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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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Sunday, February 25, 2018, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

\*Gathering Song: "Beautiful Savior" Insert  
(\*Please stand if you are able.)

\*God Greet Us - We Greet Each Other

\*Call to Worship:

Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ,  
who has redeemed us from sin and death.

**We, whom He has redeemed,**

**will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;**

because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through His blood,  
the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of His grace.

**Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law**

**by becoming a curse for us.**

Let us praise Him by saying:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,**

**to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

**To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb**

**we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen.**

\*Songs of Praise: "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Verse 1

Thank You for the cross, Lord;  
Thank You for the price You paid;  
Bearing all my sin and shame,  
In love You came,  
and gave amazing grace.

Verse 2

Thank You for this love, Lord;  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands;  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,  
Now all I know  
Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne;  
Crown You now with many crowns,  
You reign victorious;  
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,  
The Darling of heaven crucified;  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb.

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Insert

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S FORGIVENESS

As humans, we are very skeptical to embrace the concept of God's complete forgiveness. We think that God handles forgiveness like we do when someone commits an offense against us: we forgive, but keep a tally of that offense. We expect something in return for our forgiveness, that the offender makes amends, or at least promises that the wrong won't happen again. And if there are too many strikes, there will be consequences.

We know that God forgives us, but it hard for us to understand that He chooses to forget and relinquishes His right to avenge. We feel like we are one more sin away from losing God's love; but it is *because* of His immense love for us that He chooses to remember our sins no more.

Song: "East to West" Praise Team

Professing Our Faith in Forgiveness: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56

Q: What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

A: **I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature, which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in His grace, God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

Song: "Jesus Paid it All" Insert

Offering Our Gifts: Avery Street General Fund

"The Wonderful Cross"

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Elder Cal Hulstein

Children's Message

Marg Christians

(Children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Scripture:

Luke 23:32-43

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**MESSAGE: "The Promise of Pardon"**

Prayer (including silent time for confession)

\*Song of Response:

"Grace Like Rain"

Insert

Praying Together

## GOING TO SERVE AS JESUS' OBEDIENT DISCIPLES

\*God's Blessing of Grace and Peace

\*Parting Song:

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Burgundy 309:1,3

CCLI #526095

Accompanist: Praise Team

**If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.**

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please check out our church's website:

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“Beautiful Savior”

Verse 1

All my days  
I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise  
To the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

Verse 2

I will trust  
In the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven,  
Of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

Chorus

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all!

Verse 3

I long to be  
Where the praise is never ending,  
Yearn to dwell  
Where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshippers  
Will share one song,  
And cries of “Worthy” will honor the Lamb!

“Jesus Paid It All”

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

*Chorus 1*

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

*Verse 2*

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone  
Chorus 1

*Verse 3*

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
“Jesus died my soul to save”  
My lips shall still repeat  
Chorus 1

*Interlude*

Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
Chorus 2

*Chorus 2*

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead  
(Jesus)

## "Grace Like Rain"

### Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind but now I see so clearly.

### Chorus

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me;  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away  
(They're washed away).

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

### Interlude

Yeah

### Verse 3

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

### Ending

Hallelujah yeah  
Hallelujah yeah  
Hallelujah yeah oh yeah.  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away.  
They're washed away.

## "Before the Throne of God Above"

### Verse 1

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

### Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

### Verse 3

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.