

CHAPTER FOUR: DELIVERANCE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF MOSES

Psalm 90

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**

P: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

C: **Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

P: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

C: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: God's power is great. God is the one who "forms light and creates darkness". There is nothing that is outside of God's control. Too often we have forgotten to recognize God's power in the world and in our lives. We have failed to give God the credit God deserves. During this time of reflection, let us think about the times we have failed to recognize God's power in our lives.

Silent Reflection

P: We confess our sins.....

C: **Most merciful God, You have promised to provide for all of our needs. You have fulfilled these promises in mighty ways in our life. Our response to Your work in our lives has not always been filled with thanksgiving and praise. Today we need to recognize the sin us and ask that You would forgive us and make us new. Forgive and cleanse us so that we can be pleasing in Your sight and ministers in Your service.**

P: Our God is great! The death of Jesus—God's Son—has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are daughters and sons of God. We are ministers of each other. God's power has renewed us! Thanks be to God!

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "Red Book" 59

Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you, There'll be shouts of joy,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands,

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The trees of the field will clap their hands,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands

While you go out with joy,

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you, There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands,
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Heavenly Father, we ask you to give us a clearer picture of who you are. We pray that it will not be tainted with false understandings and childish images, but shaped by your Word of truth. Help us to look to none but you for who we are, for our provision, and for our guidance. Even in our wilderness, you are our very life. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 3:7-15

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-22

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Red Book" 74

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy
Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before You as a
Token of our love, Holy, holy, holy holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father, We're so blest to be Your
Children, Gracious Father; And we lift our heads before You as a
Token of our love, Gracious Father, Gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus, We're so glad that You've redeemed
Us, Precious Jesus; And we lift our hands before You as a
Token of our love, Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Come and fill our hearts a
New, Holy Spirit; And we lift our voice before You as a
Token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, And we lift our hearts before You as a
Token of our love, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

SERMON

"Removing Barriers"

APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.**
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

(We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer)

C: Amen

THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Red Book" 119

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“Red Book” 108 I’ve Got Peace Like a River

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a
River, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a
River, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an
Ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an
Ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a
Fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a
Fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

GOOD WORDS

P: Go in peace. God has broken down all barriers.

C: We will celebrate forgiveness in the week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening concern, and deeds of generosity.

P: Go in peace. God has broken down all barriers.

C: We have heard about God’s intentional love for us. We will intentionally share this love with others.

P: The Lord be with you. Go and serve in Jesus’ name. Amen

C: Amen.

CHOIR SONG We Say “Amen” By Pepper Choplin

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.