

* **Call to Worship:** *Revelation 7:9-10*
After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: **“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”**

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***Oh, For a Thousand Tongues*** #501:1,2 (PH)
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of your name.

* ***I Love to Tell the Story*** #618:1,3 (HFG)
I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story – because I know ‘tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story! ‘Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story ‘tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story – for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy word. *Refrain*

* ***Lift High the Cross*** #373:1,5 (PH)
Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led,
Our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

What We Believe: *Our World Belongs to God*
The Mission of God’s People, Article 44 pg. 1033 (PH)
**Following the apostles, the church is sent—
sent with the gospel of the kingdom
to make disciples of all nations,
to feed the hungry,
and to proclaim the assurance that in the name of Christ
there is forgiveness of sin and new life
for all who repent and believe—
to tell the news that our world belongs to God.
In a world estranged from God,
where millions face confusing choices,
this mission is central to our being,
for we announce the one name that saves.
We repent of leaving this work to a few,
we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith,
and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see
our mission in God's world.**

Take My Life and Let it Be #288:1,2,4 (PH)
Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Offering: Steve & Sandy

Evening Prayer

* ***Speak, O Lord***
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

* **Scripture:** *Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)* pg. 1017
³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.
³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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

Message: *Linking Prayer and Missions
for the Glory of the Lamb!*

Prayer

* ***Far and Near the Fields are Teeming*** #405:1,2 (BPH)
Far and near the fields are teeming
With the waves of ripened grain;
Far and near their gold is gleaming
O’er the sunny slope and plain.

Refrain: Lord of harvest, send forth reapers;
Hear us, Lord, to Thee we cry;
Send them now the sheaves to gather,
Ere the harvest time pass by.

Send them forth with morn’s first beaming,
Send them in the noon-tides’s glare;
When the sun’s last rays are gleaming,
Bid them gather everywhere. *Refrain*

* **God’s Blessing**

* **Jesus Saves**

#667:1 (HFG)

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Linking Prayer and Missions for the Glory of the Lamb!

Matthew 9:35-38

Our Big and Small World:

Missions around the World
and Across the Street



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Lynden, Washington
March 18, 2018
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Music: Lee V

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