



FIRST WORSHIP – RELEVANT FAITH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

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- ¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC:

The Lion and the Lamb

(Verse 1)

He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(Chorus)

And our God is the lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, his blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

(Verse 2)

So open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? (x6)
Who can stop the Lord?

(Chorus)

10,000 Reasons

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

(Verse 1)

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
(Chorus)

(Verse 2)

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
(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

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
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Isabelle Pennick

God of compassion, you created the world through your communion of love, but we prefer to be lonely gods, living for ourselves. Our sin has changed the life you intend for us. We damage creation. We hurt one another. We ignore the ache of others. We beg you: free us from sin's grip with your prevailing love, that we might be your witnesses, testifying to your eternal love in all we do. God of justice and mercy, forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Amanda McDonald

Confession helps us recognize our brokenness and reminds us how similar we are.
However, here is the great news we need to be reminded of:
We mess up: God loves us anyway.
We ignore our faith: Jesus invites us into relationship.
We confess: and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 14 (Amplified Bible)

¹The [spiritually ignorant] fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they have committed repulsive *and* unspeakable deeds;
There is no one who does good.
²The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the children of men
To see if there are any who understand (act wisely),
Who [truly] seek after God, [longing for His wisdom and guidance].
³They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt;
There is no one who does good, not even one.

⁴Have all the workers of wickedness *and* injustice no knowledge,
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon the LORD?
⁵There they tremble with great fear,
For God is with the [consistently] righteous generation.
⁶You [evildoers] shamefully plan against the poor,
But the LORD is his safe refuge.
⁷Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores His captive people,
Then Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

MESSAGE: Christian Nationalism

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Adaptation of Declaration of Barmen

The church is threatened by teaching methods and actions. This threat comes from the fact that the theological basis has been continually and systematically thwarted and rendered ineffective by alien principles. When these alien principles are held valid, the church ceases to be the church.

We must not keep silent, since we have been given a message of love to utter in a time of common need and temptation.

We believe the church is not meant to establish a dominion of some over others. We reject the false doctrine for the church to have ruling powers.

We trust in God's power, through Christ, to uphold all things. We reject the false doctrine that the government should or could become the single totalitarian order of human life and fulfill the church's role in society.

We reject the false doctrine that the church should become an organ of the government.

The church's commission from Christ, upon which our freedom is founded, consists only in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Isaac Thomas

OFFERING SONG FOR REFLECTION:

A Song of Peace

This is my song oh God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home, the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine

This is my song oh God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Amanda McDonald

God, in mystery:
Listen and have mercy.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SONG:

Oceans

(Verse 1)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown
Where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand

(Chorus)

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours
You are mine

(Verse 2)

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed
And You won't start now

(Chorus)

(Bridge – 4x)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

(Tag)

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours
And You are mine

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Amanda McDonald

EXITING SONG & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

*As we sing the final song, we ask that you leave the sanctuary singing together into The Gathering Place.
We will use this time for fellowship and to pass the Peace of Christ after the service.*

Go With Us, Lord

Words by Mary Jackson Cathey; Music by Thomas Tallis

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be a gift to You.

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