



PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

Church: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

Church: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

Church: And God pays attention to us.

Leader: As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

Church: May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

OPENING HYMN

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

#2146

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, (*I'm happy,*)
I sing because I'm free, (*I'm free,*)
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, (*I'm happy,*)
I sing because I'm free, (*I'm free,*)
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain

Civilla Martin (Luke 12:6-7; John 14:1)

OPENING PRAYER

You, O God, love us from the moment of our conception, You know us and you love us in the womb,
You love us and you call us from before the moment of our first breath,
and you love us when we first see the light of day.

As a parent loves their child before they ever see it,
and then embraces it gently from the moment of its birth, so you love us—and we thank you.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....

Lord, hear our prayer.

You love us, O God, from the time of our naming
You love us in our growing and hold us as we take our first steps.
You love us and walk beside us as we explore the world with eager hands and eyes.
As a parent loves their child as they see it grow and develop, so you love us—and we thank you.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....

Lord, hear our prayer...

You love us, O God, as we mature and seek our way,
You love as we become aware of the world around us,
You love us as we smile and play, you even love us when we say no and when we begin to stray.
As a parent loves their child as they see it become proud and tall,
so you love us even when we sin and fall.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....

Lord, hear our prayer...

We thank you, God, for loving us when we are unloving, for caring for us when we are uncaring, and
for calling to us when we go far away. Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way...

Lord, hear our prayer...

Lord, hear our prayers of love this day for those around us, for those we have held before you in our
time of sharing, and for those we have thought of in our moments of caring.

Lord, hear our prayer....

We ask all these things in the name of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

WORD

Romans 6:1b-11

Genesis 21:8-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Hearing The Voice"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proved God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the out-cast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard.

Amen.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a joyful thing...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; they 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone. I’ve been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Refrain (2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio, 2006 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), CCLI License #833795

CLOSING HYMN

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

#2145

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

African American spiritual

BENEDICTION

May God, our Guide and Guardian, bless you and keep you, and may you rest in the assurance that God hears our cries, draws us together as a family, and points us down the path toward well-being and flourishing for all creation.

Amen.

BENEDICTION HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

POSTLUDE