



**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 10:00 AM**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**WELCOME**

**MUSIC FOR PREPARATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *adapted from Psalm 103*

Cynthia Younger

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**All: Let all that is within us bless God's holy name.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**All: Let us not forget God's great benefits.**

One: Come and bless God, for the Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: With gratitude in our hearts, our souls will praise the Lord.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Abby Dunn, Carson Dunn, Jeff Kennedy, Lisa Pickering

**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

**HYMN #466**

<sup>1</sup> O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King; the triumphs of God's grace

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me

<sup>4</sup> My gracious Master and my God: assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:24-30 (NRSV)

Dale Peterson

**TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

Kevin Gates

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dave Sauerbrey

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

OFFERTORY

“The Blessing”



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DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

VIDEO ILLUSTRATION

“Covenants”

by The Bible Project

A WORD FOR TODAY

“Abraham: Righteous Advocate”

Pastor Bill Sperry

Genesis 18:16-33 NRSV

Sermon series: Biblical Games Changers\*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF AFFIRMATION:

I WILL FOLLOW

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move; I will follow

<sup>1</sup> All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone; higher than my sight  
High above my life. I will trust in You alone

*Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow (You)*

<sup>2</sup> Light into the world, light into my life  
I will live for You alone; You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find all I need in You alone, in You alone

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow (I will follow You yeah)

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**\*Biblical Game Changers**

*The Bible was built on stories of God doing extraordinary things through ordinary people. They became the Game Changers-cultural entrepreneurs who transformed the landscape of human history in partnership with God Most High. Join East Woods this Spring as we rediscover ten Biblical Game Changers and find inspiration in their stories of faithfulness, trust, strength, and love. Featuring: Abraham, Ruth, Joseph, Moses, Mary, David, Peter, Daniel, Job & John.*

