads above our path, we all too often discover ourselves lost in a maze of choices. We confess from the very beginning of this worship that we are lost... Were it not for You, O great seeker of our souls, patient parent to our childhood, joyful host to our homecoming; Were it not for You, O Lord, we would be lost forever. But, because of You, there is room for us at the great Love Feast. Gentle Shepherd ... King of Love, seek and find us as we are, not as we pretend. Be patient with us and teach us how to wait. May the echoes of Your celebration reverberate in our midst this hour, transforming our worship from a mournful plea to a joyful song. Gentle Shepherd ... King of Love, lead us. Amen.

**ALL** **Amen!**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Pastor* O Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against You. In the moment of our sinning, we have loved our sin more than You. We have often forgotten the price You paid to set us free from sin and death.

**ALL** But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Jesus Christ humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross.

*Pastor* He became sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. He became a curse for us in order to redeem us from the curse of the law. Through His death on the cross, He has reconciled us to God and brought us peace.

**ALL** Since He has taken our sin upon Himself, we pray that we, through the power of His Spirit, might die to sin and live to righteousness. Amen.

† We Hear God's Word †

Psalm 50:1-15.....(page 888 in NIV pew Bible).....page 4 in bulletin  
Hebrews 12:4-24.....(page 1877 in NIV pew Bible).....page 5 in bulletin  
Luke 13:22-30.....(page 1621 in NIV pew Bible).....page 6 in bulletin

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People:** 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 HYMN....."Thy Word"**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I Think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near,

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
and I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
And a light unto my path, You're the light unto my path.

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**MESSAGE ..... "Safe or You're Out" ..... Luke 13:22-30**

**"God Is So Good" ..... OFFERING SONG**

God is so good,	He cares for me,	I praise His name,
God is so good,	He cares for me,	I praise His name,
God is so good,	He cares for me,	I praise His name,
He's so good to me	He's so good to me	He's so good to me

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**BACKPACK BLESSING**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS**

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**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**

Lord Jesus, we bow before you in humility and ask You to examine our hearts today. Show us anything that is not pleasing to You. Reveal any secret pride, any unconfessed sin, any rebellion or unforgiveness that may be hindering our relationship with You. We know that we are Your beloved children, having received You into our hearts and life and having accepted Your death as penalty for our sinfulness. The price You paid covered me for all time, and my desire is to live for You. As we take the bread that was broken for each of us, the wine your blood spilled for us we remember and celebrate Your

faithfulness to all who receive You. We can't begin to fathom the agonizing suffering of Your crucifixion. Yet You took that pain for us. You died for us! Thank You, Jesus. Thank You for Your extravagant love and unmerited favor. Thank You that Your death gave us life—abundant life now, and eternal life forever. As You instructed Your disciples, we, too, receive this bread in remembrance of You.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”* ..... COMMUNION SONG**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer:  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus Knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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**DISMISSAL BLESSING**

*Pastor* Lord Jesus Christ,  
send us out with confidence in your word,  
to tell the world of your saving acts,  
and bring glory to your name.

**ALL** Amen.

**† We Depart in Peace †**

**BENEDICTION**

*Pastor* Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**ALL** Amen.

***“My Redeemer Lives”* ..... CLOSING SONG**

I know He rescued my soul  
His Blood covered my sin  
I believe I believe

My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe I believe

I'll raise the banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

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I believe I believe

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I believe I believe

I'll raise the banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

You lift my burdens; And I rise with You  
I'm dancing on this mountain top  
To see Your Kingdom come

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

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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 Pastor after the service.

