



Sunday Worship

11 am

September 13, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)" CCLI 3091812
~ Sarah Hagar and the Worship band: Patrick Karst, Jeff Stover, Jim Watson

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Chorus Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's flowing deep inside of me
Every time I see You all Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God-song rising up in me

Chorus Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Open our hearts to love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, and forgive others as you have forgiven us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings Chris Dale

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Pastor Jennifer Shaw

Sermon Song “By Your Side” CCLI 5381898

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Why are you striving these days? Why are you trying to earn grace?
Why are you crying? Let me lift up your face just don't turn away
Why are you looking for love? Why are you still searching as if I'm not enough?
To where will you go child? Tell me where will you run, to where will you run?

Chorus ‘Cause I'll be by your side wherever you fall
In the dead of night whenever you call
And please don't fight these hands that are holding you
My hands are holding you

Look at these hands at my side, they swallowed the grave on that night
When I drank the world's sin so I could carry you in and give you life
I wanna give you life

Chorus 2 ‘Cause I'll be by your side wherever you fall
In the dead of night whenever you call
And please don't fight these hands that are holding you
My hands are holding you here at my side wherever you fall
In the dead of night whenever you call
And please don't fight these hands that are holding you
My hands are holding you

Bridge ‘Cause I, I love you, I want you to know
That I, I love you, I'll never let you go *Chorus 2*

Ending Here at my side my hands are holding you

Apostles' Creed

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 born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

“Oh Mercy” by Stu Garrard
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Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer...

Words of Institution***The Lord’s Prayer Sung***

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.

Communion**Announcements****Blessing****Sending Song**

“Impossible Things” CCLI 7070288
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You heal the broken-hearted
You set the captive free
You lift the heavy burden
And even now You are lifting me

Chorus There is no healer like the Lord our Maker
 There is no equal to the King of kings oh
 Our God is with us we will fear no evil
 'Cause You do impossible things
 You do impossible things

Though I walk through the valley
Darkness surrounding me
There You prepare a table
In the presence of my enemies yeah *Chorus*

Bridge One word and the walls start falling
 One word and the blind will see
 One word and the sinner's forgiven
 'Cause You do impossible things (*Repeat*) *Chorus* 2x

Dismissal ~ Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.