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***"To Prevail in Life is to Strive with God"***

## **WRESTLING WITH GOD**

### **Gathering Music**

### **Welcome & Greeting**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant...it will not be like the old covenant:

**Written on stone.**

This will be a radically new covenant, my laws will be within you:

**Written on hearts.**

And God added these wonderful words –

**I am your God and you are my people.**

Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God, so that we know you in all your fullness, love you as you love us, and worship you as you deserve.

We praise you, O God, not only with our hearts, but with our minds - indeed - with every part of our lives.

**We praise you for being our God and for claiming us as your people.**

“As your people,” such easy words to say and yet such astounding words to own. You - great Creator of the universe - acknowledge that each person is special to you.

**We shake our heads in disbelief at such an unlikely action - and yet - you have proved its truth through the person of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

You even went to the length of dying to demonstrate the depth of your love for us - the intensity of divine love for all humanity. Accept our worship, gracious God, for we offer it with glad and grateful hearts, hearts energized and renewed by our relationship with you.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

### **Songs of Praise**

### **We Are Called**

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***Come, live in the light!***

***Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!***

***We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.***

**Refrain:**

***We are called to act with justice; We are called to love tenderly;***

***We are called to serve one another; To walk humbly with God.***

*Come, open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more.  
Refrain*

*Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.  
Refrain*

## **Songs of Praise**

### **He Is Exalted**

**# 7**

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*He is exalted the King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name  
He is the Lord forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high  
(Repeat)*

## **Confessing Our Sin**

Merciful God, you bring our lives in harmony with yours because of your righteousness and justice, your steadfast love, mercy and faithfulness. These are the qualities of your life which were clearly imprinted on Jesus' heart and which have been written on our hearts not in ink but with your Spirit. We are to be living testimonies that the Spirit gives life - life in all its fullness.

**We confess that while we readily accept the joy of living Spirit-filled lives, we all too often fail to live up to the challenges that brings.**

When we fail to translate the language of our hearts into one that includes all people:

**Living God, forgive us and renew our hearts with your Spirit.**

When we alienate others by our judgmental and hard-hearted attitudes:

**Living God, forgive us and renew our lives with your Spirit.**

When our witness fails to reveal a heartfelt desire to spread the good news of peace, love, justice and mercy to a world sorely in need of such news:

**Living God, forgive us and renew our thoughts with your Spirit**

Living God, we come to you in penitence and faith, praying that your love - so clearly communicated by Jesus - will be rewritten on our hearts and revealed in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

## **Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new! We have been reconciled to God through Christ and all this is from God who does not count our trespasses against us - but entrusts us with the message of reconciliation. The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are renewed, we are loved, and we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Sharing the Peace**

## Thought for the Day

Drama

**“The Battle Within”**

Scripture

**Genesis 32:22-31 & Luke 18:1-8**

Message

**Pastor Bill Peters**

Song

**There Is a Redeemer**

**# 217**

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*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

*Chorus: Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.*

*Chorus*

*When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.  
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.*

*Chorus*

*And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

## Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

*We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.*

**Lord, Listen to Your Children**

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

## Statement of Faith

**I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love. I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure.**

**I have faith in Jesus, who emptied himself out of His love for me. I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine, His resurrection in mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength against all adversity.**

**I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen.**

## Sharing of Gifts

“We Are an Offering” – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.

## Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus’ name and believe in his “real presence” in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

*We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a “walk-thru” style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.*

## Communion Songs

### More Precious than Silver

# 14

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*Lord You are more precious than silver  
Lord You are more costly than gold  
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds  
And nothing I desire compares with you.*

*(Repeat all)*

## Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

# 104

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*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
(Repeat)*

## Blessing Sending Music

### Hear Our Praises

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*May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn to pray*

*Chorus: From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air*

*May a light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water o'er the seas*

*Sing Chorus Twice*

**“IN SUFFERING AND IN OTHERS WE SEE THE FACE OF GOD”**