

WE ARE GATHERED

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

stand

WL: Please stand and join me in the call to worship...

CALL TO WORSHIP

Singers help lead congregation parts

WL: From far and near, we come together,

Congregation: called to unity in Christ.

WL: Built into one body,

C: we are the dwelling place of God.

WL: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

C: that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.

Worship Song – GRAVES INTO GARDENS

Worship Song – MY HOPE IS IN YOU

Gathering Prayer

Pastor walks to altar mic and waits

WL: Holy Spirit, flow through our worship. Dwell in us this day and all days. Speak through our words, breathe into our thoughts, and gather us together as one community of faith. Build us together on the foundation that is ours in Christ Jesus our cornerstone. Flow through our days, that we may be reflections of your presence. In your holy name, we pray.

C: AMEN

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Having come together in Christ, and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Guiding, guardian God...

**C: we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd,
or strangers wandering alone in the world.**

We want to know your presence, and trust that you dwell within us.

We yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us.

Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we are wrong.

Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired.

Reconcile us when we are disconnected,

and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit.

In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

P: Christ is our peace, reconciling us with God and with one another.

In our very lives, Christ dwells,

full of mercy and grace to draw us to the heart of God.

In Christ, we come together, forgiven and freed.

Let us bless the Lord!

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Children's Message

Word – PSALM 23; EPHESIANS 2:11-22

We continue our worship series Come Together in Christ looking at the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. In today's reading Paul encourages us that regardless of where we come from or what group we belonged to before, God destroys all barriers that exist between us in the church and we are now one in Christ. Our reading comes from Ephesians, the second chapter...

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

WL: The second reading is from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, the second chapter.

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

WL: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – CRAIG

RESPONSE SONG – COME TO SAVE US

P: Please stand now for the prayers of the church.

Prayers of the Church -

P: Lord, through your love,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending & Blessing (*pastor, altar*)

P: We leave this place no longer strangers,
but members of God's own family,
brothers and sisters through the blood of Jesus Christ.
Together, we are being built into a holy dwelling place
where God lives by the Spirit.

So go out with joy and confidence
to love and serve the world,
for we do not go alone.

ALL: AMEN.

SENDING SONG – ALIVE IN YOU

Dismissal (*someone from band area*)

BAND: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

I've searched the world
But it couldn't fill me
A man's empty praise
And treasures the fade
Aare never enough
Then you came along
And put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
Here in your love

Oh, there's nothing better than you
There's nothing better than you
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than you

I'm not afraid
To show you my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord, you've seen them all
And you still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

Oh, there's nothing better than you
There's nothing better than you
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than you (2x)

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can (2x)

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways

You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Oh, there's nothing better than you
There's nothing better than you
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than you (2x)

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can (2x)

You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

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MY HOPE IS IN YOU

I meet with you
And my soul sings out
As your word throws doubt far away
I sing to you
And my heart cries, "Holy"
Hallelujah, Father you're near

My hope is in you, Lord
All the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding
Is my song and I sing
My hope is in you, Lord

I wait for you
And my soul finds rest
In my selfishness you show me grace
I worship you and my heart cries,
"Glory"
Hallelujah, Father you're here

My hope is in you, Lord
All the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding
Is my song and I sing
My hope is in you, Lord

I will wait on you
You are my refuge
I will wait on you
You are my refuge

My hope is in you, Lord
All the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
My hope is in you, Lord
All the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding
Is my song and I sing
My hope is in you, Lord
My hope is in you, Lord
My hope is in you, Lord

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COME TO SAVE US

You have come to save us
You have come to save us
You have come to save us, Lord
You have made a way here
You have made the way clear
You have come to save us, Lord

Jesus, you're the one who saves us
You're the one who saves us
King of all the other kings on earth (2x)

You are light and fire
You are our desire
You have come to save us, Lord
You're the hope among us
you're the peace that binds us
You have come to save us, Lord
You have come to save us, Lord

Jesus, you're the one who saves us
You're the one who saves us
King of all the other kings on earth (2x)

King of all kings, Lord of all lords
Light of the world, you shine (4x)

Jesus, you're the one who saves us
You're the one who saves us
King of all the other kings on earth (4x)

You're the King of all the other kings on
earth
You're the King of all the other kings on
earth

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ALIVE IN YOU

From beginning to the end
All my life is in your hands
This whole world may hold me down
But it can never drown you out
I'm not merely flesh and bone
I was made for something more

You are God
You're the Great I Am
Breath of Life, I breathe you in
Even in the fire, I'm alive in you
You are strong in my brokenness
Sovereign over every step
Even in the fire I'm alive
I'm alive in you

Through the dark I hear your voice
Rising up, I will rejoice
For I was lost but now I'm found
'Cause even death can't hold you down

You are God
You're the Great I Am
Breath of Life, I breathe you in
Even in the fire, I'm alive in you
You are strong in my brokenness
Sovereign over every step
Even in the fire I'm alive
I'm alive in you

It's no longer I who live
But Christ who lives within me
Christ who lives within me
From beginning to the end
You deserve the glory
You deserve the glory (2x)

You are God
You're the Great I Am
Breath of Life, I breathe you in
Even in the fire, I'm alive in you
You are strong in my brokenness
Sovereign over every step
Even in the fire I'm alive
I'm alive in you

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You're the Great I Am
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Even in the fire, I'm alive in you
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