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## WELCOME

### CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: In the Old Testament, before the Temple was built in Jerusalem, the Israelites worshipped in the Tabernacle. It was the center of their community and lives. They would offer sacrifices to God for many reasons, the chief of which was for their sin. The sacrifice of animals was a normal part of their way of life and worship. They used animals as their substitute. The animal would die in their place for their sins.

But it was never enough. Every time they sinned, they needed to shed more blood—kill more animals. Sin needs to be atoned for. The Israelites had a constant reminder of what their sin cost. Our sins are the same—in that when we sin it needs to be atoned for. For us, that atonement for sin has come—not through the blood of animals, but rather through the blood of Jesus. He was the complete sacrifice for our sins. No more blood needs to be spilled; for Jesus' blood covers all sin. He is the only substitute that could ever take our place. And that is why we are here, to confess our sins to the God who has already paid the price we could not pay, for a debt he did not owe.

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you in more ways than I can count. I have sinned in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. There are sins I know I have done and sins that I do not know I have done. The Last Day is coming and I need you—I need you to forgive me and I need you to be first in my life. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Assure me of your love for me, cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt all for the sake of your Son.**

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in him, and God abides in them. By this perfect love—perfected through the perfect life and innocent death of Christ Jesus—every sin has been washed away. You are righteous in God's sight. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. May his love drive out all fear and doubt, and overflow as you pour out that love on those around you until Christ comes again. Amen.

**“MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER)”**

**[Verse] x2**

Lord, You are more precious than silver.  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with You.

**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.**

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**FIRST LESSON**

Leviticus 16:20-22

“When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat.

<sup>21</sup> He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put

them on the goat’s head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task.

<sup>22</sup> The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-16

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

**"GOD OF WONDERS"**

**[Verse 1]**

Lord of all creation  
Of the water, earth and sky  
The Heavens are Your Tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

**[Chorus 1]**

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy

**[Bridge 1]**

Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Lord of Heaven and Earth

**[Verse 2]**

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
And when I stumble into darkness  
I will call Your name by night

**[Chorus 1]**

**[Bridge 1]**

**[Bridge 2]**

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth

**[Chorus 2]**

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me  
Father, hold me; hold me  
The universe declares your majesty  
You are holy, holy

**[Bridge 2]**

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**LENTEN VICTORY:**  
**OVER SUBSTITUTES**  
*based on 2 Corinthians 5:21*

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## 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.**

### “AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)”

#### **[Verse 1]**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

#### **[Verse 2]**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

#### **[Chorus]**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns.  
Un-ending love, amazing grace

#### **[Verse 3]**

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

#### **[Chorus x2]**

#### **[Verse 4]**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine.

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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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