
ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAY 10, 2026

When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1, 8, 10, 22

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: **Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD O my soul!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

*Words from Chinese Hymn, Translated by Francis Jones
Chorus and music by Andrew Osenga
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Father Long Before Creation

3. God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb;

Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 9:14-21

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. ¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" ²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you have appointed us to bear fruit, and that our fruit should abide. Yet you remind us that we are but branches. You are the vine. And we cannot bear fruit without abiding in you. We confess that apart from you, the works of our flesh abound: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, enmity, strife, fits of anger, and things like these. And yet we long for the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And so we pray for your gracious pruning. Cut away what is dead and does not produce fruit, and grow in us what is pleasing to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 3:9

⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

SONG OF PREPARATION

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus,
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

2. Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.
Chorus

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children are welcome to remain in the service. However, "Equip for Worship" is available for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten. Parents, please escort your children to the classroom after the prayer of intercession. **After today, EFW will break for the summer and resume in the fall.**

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Zechariah 9:9

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The Goodness of Jesus

3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.
Chorus (2x)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

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Malachi 1

¹ Behold, The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. ² “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob's brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob ³ but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.” ⁴ If Edom says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the LORD of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called ‘the wicked country,’ and ‘the people with whom the Lord is angry forever.’” ⁵ Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, “Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!” ⁶ “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ ⁷ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD's table may be despised. ⁸ When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁰ Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food, may be despised. ¹³ But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. 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.

Refrain

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.

*Authors: Thomas Obediah Chisholm & William Marion Runyan
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Great is Thy Faithfulness

2. 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.
Refrain

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

SENDING HYMN

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee.

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Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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