

## Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

### Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
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**CHRIST** is important to us  
in our worship  
in our study  
in our fellowship  
in our lives.

**YOU** are important to us  
in our worship  
in our study  
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in our lives.

Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

**Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.**

**Altar Flowers** have been given to the glory of God my Tyler & Jennifer Marxman on their wedding day, September 19, 2020.

### As We Gather

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics*  
The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## **Mighty To Save**

## **Preservice #1**

*Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations*

*Savior He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus Conquered the grave*

*So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I Surrender*

*Savior He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus Conquered the grave*

*Shine your light and  
Let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King  
Jesus Shine your light and  
Let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King*

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We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King*

## **You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

**Preservice #2**

*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*

"You Are My King" written by Billy Foote 1996 worshiptogether.com songs Scripture Reference: Luke 23:34, 1 John 3:1 CCLI Song: 2456623 CCLI License: 51072

## **Bells**

**Prelude** (4:00, 5:30, & 8:00)

## **Welcome**

### **915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.
  
- 2 Today Your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.

The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

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### ***You Are My All in All***

### ***Opening Song***

*You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You like a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all*

*Taking my cross my sin my shame  
Raising again I praise your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
when I run dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all*

*Jesus lamb of God  
Holy is Your name  
Jesus lamb of God  
Holy is Your name*

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Jesus lamb of God  
Holy is Your name*

"You Are My All In All" written by Dennis Jernigan 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 12:10; Philippians 4:17; Proverbs 20:15; Jonah 1:12 CCLI Song: 825356 CCLI License: 51072

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Hide not Your face from me.

**C Turn not Your servant away in anger,**

P O You who have been my help.

**C Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

## Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

P Is this your sincere confession?

**C Yes, I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C Amen!**



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
**to eat up my flesh,**  
my adversaries and foes,  
**it is they who stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
**my heart shall not fear;**  
though war arise against me,  
**yet I will be confident.**

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
**that will I seek after:**  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
**all the days of my life,**  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
**and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
**in the day of trouble;**  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
**he will lift me high up on a rock.**

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
**above my enemies all around me,**  
**and I will offer in his tent**  
**sacrifices with shouts of joy;**  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**

<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
**"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

<sup>9</sup>**Hide not your face from me.**  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
**O you who have been my help.**  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
**O God of my salvation!**

**Epistle**

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

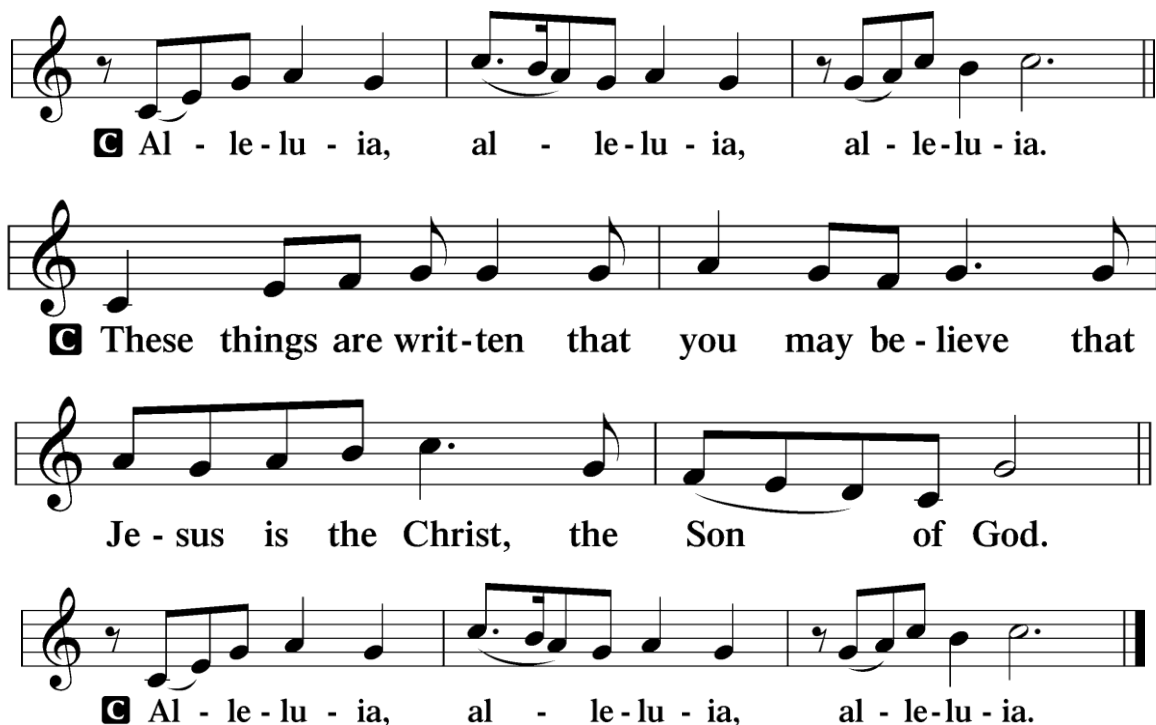
<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (4:00, 5:30, & 8:00)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

C **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.**

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee. Text: Public domain

### ***I Will Rise***

*There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul  
I can say, It is well*

*Jesus has overcome  
and the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead*

### ***Sermon Song***

*And I will rise  
When He calls my name  
No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise, on eagle's wings  
Before my God  
fall on my knees,  
and rise...  
I will rise*

*There's a day that's drawing near  
when this darkness breaks to light  
and the shadows disappear  
and my faith shall be my eyes*

*Jesus has overcome  
and the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead*

*And I will rise  
when He calls my name  
No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise, on eagle's wings  
Before my God  
fall on my knees,  
and rise...  
I will rise*

*And I hear the voice of many angels sing  
Worthy is the Lamb!  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart  
Worthy is the Lamb!*

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Before my God  
fall on my knees,  
and rise...  
I will rise....  
I will rise....*

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## **Sermon**

**"For Me To Live Is Christ"**  
*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*  
*(Pastor Fortkamp)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people. You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name. Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

P You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, O Lord. Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [*especially . . .*]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit. Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P You have shown us generosity greater than we deserve, O Lord. Silence our complaints when we would question Your mercy, and teach us to be satisfied by Your grace in all that we need for this mortal life and find contentment in God's promise of the life to come. Teach us to rejoice over every sinner who repents and for everyone who comes to You in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Lord, lead us into Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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*Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me*

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me*

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am*

*I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am*

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

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