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Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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Welcome

Prelude

Morning Reverie

Carl Simone

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Thom Shuman

One: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

One: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

One: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

People: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song

Come, We That Love

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Verse 1:

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

Verse 2:

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. [*Refrain*]

Verse 3:

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry.
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. [*Refrain*]

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 7:14 (*NRSVUE*)

¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Time with our Children

Song

There Is More Love Somewhere

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There is more love somewhere. There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.

Additional verses: hope, peace, joy

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Prayer for Giving

Thom Shuman

Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:1-4 (*NRSVUE*)

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

Response to the Word

Seek Ye First

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Verse 1:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 2:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Sermon

7 Life-Giving Virtues: Humility

“Humility is Your Greatest Friend”

Prayer for Reconciliation

Thom Shuman

Pastor: While we try to live in God's way, we know how often we follow the wrong advice, or walk down sin's shadowed streets. Yet, God watches over us and calls us to confess, so we might be welcomed into the embracing arms of mercy and healing. Let us pray as we say,

Prayer for Forgiveness (in unison)

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

People: Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Hymn

Beyond a Dying Sun

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Verse 1:

Beyond a dying sun I saw a vision on the sea
of golden sails full billowed on the wind. (on the wind)

And echoing above the waves a voice called after me,
“God’s dwelling place is with you till the end.” (till the end)

*Refrain: I see a new world coming when ev’ryone is free!
And all shall be God’s people in justice, love, and peace.*

Verse 2:

For God at last shall wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye.

The sting of death shall pierce the heart no more. (heart no more)

When grieving turns to laughter all the pain from us shall fly,
and former ways lie bleached upon the shore. (on the shore) *[Refrain]*

Verse 3:

Though hatred rages on the wind and wars defile the land,

I see those golden sails still coming strong, (coming strong)

for through the eyes of faith still shines the vision of the Lamb,
and o'er a weary earth there rings this song. (rings this song) *[Refrain]*

*** Sending**

Thom Shuman

Pastor: Let us go to walk the road of service.

People: **We will feed others with God's hope.**

Pastor: Let us go to break down the walls of resentment.

People: **We will join the Servant of the world in embracing the
refugees of despair and fear.**

Pastor: Let us go to teach kindness in our world.

People: **We will gather up our sisters and brothers, and rest in the
Spirit's peaceful lap.**

Postlude

How Pleasant Is It

Hedwig. T. Dumbaugh

*How pleasant is it and how good that followers of Jesus should,
in faith and love uniting like servants, wash each other's feet
when at the feast of love they meet in fellowship delighting.*

*'Tis precious and of honored worth that Christ our Lord, while here on earth,
divine love demonstrating, in true humility of heart,
stooped down to play the servant's part this practice consecrating.*

*And now, Lord Jesus, finally may your good Spirit out-poured be,
your grace and might displaying, and thus shall we this hour start
to live like you, with a whole heart, your holy love obeying.*

* Please stand as able and led



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Flautist	Sarah Hartman
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
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