

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.
 Peter Marshall
- ❖ Worship is forgetting about what's wrong with you and remembering what's right with God.
 Mark Batterson
- ❖ I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a Big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence.
 -John Ortberg

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: With glad and grateful hearts,

People: With thanksgiving

Leader: Flowing from sea to shining sea,

People: We gather this day

Leader: To pray, to give thanks and to sing songs of praise

People: To God

Leader: For our lives,

People: For our communities,

Leader: For our country, **People:** For our world,

ALL: For peace.

PRAISE SONG: 10,000 Reasons (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

One: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our unwillingness to change our lives to conform to the ways of your realm.

All: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We claim to be followers of Jesus and citizens of your realm and yet we often give our allegiance to other ways. We worship things instead of you; we value greed over generosity. We claim we know you and that you are love and then we damn in your name those whom you are saving. Forgive us and renew us so that we may truly be your children. Amen.

BLESSING/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God comes and claims us even when we stray. Receive God's grace and forgiveness and share God's love with all God's people.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: More Love, More Power (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-28

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

MESSAGE: "Come, you who are weary, and remember."

- Pastor Cristy Schoob

SONG: Come and Find The Quiet Center (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING:

Leader: You are free to be the people of God! You are free to risk for the sake of love and life and faith! You are free to celebrate each moment as a gift from God. You are free from fear and slavery to worldly illusions of security. No matter what the future brings, you are safely held in the love of God.

All: Amen!

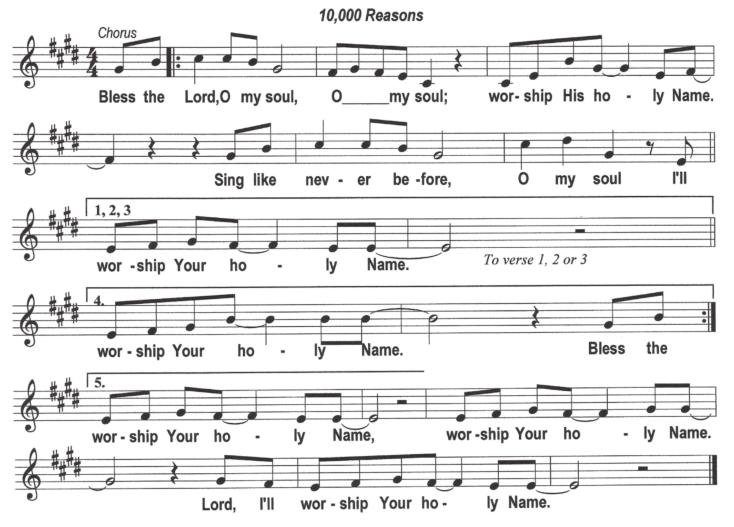
THE SENDING SONG: Let Us Enter In (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





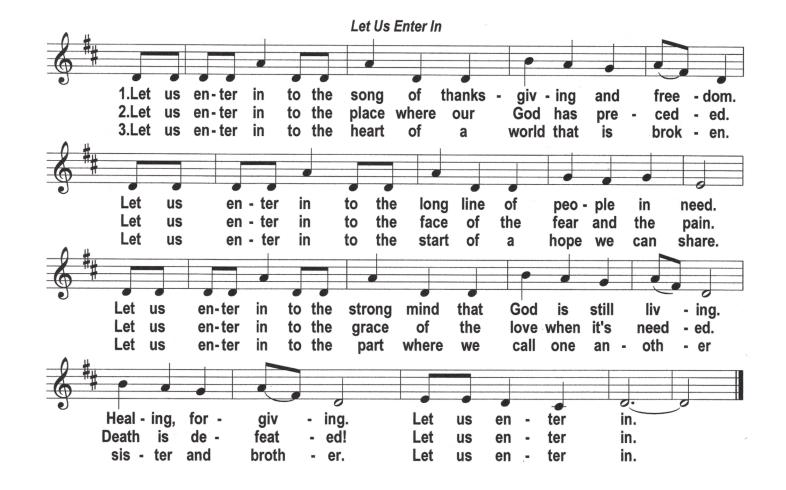
Verse 1: The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (chorus)
(Interlude)

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending; ten thousand years and then forevermore! (chorus)



see all the things that real -ly mat - ter, be at peace, and simp-ly be. sun, rais-ing cour- age when we're shrink - ing, find- ing scope for faith be - gun. care, in the Spir- it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.



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