PRELUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Wesley)¹

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All people: Our souls wait for you, O God. Our ears are attentive to your word. We hope for a clear understanding of your will for us. Let this time of worship draw us together in unity, with a sense of direction and purpose for our church and our individual lives. Renew our souls, so that nothing we face can undermine our faith or cause us to despair. Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ and help us to reflect this kinship in all we do or say. Amen.

HYMN

Waymaker ² (Radio Version)

You are here, moving in our midst.
I worship You; I worship You.
You are here, working in this place.
I worship You; I worship You.

You are: Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness.
My God, that is who You are.
Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness
My God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching every heart.
I worship You; I worship You.
You are here, turning lives around.
I worship You; I worship You.

Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness.
My God, that is who You are.
Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness.
My God, that is who You are.

That is who You are. (That is who You are)
That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are.
Oh…

Even when I can’t see it, you're working. Even when I don’t feel it, you're working.
You never stop; You never stop working;
You never stop; You never stop working.

¹ John Wesley. In Public Domain.
² “Way Maker” is a contemporary worship song written by Nigerian gospel singer Sinach and released as a single on 30 December 2015. The song has been covered by a number of Christian music artists including Michael W. Smith, Mandisa, Leeland, Christafari, Passion Worship Band, and Bethel Music. CCLI Song # 7115744, Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu, © 2016 Integrity Music Europe (Admin. by Capitol, CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook), For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com, CCLI License # 1528365
Even when I can't see it, you're working. Even when I don’t feel it, you're working.
You never stop; You never stop working.
You never stop! You never stop!

Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness.
My God, that is who You are!
Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness.
My God, that is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.
Yes it is…Oh…
That is who You are.

SCROLLING READING
Genesis 2:15 - 3:21

SERMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All:    We confess, O God, that we often act as if we know better than you regarding what is right for us. We make decisions without considering your larger purposes. Our own convenience and desires are more important to us than your commands. We go our own way and then blame others for our mistakes. Our inner confusion creates division and brokenness. We hide from you rather than admitting our needs. O God, we want to face our sin and forgiveness. Help us!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 138)
Pastor: We thank you, LORD, with all our hearts;
We sing praises to you!
People: We face your Holy Temple.
We bow down and praise your name!
All:    Because of your constant love and faithfulness;
because you have shown that your name and your commands are supreme:
We sing praises to you!
Pastor: You answer when we call out to you;
You increase the strength of our souls.
People: When I am surrounded by troubles, you keep me safe.
You oppose my angry enemies and save me by your power.
Pastor: You do everything you promise.
All:    Lord, your love is eternal: steadfast and faithful.
Fulfill your purpose in our lives.
Complete the work that you have begun in us.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
Pastor: As we have been given peace, so let us pass the peace God grants us, to one another with a smile, a nod, a friendly wave, or the two-finger peace sign, from our pews, while offering the words, “The peace of Christ be with you.”
Congregation: And also, with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
All: 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.

OFFERING INVITATION
Pastor: Many of our resources are committed to payments, taxes, rent, or mortgages and our need for food, shelter, and clothing take precedence in our lives. We also confuse wants with needs. Where is our thanksgiving to God in all this? And our commitment to love God and neighbor as ourselves? Let us pause to consider what we will give in proportion to whatever we’ve been given and to our faith.

For the offering, no plates will be passed during the service. Offering plates are located at the sanctuary entrance doors, in which to deposit your financial tithes and gifts as you enter or leave the service.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
All: Thank you, God, for your faithfulness. We bring ourselves and some of what we have accumulated to praise you and do the work you call us to do. Fulfill your purpose for this church as you enlist our offerings and our lives. In amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others and invite them to join us. In our labors for you, we will not lose heart. Help us to do your will. Amen.

HYMN
It is Well, with my Soul

BENEDICTION
Pastor: Go now in peace, knowing the healing miracles that God has produced in your life. Rest assured that there are more miracles to come. Bear witness to God’s love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer who resides with you always.

All: AMEN!

POSTLUDE
Victory in Jesus (Bartlett)
It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
   when sorrows like sea billows roll; what ev er my lot,
   well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
   let this blest assurance control, that Christ has gard ed my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
   My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the sound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

4. May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
   the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall re sound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul.

Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.