**Worship Service – Jan. 30, 2022**

**Welcome**

Good morning and welcome. I’m glad that you’ve joined us for time of worship this morning. It’s good to gather together to worship God. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to our God, who is our Rock and Redeemer.

**Opening Prayer** – Heather Pattenden

**Call to Worship**

God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of Hosts is with us;The God of Jacob is our Refuge.

**Hymn of Praise:** “My life is in You, Lord” (Celebration Hymnal #542, sung twice)

My Life Is In You, Lord, My Strength Is In You, Lord
My Hope Is In You, Lord, In You, It’s In You
My Life Is In You, Lord, My Strength Is In You, Lord
My Hope Is In You, Lord, In You, It’s In You

I Will Praise You With All Of My Life
I Will Praise You With All Of My Strength
With All Of My Life, And All Of My Strength
All Of My Hope Is In You

My Life Is In You, Lord, My Strength Is In You, Lord
My Hope Is In You, Lord, In You, It’s In You
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**Prayer of Confession**

God, whose name is love,

we confess our faults and failings,

knowing you know us through and through.

You tell us love is patient and kind,

and you know when our patience and kindness fell short.

You tell us love is never rude or selfish,

and you see the times we insisted on our own way.

Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters.

Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable.

Amen

**Words of Assurance**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins.

Thanks be to God whose love and forgiveness are steadfast.

May we be steadfast in our forgiveness of one another.

**Song of Reflection:** “10, 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” (piano solo)

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Oh my soul bless the Lord,

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

I'll worship
I'll worship Your holy name

**Pastoral Prayer**

O God, your love is patient.

We give you thanks for all those who have been patient with us,

teaching us and caring for us in so many ways.

We pray for the patience to love others as you have loved us.
God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, your love is kind.

Thank you for every unexpected gesture of kindness we have received.

Give us the courage to be kind to others,

serving those who seem unkind, rude, or difficult to love in these difficult days.

Remind us that each one we meet is your child,

our sister or brother made in your image.
God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, your love is not arrogant, nor does it seek its own interests.

Thank you for all who work to serve those who cannot fend for themselves.

Strengthen those who have lost hope and confidence in their own value.

Give us insight to speak the truth in love

and to work for change that creates opportunities for those on the margins

and respect for any who face discrimination.

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, your love is not quick-tempered.

Thank you for every occasion when someone spared us from their anger.

We pray for those who are filled with anger

and for all around them who face or fear violence.

Raise up advocates for children and elders who are abused,

and rescue those who are trapped in relationships that injure and harm.
God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, your love bears all things; it never fails.

We thank you for those we have loved in this life

and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence.

Let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved or lonely this day.

We remember before you those with heavy burdens, many cares, much stress,

and those who find too little comfort and help.

Open our eyes to those in need around us

and show us how to offer support and companionship,

for the sake of Christ, our friend and savior,

who taught us to pray together

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 4:21-30 – Gabe Pattenden

**Sermon:** A Hometown Welcome?

**Prayer after the Sermon**

In a cynical and despairing world, O God,

give us a quietly prophetic voice

to proclaim your hope.

In a violent and angry world, O God,

give us a quietly prophetic voice

to proclaim your peace.

In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God,

give us a quietly prophetic voice

to proclaim your compassion.

In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God,

give us a quietly prophetic voice

to proclaim your love.

In a grieving and weeping world, O God,

give us a quietly prophetic voice

to proclaim your joy.

May we be so captivated by your hope, O God,

that we cannot help but to whisper,

to sing, and to enact,

the message of your reign

which is always coming into our world;

And may our quietly prophetic lives,

be channels of your restoring grace

wherever we may go.

Amen

**Hymn of Commitment:** “O to be like Thee” (Celebration Hymnal #551, 3 verses and repeat the refrain)

1. Oh! to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I’ll forfeit all of earth’s treasures,
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

Refrain:
Oh! to be like Thee, oh! to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

2. Oh! to be like Thee, full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,
Seeking the wand’ring sinner to find.

3. Oh! to be like Thee, while I am pleading,
Pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love,
Make me a temple meet for Thy dwelling,
Fit me for life and Heaven above.

**Benediction**

May the peace of God, which is beyond our utmost understanding, keep guard over your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.”

*(Philippians 4:7)*