

\* **Call to Worship:** *Revelation 5:13-14*  
*And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Amen.*

\* **Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty** #323:1,3 (HFG)  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

\* **Mighty to Save**  
Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing;  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,  
The hope of nations.

*Refrain:* Savior, he can move the mountains;  
My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.  
Forever author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave;  
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures;  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender, yes, I surrender. *Refrain*

\* **Blessed Be Your Name**  
Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow;  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name."

\* Indicates to stand if able

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name."

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name."

### **SERVE Commissioning:**

Leader: Jesus stood before the disciples and declared,  
"As the Father sent me, so I send you".

*SERVE Teams:* We receive your calling Lord Jesus, but how will we do this?

Leader: God calls us into his presence. He breathes his life giving, empowering Spirit upon us.

*SERVE Teams:* We gather here before You, O Lord, to offer our thanks! We stand before you to offer our lives as living sacrifices to you.

Leader: The needs of the world are vast as many are hurting.  
*SERVE Teams:* Since we are the body of Christ, we must do as he would do. We will befriend the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide shelter for the homeless.

**People: Live out the words of Paul as you go, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look to the interests of others."**

*SERVE Teams:* We accept this call and give ourselves to becoming great servants of Christ and one another.

Leader: Serve wholeheartedly.

**People: We will pray for you, support you, and send you off with love as you enter into authentic community and take the risk of living as Christ's disciples.**

Leader: Go forth in the love of Christ.

**Everyone: Amen.**

### **Commissioning Prayer**

### **Our Church**

Here we are now, a crowd assembled,  
Peace like incense fills the air.  
Men and women, the sounds of children,  
Young and old have come to share.  
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

*Refrain:* This is our church, our family of faith,  
On this Holy ground we're all the same.  
And we are the joy of God on display  
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.  
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as his presence ushers in.  
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.  
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

*Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.  
Some with plenty, some with need,  
Cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

**Call to Confession:** *John 15:4-5*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance:** *John 15:9-12*

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.***

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Helping Hands for Babies

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during the offering.)

### **Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *Mark 3:20-35 (ESV)* pg. 1048

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup> And he called them

to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — <sup>30</sup> for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” <sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup> And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Authentic Community in Christ*

\* **We Are God's People** #546:1,4 (HFG)

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
 Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.  
 Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;  
 O let us live transparently  
 And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
 Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.  
 We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;  
 Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
 To give warmth and light and to inspire.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
 All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
 I who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
 I will hold Your people in my heart.

**Authentic Community in Christ**

Mark 3:20-35

When Jesus became uncool, 3:20-21.

Jesus' authentic family, 3:31-35.

Whoever does the will of my Father, what is that?



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