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WELCOME

“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

[Verse 1]

How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

[Verse 2]

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

[Verse 3]

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: 1 Peter 5:7 says, “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” This is a wonderful reminder for every day of our lives. Yet, it can seem easier to remember to pray and ask God for help when things are rough in our lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 tells us, “Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” It can be much harder to remember to pray during the times when, from our perspectives, our lives seem to be going well. If we are praying only when we need something, in a way we are treating God like a vending machine. If one inserts the right prayer, one gets the thing one wants. But that is not God’s plan. Not only does God ask us to pray, he commands us to pray—and pray continually—to pray during times of sorrow, times of hardship, times of joy, and times of thanksgiving. Yet, whether it is from our own selfishness or forgetfulness we let our own sinful thoughts, words and actions get in the way of showing true thanksgiving.

In our first reading, we will see God asking Solomon to present him with any request. Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom. It is our prayer that God grant that to us as well, but for all the times we have lacked wisdom we can come to him for his free and full forgiveness. Let us confess:

Congregation: Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me. Not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Grant me strength to focus on you and your word. Assure me of your love for me and renew me to live my life for you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. And this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. He died to remove your guilt and sin forever. He died and does not remember your sins. He died so that you never will. Go in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.

⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too

numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him,

"Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be."

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he

might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified

“HE KNOWS MY NAME”

[Verse 1]

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in his hands.

[Verse 2]

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go.

[Chorus] x2

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call

[Chorus] x2

And He hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

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MESSAGE:
WHAT IS GRACE LIKE?

The Gospel comes as a surprise. The good news that Jesus died for us, that God gave his own Son to save sinners, is something that we couldn't have ever hoped for or dreamed.

We treasure this message; but "treasuring" the Gospel doesn't mean putting it in a frame to hang on the wall, or keeping it in a secure lock box.

*This Gospel treasure is meant to be shared;
so, as God's dearly loved children, that's what we love to do.*

MATTHEW 13:44-51

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the

shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

PRAYER

Pastor Kevin will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

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.

“YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE”

[Verse 1]

Who, O Lord, could save themselves,
their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea,
your grace is deeper still.

(Repeat Verse 1)

[Chorus]

And you alone can rescue,
You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us,
Led us out of death,
To you alone belongs the highest praise.

[Verse 2]

You, O Lord, have made a way,
The great divide you heal.
For when our hearts were far away,
Your love went further still,
Yes, your love goes further still.

[Chorus]

To you alone belongs the highest praise.
To you alone belongs the highest praise.

[Bridge] x2

We lift up our eyes—lift up our eyes,
You’re the giver of life.
We lift up our eyes—lift up our eyes,
You’re the giver of life.

[Chorus]

To you alone belongs the highest praise.
To you along belongs the highest praise.

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BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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