

CEDAR SPRINGS MORNING WORSHIP

June 17, 2018 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Call to Worship

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

No. 38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes; most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

“Good, Good Father”

Brown/Garrett

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like. But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night and you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Chorus: You're a good, good father. It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are. And I'm loved by you.

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide, but I know we're all searching for answers only you provide. 'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word.

Because you are perfect in all of your ways, you are perfect in all of your ways, you are perfect in all of your ways to us.

Oh, it's love so undeniable; I, I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable; I, I can hardly think. As you call me deeper still into love, love, love.

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“Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery”

Papa/Boswell/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man. In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold. Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; slain by death the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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Offertory

“For The One”

Johnson/McClure

Let me be filled with kindness and compassion for the one. The one for whom you loved and gave your son; for humanity increase my love. Help me to love with open arms like you do. A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth. Oh, that when they look in my eyes they would see you. Even in just a smile, they would feel the Father's love. Oh, how you love us; from the homeless to the famous and in-between. You formed us, you made us carefully. 'Cause in the end we're all your children. So let all my life tell of who you are. And the wonder of your never-ending love. Oh, let all my life tell of who you are. That you're wonderful and such a good Father.

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Prayers of Intercession

Announcements & Peace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

(After each reading the people respond, "Thanks be to God.")

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-3

p. 8, Kids p. 12

New Testament

Acts 1:6-9

p. 909, Kids p. 266

Sermon text

Acts 6:1-15, 7:51-8:3

p. 914, Kids p. 274

Sermon

"The Purpose of the Church"

TASTING AND SEEING GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplish'd; his dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finish'd.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom, but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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"Oh Sin-Sick Soul"

Breedlove

Oh sin-sick soul, return to Christ. Torn for you, the worst of sinners. How far you've run from Love's embrace, but you will not outrun his grace, you cannot outrun His grace.

Oh sin-sick soul, return to Christ. Here he stands, the Friend of Sinners. Though dimly now, soon face to face, for you will not outrun his grace, you cannot outrun his grace.

Chorus: Grace is joy deeper than our sorrows. Grace is love strong enough to save. Grace is strength to suffer with the Savior, oh the glory of his grace!

He does not accuse, he will not condemn! All your shame was laid on Jesus. You are not defined by your mistakes. You are now defined by grace, come and be defined by grace.

Lay aside that sin, fight the fight of faith, soon you'll stand before the Savior. Here him say, "Well done! You've run your race! But you have not outrun my grace, you cannot outrun my grace."

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SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Postlude

All first-time and returning visitors are invited to the Visitor's Reception room just past the Welcome Center (down the hall on the right) for refreshments following each morning service. Drop by and let us welcome you.