



“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Total Praise

arr. Dave Williamson

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

re:Worship

One: “The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt—the covenant which they broke, even though I loved them....”

Many: Come, Holy Spirit. Do a new work among us!

One: “But this is the new covenant that I will make with my people on that day,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them—I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Many: Come, Holy Spirit. Write your truth within us. Claim us as your own. Show us what it means to follow you—to be your people in the world.

One: “No longer will they need to teach their neighbors, or their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already...”

Many: Come, Holy Spirit. Renew our hearts and minds. Fill us with your love and compassion, so that our lives may make you known throughout our hurting, hungry world. Amen.

* Opening Prayer

re:Worship

God of love and justice, we gather together to worship you: to offer our thanks and praise and to proclaim your goodness and mercy.

Meet us here. Breathe your Word into our souls; engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts. Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect your love and justice to the world. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn**

New earth, heavens new

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1. New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;
new seed, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;
new man, woman new, image of God moving.

Refrain:

*Sing a new song to the One who has said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”*

2. New love, mercies new, Spirit of God moving;
new strength, hopefulness new, Spirit of life moving;
new hearts, spirits new, image of God moving. *[Refrain]*
3. New minds, wisdom new, Spirit of God moving;
new law, covenant new, Spirit of life moving;
new name, nature new, image of God moving. *[Refrain]*
4. New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;
new birth, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;
new growth, people new, image of God moving. *[Refrain]*

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CELEBRATE GOD’S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars and night,
I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

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Sometimes God is very obvious with His instructions. The Ten Commandments are quite clear, after all. However, other instructions are a bit subtler. In Matthew 6:2, we read, “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the

hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. ... ”

Did you hear the instruction in that statement? Yes, it says to not announce your gift loudly, but there’s one more in that statement: “ ... when you give.” WHEN you give ... not if, but WHEN. Implied here is the idea that giving is something we should do. He doesn’t specify an amount, but Jesus makes it pretty clear that we are to give something. If you’ve already given online this month, thank you. If you’re preparing your tithe or offering now, the offering plate is ready to receive your gifts.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Water Music

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

A New Covenant

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Sermon

“The Politically Incorrect Jeremiah:
Part 6 – The Days are Surely Coming”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Hymn

I love to tell the story

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1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [Refrain]
3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

* Benediction

May the glory of God,
The Word of life,
And the Spirit of truth
Bless you all
Now and forever.

Postlude

The Mercy Of The Lord Is Forever

Judy Hunnicutt

* Please stand as able and led



MinistersAll Members
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Children’s Time Terrie Glass
Special Music..... Handbell Choir, directed by Sarah Beers
Kevin Beers, Bob Phillips, Carol Goss, Sandy Faw, Dave Whitten,
Ann Andrus, Alyce Newman, Barbara Beers
Guitarist David Whitten
Pianist Bob Phillips
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