

Come Let Us Worship Together...

(please go through this all out loud and together)

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for today. Thank you for walking with us in times of joy, even when we forget that every real joy is a gift from you. Thank you for walking with us in times of difficulty, even when we forget that you are with us, strengthening and equipping us. Thank you for bringing us together to worship you as a church family, and for keeping us connected even while we're separated. Please help us always to strive every day to stay connected to you, no matter what circumstances life throws at us, because you are the vine and we are the branches.

In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

WORSHIP IN SONG - *Sovereign Over Us...*

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There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround me; You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight

Chorus

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good, and for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good, and for Your glory

Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:1 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

WORSHIP IN SONG - *I Surrender All...*

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Chorus

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Kelvin shares the Pastoral Prayer this Sunday. Please pray along with him in spirit.

WORSHIP IN SONG - *I Exalt Thee...*

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For Thou oh Lord art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
(repeat)

Chorus: I exalt Thee... I exalt Thee...
I exalt Thee, oh Lord
I exalt Thee... I exalt Thee...
I exalt Thee, oh Lord

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION FOR AFTER THE SERVICE

1. Which stereotypical decade do you prefer--the 1950s or the 2020s? What are the pros and cons of each stereotype? What would the *perfect* stereotypical decade look like (before Christ's return)? Please be specific. Would what you just described be "perfect" in *everyone's* estimation? Why or why not? If not everyone would want it that way, then how would you maintain and enforce the stereotype you described?
2. What sorts of things are *you* doing today that are structurally similar to things that you've done before that weren't healthy? Why is that structure still so tempting?
3. Describe Christ's example of changing the world--what kinds of strategies did He use when He was dealing with people? Be specific. What kinds of things did He tell us to do? Be specific. What kinds of things did the early church do? Be specific.

What kinds of things can *you* do--maybe even while "sheltered-in-place"--to reach out to others and make a difference in people's lives? Be specific. Please pray for one another to take a few steps this week to reach others for the Kingdom of God.

