

Fourth  
Sunday  
Praise  
Service





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Welcome! “Reverence for the Eternal is the first  
step toward wisdom.” (Psalm 111:10, The Voice Bible)

So, let us come before God in awe and praise.

## Welcome

### Prelude

*Jazzy Jam*

Hartman/Phillip

### Opening Song

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

# 76 <sup>VT</sup>

#### Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

#### Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

#### Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

#### Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* **Invocation** (One/All)

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In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and  
aging bodies,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and  
whispering our prayers,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human  
limitations,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to  
be yours and

**we come to be your people, O God.**

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

### \* **Song**

*I Believe in Being Ready*

Appalachian Spiritual

I believe in being ready.

I believe in being ready.

I believe in being ready,

For the time is drawing near. *(Repeat all)*

Oh, they'll be signs and wonders.

Oh, they'll be signs and wonders.

Oh, they'll be signs and wonders,

For the time is drawing near.

We'll turn 'round and just start over.

We'll turn 'round and just start over.

We'll turn 'round and just start over,

For the time is drawing near.

I believe in being ready.  
I believe in being ready.  
I believe in being ready,  
For the time is drawing near. *(Repeat all)*  
  
For the time is drawing near.  
For the time is drawing near.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with Our Children

#### Song

#### *Way Maker*

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

*Way Maker* by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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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. *(Repeat)*

Way maker, miracle worker.  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who you are. *(Repeat)*

You are here, touching every heart.  
I worship you. I worship you.  
You are here, healing every life.  
I worship you. I worship you.

You are here, turning lives around.  
I worship you. I worship you.  
You are here, mending every heart.  
I worship you. I worship you.

Way maker, miracle worker.  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who you are. *(Repeat)*

That is who you are.

That is who you are.  
That is who you are.

Way maker, miracle worker.  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who you are. *(Repeat)*

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. *(Repeat)*

Way maker, miracle worker.  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who you are. *(Repeat)*

Way maker, miracle worker (That is who you are)  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness (That is who you are)  
My God, that is who you are (That is who you are)

That is who you are.

## Pastoral Prayer

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Thoughts on Giving

Rev. Quentin Chin

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation.

## Special Music

### *You Raise Me Up*

Brendan Graham, Rolf Lovland

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# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:19-34

### Concerning Treasures

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### The Eye

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

### Serving Two Masters

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

### Do Not Worry

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and

indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

**Special Music**

*Stand by Me*

King/Liebler/Stoller

**Sermon**

“Worship More, Worry Less”

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\* **Song**

*Amazing Grace!*

#163 <sup>VT</sup>

Verse 1 (solo)

Verse 2:

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Verse 3:

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come.  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

Verse 4:

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we’d first begun.

Verse 5:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;

was blind, but now I see  
was blind, but now I see.

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Feeling Good*

Anthony Newley, Leslie Bricusse

*\* Please stand as able and led*



Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and  
lead this morning's worship service, including:

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