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**10:45 a.m.**

**Welcome**

*Please stand*

### **At Your Name**

**At Your name the mountains shake and crumble.  
At Your name the oceans roar and tumble.  
At Your name, angels will bow,  
the earth will rejoice, Your people cry out:**

*Chorus*

**Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;  
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.  
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, O Lord!**

*Verse 2*

**At Your name the morning breaks in glory.  
At Your name creation sings Your story.  
At Your name, angels will bow,  
the earth will rejoice, Your people cry out:**

*Chorus*

**Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;  
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.  
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, O Lord!**

*Bridge*

**There is no one like our God, We will praise You, praise You.  
There's no one like our God, We will sing, we will sing.  
There is no one like our God, we will praise You, praise You.  
Jesus is our God, we will sing!**

*Chorus*

**Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;  
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.  
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, O Lord!**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from Me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself."

### **Epistle**

*Romans 13:1–10*

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:1–20*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

"Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven.

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them."

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

*Please stand*

### **Forever Reign**

**You are good, You are good, When there's nothing good in me.  
You are love, You are love, On display for all to see.  
You are light, You are light, When the darkness closes in.  
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.**

*Verse 2*

**You are peace, You are peace, When my fear is crippling.  
You are true, You are true, Even in my wandering.  
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.  
You are life, You are life, In You death has lost its sting.**

*Chorus*

**Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms.  
The riches of Your love will always be enough.  
Nothing compares to Your embrace.  
Light of the world, forever reign.**

*Verse 3*

**You are more, You are more, Than my words will ever say.  
You are Lord, You are Lord, All creation will proclaim.  
You are here, You are here, In Your presence I'm made whole.  
You are God, You are God, Of all else I'm letting go.**

*Chorus twice*

**Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms.  
The riches of Your love will always be enough.  
Nothing compares to Your embrace.  
Light of the world, forever reign.**

*Bridge x3*

**My heart will sing, no other Name: Jesus, Jesus.**

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*Be seated*

**Sermon**

*Pastor Caleb Kruse*

Living in Mercy and Faithful Obedience  
Romans 13:1-10



All \_\_\_\_\_ lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

In the darkness of the \_\_\_\_\_, they  
painted with the light of \_\_\_\_\_.

Taking them upon his \_\_\_\_\_, he will raise  
them up and bring them to a new \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ that never ends.

The way you recognize Jesus is not by what he  
\_\_\_\_\_ like but by what he \_\_\_\_\_.

How do you live in this \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_?

How do you relate to the \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ they  
say one thing and \_\_\_\_\_ do another?

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the means whereby God proclaims \_\_\_\_\_.

God has established the \_\_\_\_\_ not to \_\_\_\_\_  
people but to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

We trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_ and we live in  
\_\_\_\_\_ to civil authorities.

*Please stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Be seated*

### **Distribution**

## **Reckless Love**

**Before I spoke a word You were singing over me.  
You have been so, so good to me.  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.  
You have been so, so kind to me.**

*Chorus*

**O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,  
Leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,  
Still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

*Verse 2*

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.  
You have been so, so good to me.  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.  
You have been so, so kind to me.**

*Chorus*

*Bridge (twice)*

**There's no shadow You won't light up,  
Mountain You won't climb up,  
Coming after me.  
There's no wall You won't kick down,  
Lie You won't tear down,  
Coming after me.**

*Chorus*

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## **You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

**I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again.**

*Chorus*

**Amazing love, how can it be, that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You,  
[Repeat from start]**

**In all I do, I honor You.**

*Bridge [twice]*

**You are my King, You are my King,  
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King!**

**Amazing love, how can it be, that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You,  
In all I do, I honor You.**

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### **Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)**

**Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;  
O, raise your head, for Love is passin' by.  
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, Come to Jesus and live!**

**Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,  
And precious blood has washed away the stain.  
So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus and live!**

**Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl.  
And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall.  
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, Fall on Jesus and live.**

**Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,  
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain,  
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, Cry to Jesus and live!**

**O, and when the love spills over, and music fills the night,  
And when you can't contain your joy inside,  
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, Dance for Jesus and live!**

**And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world good-bye.  
Then go in peace, and laugh on glory's side.  
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!  
Fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, and live!**

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*Please stand*

### **Communion Response    *Victor's Crown***

**Hallelujah. You have overcome; You have overcome;  
Hallelujah, Jesus, You have overcome the world.**

**Ev'ry high thing must come down; Ev'ry stronghold shall be broken;  
You wear the victor's crown; You overcome, You overcome.**

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**Prayer**

## **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Who You Say I Am**

**Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me**

*Chorus*

**Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

*Verse 2*

**Free at last He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me**

*Chorus*

**Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

*Chorus 2*

**In my Father's house There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

*Bridge*

**I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am**

*[Repeat]*

**I am who You say I am**

*Chorus*

**Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

*Chorus 2*

**In my Father's house There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God Yes I am**

*Bridge, Tag, Chorus 1, Chorus 2*

*Be seated*

## **Faith Stories**

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