

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Creation Sings to Father's Song

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Introit

Fair Is the Sunshine

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

 The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

> As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear
the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!

Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 tresspasses, 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. Amen.

Prayer Response

Amen

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scriptures

Ephesians 3:14-19

This is why I kneel before the Father. Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem In My Father's Hands Arr. Faye Lopez
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Message How Deep the Father's Love Robert Wuertz

Of the Father's Love Begotten

UMH 184

1. Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he

of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

 O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;

let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:

honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore. Amen

This is My Father's World

 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

the music of the spheres.

 This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

> This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

 This is my Father's world.
 O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. **UMH 144**

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH 141

- 1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Father We Thank You

UMH 565

- Father, we thank you, for you planted your holy name within our hearts.
 Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus your Son to us imparts.
 - Lord, you have made all for your pleasure, and given us food for all our days, giving in Christ the bread eternal; yours is the power, be yours the praise.
- 2. Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still; perfect it in your love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto your will. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in the broken bread made one, so from all lands your church be gathered into your kingdom by your Son.

- 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.
- 3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,
 O calm of hills above,
 where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 the silence of eternity,
 interpreted by love!
- 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us Jayson Coleman, Soloist CCLI Song # 1558110 Stuart Townend ©1995 Thankyou Music CCLI License # 1590922

 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

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

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

Faith of Our Fathers

UMH 710

 Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

 Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee; and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.

Refrain Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.

Refrain Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Jesus Paid it All

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Miraculous God, inspire us to notice your miracles in every moment of our lives. When we doubt our own gifts, grant us the vision to see as you see. When we are afraid to follow, grant us the courage to go where you lead. When we are tempted to use our gifts selfishly, grant us servant-hearts, that we may share our gifts generously in the service of others. Inspire us this day, Holy One, that we may be part of your miraculous love.

Liturgist: The love of Christ is beyond knowledge. Yet in that love, we are forgiven and reconciled to God. In that love, we are filled entirely with God's grace. This is the miracle of infinite love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; stand - - - ing, stand - - - ing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

† Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D Minor

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