

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 through this time with us--as individuals, as a church family, and as a society. Protect us from our worst selves, and help us to seek you and your wisdom, rather than falling victim to our darkest moments of fear or pain or anxiety or frustration. Help us in particular as your church family reflect your truth and your grace toward all those around us, and help us to extend forgiveness to those who err and sin, and encouragement to those who feel lost and afraid. Open our eyes to ways that we can be your hands and feet today.

In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Kyle and Kim Gregory

WORSHIP IN SONG - *Sooner Count The Stars...*

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I could sooner count the stars
Than number all Your ways
Though I only know in part
That part exceeds all praise
As sunlight fills the skies
Your goodness fills my life
For all Your precious gifts
Receive my gratefulness

I could sooner drink the seas
Than fathom all Your love
Like a never ceasing stream
Are mercies through Your Son
The death of Christ alone
Deserves eternal song
For such a love as His
Receive my gratefulness

Chorus: No praise is high enough no thanks is deep enough
No life is long enough to tell of all You've done
No shout is loud enough no words are strong enough
No song is sweet enough to sing Your love

I could sooner turn back time
Than turn Your heart away
Though the years go fleeting by
Your mercies never change
Before You made the sun
Your love was set on us
For all Your faithfulness
Receive my gratefulness

Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:11-13 I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength..

WORSHIP IN SONG - *Blessed Be Your Name...*

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Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name



WORSHIP IN SONG - *Blessed Be Your Name... (continued)*

Chorus: No praise is high enough no thanks is deep enough
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Kim shares the Pastoral Prayer this Sunday. Please pray along with her in spirit.

WORSHIP IN SONG - *To God Be the Glory...*

To God be the glory great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He hath done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Chorus

Great things He hath taught us
Great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Chorus

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION FOR AFTER THE SERVICE

1. What's the functional difference between happiness and joy? Please be specific. How have the last few months made you or your family struggle to find happiness at times? How can we seek (and find) joy on those days when we can't seem to find much happiness?

If the ability to do all of what Paul encouraged us to do really is more of a gift from God than an act of our personal will, then what can we do to seek that gift out and facilitate receiving it?

2. What sorts of things could churches fall into during "normal time" that God might be using this "unique time" to shake up a bit? What views have you personally had on "church" that have been stretched or changed already during these past few months? How might healthy churches carry on the changes that God is calling us to, once the pandemic is over? Let's take a moment to pray together about how we can plan to live this lesson out as a church and as individuals.