

2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you *(Wave and/or Honk to each other)*

SONG

Open Up the Heavens

Verse 1

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in Your Name,
Calling out to You.
Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.

Pre-Chorus

You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus

Open up the heavens. We want to see You.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river,
Flowing from Your heart,
Filling every part of our praise.

Verse 2

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (2 times)
Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.

Chorus

Chorus

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: LORD God,

All: Heavenly Father, make us watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He stands at the door and knocks, He may find us not sleeping in carelessness and sin, but awake and rejoicing in His appearing; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever. Amen.

Viet Dietrich was a student of Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon and later was their colleague as a Lutheran theologian during the Reformation.

LESSONS

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1 - 13

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

The Bridegroom is Coming

SONG

Do Lord

Chorus

**Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me,
Way beyond the blue.**

Verse 1

**I've got a home in glory land That outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land That outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land That outshines the sun
Way beyond the blue.**

Chorus

Verse 2

**I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him too,
While He's calling you.**

Chorus

Chorus

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: **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.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SONG

Glorious Day

Verse 1

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men my example is He.
The Word became flesh And the light shined among us.
His glory revealed.

Chorus 1

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming,
O glorious day, O glorious day.

Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails from me.

Chorus 1

Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered.
Now is ascended my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, The grave could not keep Him
from rising again.

Chorus 2

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.
Glorious day.

BRIDGE

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

Chorus 2

Ending
O Glorious Day!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY November 15, 2020
Twenty- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Zephaniah 1:7-16 Psalm 90:1-12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

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NOTE: Sunday November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

