

Raising up Servant Leaders and Gospel Communities in Beaufort and Beyond



SUNDAY 9AM

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was we worship the God who is We worship the God who evermore will be He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea My God He holds the victory

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise ae shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals ae sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

We were the beggars now we're royalty
We were the prisoners now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

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

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

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

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Prayers of the People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (saying together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Scripture Reading: James 1:22-27

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:12-19

¹²On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. 15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money -changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: "True Religion"

The Rev. Todd Simonis

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words at the Table

Officiant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (saying together)

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.

One Pure and Holy Passion

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life
To know and follow hard after You

Chorus

To know and follow hard after You To grow as Your disciple in the truth This world is empty pale and poor Compared to knowing You my Lord Lead me on and I will run after You Lead me on and I will run after You

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Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets To look upon the one who bled to save me And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus

There will be a day when all will bow before Him There will be a day when death will be no more Standing face to face with He who died and rose again Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain forever He shall reign

Chorus

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

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Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions all powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Chorus

And the angels cry Holy all creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Post-Communion Prayer (saying together)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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The Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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