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“THE HEART OF WORSHIP”

[Verse 1]

When the music fades,
All is stripped away,
And I simply come.
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless your heart.

[Pre-Chorus]

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

[Chorus]

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it;
When it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.

[Verse 2]

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours
Every single breath

[Pre-Chorus]

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

[Chorus]

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it;
When it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus

CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: God calls us to faith and obedience. It is a constant struggle for us because what he asks, we cannot do: “Be holy, for I the Lord your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:2). But like sheep, we wander and find ourselves not living the way God has asked us. Yet, he invites us to come to him and lay our sin on his Son so we might be heirs of heaven. Let us publicly confess our sins to God and be reminded of his forgiveness.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I struggle with the same sins. I think about things I should not think, I say things I should not say, and I do things I should not do. There are times I do not even recognize that I have sinned. On my own I cannot earn your forgiveness and I know I do not deserve it. But please have mercy on me, assure me that I am forgiven, and strengthen me to produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our Heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. 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 Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

² Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

SECOND LESSON

John 8:2-11

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

⁷ When they kept on questioning him,

he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

“DEATH WAS ARRESTED”

[Verse 1]

Alone in my sorrow
and dead in my sin
Lost without hope
with no place to begin
Your love made a way
to let mercy come in
When death was arrested
and my life began.

[Verse 2]

Ash was redeemed
only beauty remains
My orphan heart
was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
and my life began

[Chorus]

Oh, Your grace, so free,
washes over me.
You have made me new; now
life begins with You!
It's Your endless love pouring
down on us
You have made us new: now
life begins with You!

[Verse 3]

Released from my chains
I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom
He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt
and He called me His friend
When death was arrested
and my life began

[Verse 4]

Our Savior displayed
on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though
Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
and my life began

[Chorus]

[Chorus]

[Bridge] x2

Oh, we're free—free, forever we're free!
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes we're free—free, forever, amen!
When death was arrested, and my life began.

When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began.

AMAZING LOVE:
THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR THE YOUNGER SON
Message based on Luke 15:11-32

LUKE 15:11-32

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

4TH OF JULY PRAYER *(offered responsively)*

WL: In you we do trust, O God, for you have been with us to bless us from the founding of our country to the present day.

C: You fill our barns with your bounty, and your gifts overflow into our cupboards and shelves.

WL: You bless us with health and strength, with opportunity and prosperity.

C: You have caused your good Word to be proclaimed among us, the truth that makes us free.

L: You have made us strong and valiant in battle and given us victory over our enemies.

C: Even in the midst of death, you have proclaimed in our hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, who died for our forgiveness and was raised for our eternal hope. Trusting in him, we may lay our loved ones to rest, assured that you remember them and will raise them up with us to glory everlasting.

WL: Continue to bless our land, we pray, the fruits of our fields and the works of our hands. Use them for your purposes, that many people--here and everywhere--may know your goodness and sing your praise.

C: Grant peace on earth, we pray. Curb warfare and violence, disease and pestilence. Keep those who travel safe and well, and grant your benediction not only to our labor but also to our recreation and our celebrations.

WL: Let justice and righteousness prevail here and everywhere, and bless the endeavors of all who serve our communities and our country in uniform, and keep them in your constant care.

(special prayers)

(silence for personal prayers)

WL: As citizens of heaven, lead us toward our true and final home where, with those whom you have blessed and kept in the past, we shall join to raise eternal thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

"NO LONGER SLAVES"

[Verse 1]

You unravel me,
With a melody.
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance, from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

[Chorus]

I'm no longer a slave to fear;
I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear;
I am a child of God.

[Verse 2]

From my mother's womb,
You have chosen me;
Love has called my name.
I've been born again, into your family,
Your blood flows through my veins.

[Chorus]

[Bridge 1] x2

O--oh. O--oh.
O--oh. O--oh.

[Bridge 2] x2

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I will stand and sing:
"I am a child of God."

[Outro]

I am a child of God.
I am a child of God.
I am a child of God.

[Chorus]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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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