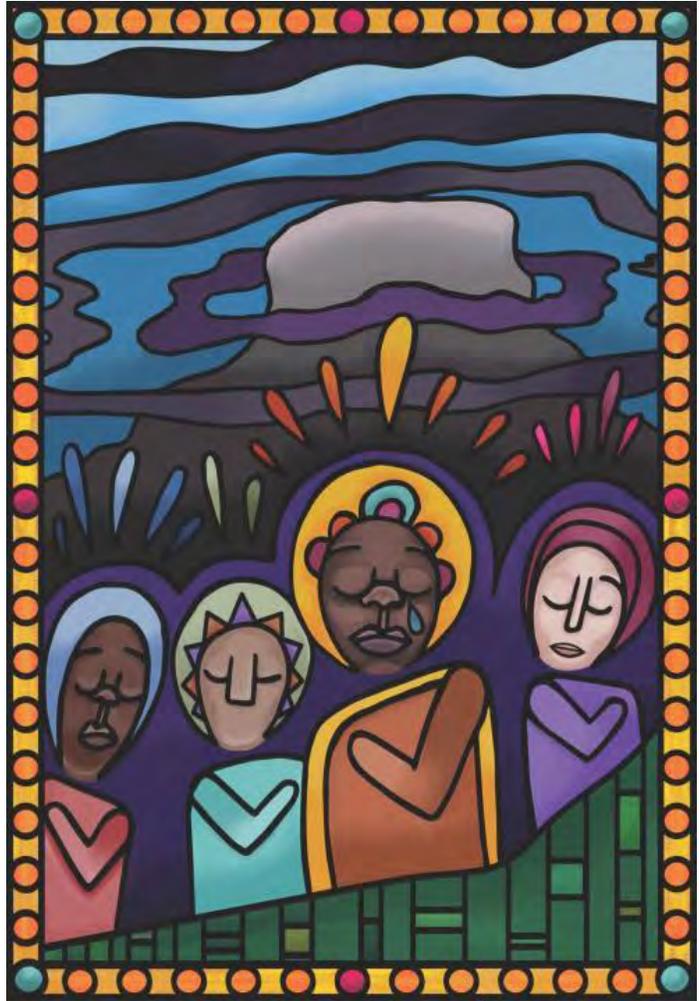


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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

∞ GOD GATHERS ∞

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***Call to Worship***      ***Psalm 86***

There is none like you, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

All nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things,  
You alone are God.

***Hymn of Praise***

***All Creatures of Our God and King<sup>i</sup>***

(verse 1)

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(verse 2)

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(verse 3)

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(verse 4)

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Songs of Praise**

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) <sup>ii</sup>**

(CHORUS)

*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.*

(verse 1)

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. (*chorus*)

(verse 2)

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. (*chorus*)

(verse 3)

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! (*chorus*)

Worship your holy name.  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

**Songs of Praise**

**Oh, How I Love Jesus <sup>iii</sup>**

(verse 1)

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth. (*chorus*)

(verse 2)

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea. (*chorus*)

(verse 3)

It tells of One whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe;  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below. (*chorus*)

(CHORUS)

*Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me!*

∞ GOD RENEWS ∞

***Silent Confession of Sin***

***Assurance of Grace    Micah 7:18-20***

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

<sup>20</sup> You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

***Pastoral Prayer***

***Song of Preparation    He Will Hold Me Fast<sup>iv</sup>***

(verse 1)

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. (*chorus*)

(CHORUS)

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

(verse 2)

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. (*chorus*)

(verse 3)

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!  
(*chorus twice*)

For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

∞ GOD FEEDS ∞

**Scripture Reading      Revelation 7:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,  
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,  
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,  
<sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,  
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,  
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,  
<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,  
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,  
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,  
<sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,  
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,  
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Sermon**

***Sealed from Every Tongue, Tribe, and Nation***

**Hymn**

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing<sup>v</sup>***

(verse 1)

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.

(verse 2)

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of thy name.

(verse 3)

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

(verse 4)

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

(verse 5)

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

(verse 6)

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

∞ GOD SENDS ∞

***Charge & Benediction***

(Questions for reflection on the next page.)

## GOING DEEPER

Let these reflection questions help you reflect more deeply about today's sermon.

1. You've been reminded in the sermon that you follow the Lamb in an army that suffers rather than using worldly tools like power, position, exclusion, or violence. We're often tempted (and sometimes succumb) to using those tools rather than relying on the Lamb.
  - How does relying on the weapons of this age expose certain fears in us and a short-circuiting of faith?
  - How would different answers to the questions, "What is really real?" and "Who am I?" help you overcome fear tomorrow morning and live by faith in new ways?
  
2. One of our members who has come to America from another country was speaking in his mother tongue to his daughter in the grocery store the other day and someone yelled at him, telling him he should go back to where he came from.
  - How does the worship of the church in Revelation 7 help form an identity that transcends all other identities – national, ethnic, racial, or ideological?
  - How does that identity free us to love rather than fear others?
  
3. John reminds us that we're a people sealed by God-sealed by the gift of the Holy Spirit represented in baptism. This beautiful truth changes how we live each and every day. As you processed through the questions above how might you need to change how you think – what you love- and how you live? Can you think of some daily, weekly or monthly practices that you might need to stop or start?

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<sup>i</sup> Trinity Hymnal #115

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