

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

(Psalm 100) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever

Songs of Praise and Worship:

God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises (LUYH 519)

God, we sing your glorious praises as we tell your awesome deeds;
you have fashioned all creation, and you meet each creature's needs.

We rejoice in how your people tasted your great faithfulness;
graced through every generation, we your mighty acts profess.

We remember, God, your covenant, which extends from heaven to earth;
how Christ's death and resurrection conquers sin, renews our birth.

Thank you for this gospel message, which inspires your church to preach
grace to every generation in our deeds and in our speech.

Fueled by power from your Spirit, we commit ourselves anew
to be faithful to your gospel in the daily work we do.
We will shout your glorious praises, telling all who have not heard;
grace for every generation is embodied in your Word.

Lord, we offer you our worship as we celebrate your grace
which you shower on your people gathered here and everywhere.
Blessed by water, Word, and table, we, your church, now pledge to share
grace through every generation in our witness, work, and prayer.

Let's always keep our focus on the greater glory of Jesus, who did not grasp power, who was obedient to death, who did not despise the lowly, who stooped to wash his disciples' feet, and then gave his life for us all. Let's seek to be formed into the likeness of Jesus. Let's do nothing out of selfish ambition, but rather seek the interests of others, even those who might be our enemies. May it be so!

Meekness and Majesty (This is Your God) (LUYH 157)

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God. Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility, and washes our feet.

Refrain:

*Oh, what a mystery—meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross, suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice, and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive."

Refrain

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

Refrain

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Assurance

Let's pray together. Gracious and wondrous God, we adore you and worship you for who you are. We praise you for the example of Jesus who is our Servant King.

(Deuteronomy 10:12) "So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul"

Jesus served you and did everything, God, you gave him to do. God, help us to fear you, to hold you in awe and wonder, to live according to your plan, to love you and serve you with every part of our being.

(2 Kings 17:33) "So they worshiped the Lord but also served their own gods, after the manner of the nations...."

Yes, this was true of Israel long ago and God, it is also true of us. We confess that, at times, we elevate other things above you. We permit other things to come first. We build little kingdoms of our own. Our commitment to serve you with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength is diluted and we are drawn away from the life you intended for us. Forgive us, and Holy Spirit, speak loud and clear to us about how to be your holy people and how to live God's very best life for us with a heart devoted to serving you alone. Help us to bless you as your Kingdom servants. In Jesus' name we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

The Good News is that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Thanks be to God!!

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Message: "Acts of the Spirit: Serving"

Scripture: Acts 6:1-15

Songs of Response:

The Servant Song (LUYH 309)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (LUYH 266)

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbour's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

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GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

Prayers of the People and Offering

Benediction

Benediction Song:

Send Me Jesus

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus . . .

Fill me, Jesus . . .