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What Are You Known For?

Morning Song

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MORNING SONG WORSHIP

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Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Worship

(Please Stand)

King of Heaven

Jesus, let Your kingdom come here;
Let Your will be done here in us.
Jesus, there is no one greater;
You alone are Savior; show the world Your love. **(repeat)**

Chorus: King of heaven come down.
King of heaven come now.
Let Your glory reign shining like the day.
King of heaven come.
King of heaven rise up.
Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name,
King of heaven come.

We are children of Your mercy,
Rescued for Your glory.
We cry Jesus, set our hearts towards You;
That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high. **(chorus 2 times)**

Jesus, let Your kingdom come here;
Let Your will be done here in us.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, we thank You for working faith in us. Please forgive us when we place our faith in earthly things, when we act selfishly, and when we fail to show grace to others. We ask that You fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may be known for our labors of love and our steadfastness of hope in Your Son Jesus. May we be bold in preaching the Gospel to all that would hear. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Grace

Song of Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me. **(repeat)**

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me. **(repeat from beginning)**

And renew a right spirit within me.

Scripture Readings

(Please Sit)

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
² "I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the LORD, who does all these things.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please Stand)

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to

pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Kid's Talk

(Please Sit)

Eric Oswald, DCE

Message

What Are You Known For?

Pastor Brian Francik

Offering

Bringing tithes and financial gifts to the Lord is an act of worship. These offerings help to accomplish ministry both here at Bethlehem and around the world. May God bless your response of faith.

Please join our members in signing the Red Friendship Registers in your pew. Thank you!

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as You choose.
Here am I, all of me. Take my life; it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord; I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Here am I, all of me. Take my life; it's all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

(Please Stand)

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

Come to the Table

We all start on the outside,
The outside looking in.
This is where grace begins.
We were hungry, we were thirsty,
With nothing left to give.
Oh, the shape that we were in.

Chorus: Just when all hope seemed lost,
Love opened the door for us.
He said: Come to the table.
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free.
Come to the table.

Come meet these saints and meet these sinners,
The ones whom Christ set free.
No one's unwelcome here.
That sin and shame that you brought with you,
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near. **(chorus)**

Come to the table.
Come to the table.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus.
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him. **(chorus)**

Jesus said if I am lost. He will come to me,
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me. **(chorus)**

Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus, loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Communion Blessing

(Please Stand)

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith
unto life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Praise

Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth You reign on high,
Every mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

Chorus: Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again. **(chorus 2 times)**

So won't You reign in me again.

Sending

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON NOTES

What Are You Known For? - 1 Thess. 1:1-10

_____ faith
Known to others

What is one way that you can be more active in your faith?

_____ the Lord
Prompted by love

What is something you can do to serve the Lord in response to His love?