

Worship Online – September 20th, 2020

Call to Worship:

O God, you are my God –

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,

As in a dry and weary land where there is no water,

So I look upon you, beholding your power and glory!

Gathering Song of Invocation: “Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your Holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail— let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us-truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, if there is wrong in my hands or evil in my heart; if I have repaid an ally with harm or plundered a foe without cause, surely you, O God, are a righteous judge, testing the mind and the heart. I lay my soul in the dust. Revive me, according to your abundant mercy. Blot out my transgressions, and cleanse me from my sin.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Surely God is my shield,

He saves the upright in heart!

I will give thanks to the Lord

And sing praises to the most high!

Song of Response: "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

Oh Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek,
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me. *(repeat)*

*(Chorus) I want to take your word and shine it all around
But first help me just to live it, Lord!
And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown,
For my reward is giving glory to you!*

Oh Lord, please light the fire that once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love, that burns with holy fear.

(Chorus)

Oh Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek,
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

Message for Children

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12. Sermon – "Who Is This Man? Preparation"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Song of Praise: "The Great I Am"

I want to be close, close to your side
So heaven is real, and death is a lie
I want to hear voices of angels above, singing as one:

*(Chorus) Hallelujah, holy, holy, God almighty, the great I AM!
Who is worthy? None beside thee! God almighty, the great I AM!*

I want to be near, near to your heart
Loving the world and hating the dark
I want to see dry bones living again, singing as one: *(Chorus)*

(Bridge)The great I AM

The mountains shake before you, the demons run in fear,

At the mention of your name, king of majesty!

There is no power in hell, nor any who can stand

Before the power and the presence of the great I AM

The great I AM, the great I AM!

(Chorus)

The great I am

The great I am

The great I am

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