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worship as communal exchange . Trinity God renews us, and we respond

Theme: God Keeps His Promises

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **Psalm 36:7-9**

(leader) How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

#### (song) Forever

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King His love endures forever For He is good, He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise

**CHORUS:** Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever By the grace of God we will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise

CHORUS with repeat

#### <u>prayer</u>

# (song) Your Love Oh Lord

Your love oh Lord reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains. Your justice flows like the oceans tide. (repeat)

And I will lift my voice to worship you my King, And I will find my strength, in the shadow of your wings

Your love oh Lord reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains. Your justice flows like the oceans tide.

And I will lift my voice to worship you my King, And I will find my strength, in the shadow of your wings (repeat)

Your love oh Lord reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

## <u>Isaiah 40:1-5</u>

(*leader*) Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

#### prayer of confession

(all) Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### declaration: 1 John 1:9

*(leader)* If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### (song) Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on him and pardon me. To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace! One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Saviour and my God With Christ, my Saviour and my God

## greeting, children and announcements

### prayer for the congregation and the world

# **CONSECRATED BY THE WORD**

## Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Mark 1:2-13 (page 836) Title: Good News with Many Witnesses

- The promise of a Divine Savior (2-3)
- The preparation for the Divine Savior (4-8)
- The pronouncement about the Divine Savior (9-11)
- The proving of the Divine Savior (12-13)

Notes:\_\_\_\_\_

# (song) Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

#### **CHORUS:**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

# CHORUS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

CHORUS

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(all) Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

## (song and offering) 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 is within me Because you died and rose again (repeat)

**CHORUS:** 

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

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

# CHORUS

You are my King, You are my King Jesus, You are my King, You are my King

CHORUS

#### benediction . Jude 1:24-25

(*leader*) Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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