

April 25, 2021

10:30 AM

GOD CALLS US

***Gathering Song**

You're the Lion of Judah

Mark

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain,
You ascended to heaven and evermore shall reign;
at the end of the age when the earth you reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified;
with wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side.

Refrain:

And the angels will cry,

"Hail the Lamb who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r."

And the earth will reply,

"You shall reign as the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords."

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,
there's a fire in our spirits which cannot be denied;
'cause the Father has told us, for these You have died,
for the nations who gather before You.

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb who was crucified;
who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side.

Refrain x 2

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Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

based on Revelation 5:5, 12

LEADER: Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has conquered!

**ALL: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and
glory and blessing!**

***Hymn of Praise**

Join All the Glorious Names

Watts/Darwall

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.
Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

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GOD CLEANSSES US

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before
you and we confess that we too often have forgotten
that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives
as if there was no God and we fall short of being a**

credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. We pray this in Jesus's name; Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

***Song of Confession**

He Will Hold Me Fast
Habershon/Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Refrain

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain x 2

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hebrews 10:23 & Romans 5:8

LEADER: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Piano improvisation, Christopher Aitken

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Rev. Joe Mullen

Waiting for the Son

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. **15** For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

NASB

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Closing Song**

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Papa/Boswell/Bleecker

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man,
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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***God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing**