



Jesus'

name had become known.

MARK 6:14

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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

John the Baptist speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

A Story that Invites Us

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.



PRELUDE: “Here I Am To Worship”

Verse 1:

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2:

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of Christ fill you with the joy of God's word.

All: And also with you.

Please safely share the peace with one another.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Guiding, guardian God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world.

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

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

All: Fill us when we are empty.

P: Forgive us when we are wrong.

All: Guide us when we are lost.

P: Comfort us when we are tired.

All: Reconcile us when we are disconnected, and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit.

P: In your loving name, we pray.

All: Amen.

Silence for Reflection

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

All: In our very lives, Christ dwells, full of mercy and grace to draw us to the heart of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come here shouting, our voices lifted in praise.

All: We come here singing, our songs full of joy.

L: We come here dancing, our hearts rejoicing.

All: To the Holy One who is worthy, all praise and glory forevermore!

OPENING SONG: "Get Down"

Verse 1:

Lavishly our lives are wasted
Humbleness is left untasted
You can't live your life to please yourself
That's a tip from my mistake
Exactly what it doesn't take
To win you've gotta come in last place
To live your life you've got to lose it
And all the losers get a crown

Chorus:

I get down, He lifts me up
I get down, He lifts me up
I get down, He lifts me up
I get down

Verse 2:

All I need's another day
Where I can't seem to get away
From the many things that drag me down
I'm sure you've had a day like me
When nothin' seems to set you free
From the burdens you can't carry all alone yeah
In your weakness He is stronger
In your darkness He shines through
When you're cryin' He's your comfort
When you're all alone He's carryin' you

Chorus:

I get down, He lifts me up
I get down, He lifts me up
I get down, He lifts me up
I get down

I get down, He lifts me up
I get down, He lifts me up
I get down, He lifts me up

GREETING

P: God is waiting for us

All: with a tender heart and a searching question.

P: God is ready for us

All: with truth and wisdom from a deep well.

P: God is blessing us

All: with springs of living water.

P: God is sending us

All: to sing, pray and witness every day.

P: God is here.

All: Let the conversation begin.

LITANY

L: In the beginning...

All: The dance began to swirl and ponder.

L: In the beginning, all was dark.

All: And the dance cast forth bright light.

L: In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

All: And the God of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.

L: In our beginning, God blessed us.

All: And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.

L: Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

All: Yet in the midst of it all, the God of the Dance is with us.

L: This dance, called Life, is everywhere - in the light and in the dark. It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

All: How shall we dance our dance for God?

L: We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that he taught to us, so that others may join the dance.

All: Praise be to the God of the Dance, the God of Creation, the God of Life. Hear us as we sing:

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

Refrain

All: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.

All: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: As we listen for the word of God,

All: may we be prepared to respond as inspired prophets, humble servants, and faithful disciples.

R: The first reading is from Ephesians, chapter one, beginning with the third verse.

FIRST READING: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Praised be the Maker of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! Before the world began, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love; God likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children—such was God’s pleasure and will—that everyone might praise the glory of God’s grace which was freely bestowed on us in God’s beloved, Jesus Christ.

It is in Christ and through the blood of Christ that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God’s favor given to us with perfect wisdom and understanding. God has taken pleasure in revealing the mystery of the plan through Christ, to be carried out in the fullness of time; namely, to bring all things—in heaven and on earth—together in Christ.

In Christ we were willed an inheritance; for in the decree of God—and everything is administered according to the divine will and counsel—we were predestined to praise the glory of the Most High by being the first to hope in Christ. In Christ you too were chosen. When you heard the Good News of salvation, the word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the pledge of our inheritance, the deposit paid against the full redemption of a people who are God’s own—to the praise of God’s glory.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: We set our hope in Christ and live for the praise of his glory.

All: **As David danced before Yahweh, we too can offer God our thanks with shouts of praise and thanksgiving.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.*

All: **Glory to you, O God.**

GOSPEL: *Mark 6: 14-29*

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

PRE-MESSAGE SONG: *“Here with Me”*

Verse 1:

I long for Your embrace
Every single day
To meet You in this place
And see You face to face
Will You show me
Reveal Yourself to me
Because of Your mercy
I fall down on my knees

Chorus:

(And) I can feel Your presence here with me
Suddenly I'm lost within Your beauty
Caught up in the wonder of Your touch
Here in this moment I surrender to Your love

Verse 2:

You're everywhere I go
I am not alone
You call me as Your own
To know You and be known
You are holy and I fall
Down to my knees

Chorus

I surrender to Your grace
I surrender to the One
Who took my place

Chorus

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MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: To place God at the center of our lives,

All: **let us offer a portion of our gifts back to God, as we bring forth the fruits of our labor.**

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: "Give thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
(repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong"

Let the poor say "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us
(repeat)

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Give Thanks

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: The earth is yours, O Yahweh, and all that is in it.

All: All we have comes from the richness of your grace.

L: As you have blessed us, so may we bless others.

All: May these offerings bind us to your love for us and to your love for all the world's people. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid,
through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*P: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you
have shown people what could be:*

All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,

P: in the words of Moses and Aaron,

All: in the dance and song of Miriam,

P: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,

All: and in the dreams of Joseph.

*P: Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and
called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will
not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken
saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we dance
and sing your praise:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;

All: we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

P: Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All: We ask this through Jesus Christ, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: **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.**

FRACTION RITE

P: Everyone who hungers, come to the table.

All: **We will eat what is good, that we may live.**

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into, then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (yellow), or water (clear, center) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your empty cup in the provided bowls. You may walk behind the Praise Band.

COMMUNION SONG: *“Shine on Us”*

Verse 1

Lord, let Your light,
light of Your face shine on us.

Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let your light shine on us.

Verse 2:

Lord, let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord, let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us.

Verse 3:

Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end, come over us.

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us.
Let your light shine on us.

COMMUNION SONG: *“Come to the Table”*

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord’s invitation
Receive from his nail-scarred hands
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: As you have been fed at this table,

All: we go to feed the hungry.

P: As you have been set free,

All: we go to set free the imprisoned.

P: As you have received,

All: we will give.

P: As you have heard,

All: we will proclaim.

P: And the blessing that you have received from Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier is always with you.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

BENEDICTION

P: Children of God, go forth dancing, singing, and praising.
Dance joy into sorrowful places!
Sing hope into places of despair!

All: We will praise God this day and always!

SENDING SONG: "I Am Free"

Verse 1:

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams I am free

Chorus 1:

I am free to run
I am free to run
I am free to dance
I am free to dance
I am free to live for You
I am free to live for You
I am free
I am free

Verse 2:

Through You the kingdom's come
Through You the battles won
Through You I'm not afraid
Through You the Price is paid
Through You there's victory
Through You my heart sings I am Free

Chorus 2:

I am free to run
I am free to run
I am free to dance
I am free to dance
I am free to live for You
I am free to live for You
I am free
I am free
Yeah, I am free
I am free

Chorus 3:

I am free to run
I am free to run
I am free to dance
I am free to dance

I am free to live for You
I am free to live for You
I am free, I am free, I am free, I am free

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Adopted

God destined us to be his
adopted children through
Jesus Christ because of his
love.

Ephesians 1:5

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