GREETING
Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation: And, also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 116)
Pastor: I love the LORD who hears my requests for mercy.
Congregation: I will call out to the Lord as long as I live. The LORD listens!
Pastor: We wonder: What can we give back to the LORD for all the good done for us?
Congregation: I will lift up the cup of salvation!
Pastor: Let us call on the LORD’s name and declare our covenant with the LORD.
Congregation: I will keep covenant. I will follow through on the promises I’ve made to the LORD. I make this vow in the presence of all God’s people.
Pastor: We are the Lord’s servants – freed from all chains and bonds.
Congregation: Let us offer then, a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the LORD’s name.
All: Praise be to the LORD! I am redeemed!

HYMN

Redeemed (Weave)

Seems like all I can see was the struggle............Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past.
Bound up in shackles of all my failures...............Wondering how long is this gonna' last?
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me, "Son!"
"Stop fighting a fight that's already been won!"

I am redeemed; You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!
I am redeemed........I'm redeemed.

All my life I have been called unworthy.........Named by the voice of my shame and regret.
But when I hear You whisper, "Child, lift up your head!"
I remember oh God, You're not done with me yet!

I am redeemed; You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!

Because......I don't have to be, the old man inside of me
'cause his day is long dead and gone
Because...I've got a new name; a new life I'm not the same
and a hope that will carry me home!

I am redeemed; You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!
I am redeemed, You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains - and wipe away every stain - now I'm not who I used to be!

Oh God, I'm not who I used to be......Jesus, I'm not who I used to be!
'Cause I am redeemed.

Thank God, redeemed.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, we have been redeemed by Christ.
Yet, we continue to sin.
We confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning;
the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong;
the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will;
the righteousness that knows no fault;
the callousness that has ceased to care;
the defiance that does not regret its own sins;
the evasion that always tries to make excuses;
the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.
God, we are sinners; be merciful to us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Romans 5:1-8)

Pastor: Redeemed children of God, there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us from the power of sin that leads to death. So be at peace. Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!


The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 1 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 2 He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 3 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 4 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 5 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” 6 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 7 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 10 Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” 13 The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” 15 But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. 2 Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” 7 And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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EPISTLE READING - Romans 5:1-8
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9-23)
Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.
PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 (Based on Psalm 116:1-2)
Pastor: The Psalmist writes: I love our God, who heard my cries and prayers! Let us offer our gifts to God at this time, to support the life and work of the people of God in our community, and around the world.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
All: Holy One, accept these gifts and multiply them so that the wonder of your love, and justice and peace may be known throughout the world! Amen.

HYMN

The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
2. Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
3. Will you let the blind see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

shown, will you let my name be known, will you stare should your life attract or scare? Will you clean, and do such as this unseen and ad
found to reshape the world around, through my go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll

let my life be grown in you and you in me? let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
mist to what I mean in you and you in me?
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
move and live and grow in you and you in me.
BENEDICTION² (Based on I Peter 1:17-23)

Pastor: As you go from here, remember this:
you have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.
So live lives of reverence and awe,
trust in God,
love one another deeply,
and with all your heart.
For you have been born again - born anew - born from above,
through the living and enduring Word of God.

All: I go in peace and courage,
to love God and my neighbor, as Christ loves me!

1. God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways, give us still the grace to praise.
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

2. God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.

3. Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.

Refrain
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.
C                F               C               F               G
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise

C                F               G
one Giver, one Word, one Spirit, one God known in many ways,

F               C               G7               C
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!
How Great Thou Art

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1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider
    all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling
    birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain
die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration.

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the
    thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed,
    grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
    bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; Then sings my
    ration. And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to
    soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my
    soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me

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