

# Welcome!

We're glad you're with us today.

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# **GATHFRING**

Welcome and Announcements
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Call to Worship Exodus 15:1-2 (ESV) Peter Paye

**Leader:** Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become

my salvation.

This is my God, and I will praise him.

# Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is your health and salvation!
All you who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! who will prosper your work and defend you.

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him.

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again,

gladly forever adore him.

# Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

#### **Chorus:**

Savior, he can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save; he is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation,
he rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.

I give my life to follow everything I believe in,

now I surrender.

**Chorus Twice** 

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# **Prayer of Confession**

**Leader:** Gracious Father, it is your glory that you can overcome the wildness of your sheep. We confess that we have not faithfully listened for your voice:

All: We have ignored the instruction of your Word, the working of your Spirit, and the guiding of conscience. In your mercy, forgive us. Strengthen us to walk in faith with hearts attuned to our Good Shepherd's voice, that we may know the strength of his outstretched arm and enjoy the light of your presence forever.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

# Words of Encouragement Psalm 145:13-14 (ESV)

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

# **Jesus Strong and Kind**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him. No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

#### **Chorus:**

For the Lord is good and faithful, he will keep us day and night. We can always run to Jesus: Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him. No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

#### Chorus

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me. And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

#### **Chorus Twice**

# The Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

### **Hymn of Heaven**

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets,

To look upon the one who bled to save me and walk with him for all eternity.

#### Chorus:

There will be a day when all will bow before him, there will be a day when death will be no more.

Standing face to face with Christ who died and rose again.

Holy, holy is the Lord.

And every prayer
we prayed in desperation,
the songs of faith
we sang through doubt and fear,
In the end we'll see that it was worth it,
when he returns to wipe away our tears.

#### Chorus

And on that day we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith. With one voice, a thousand generations sing "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

#### Repeat

Forever he shall reign!

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven with angels and the saints we raise a mighty roar. Glory to our God, who gave us life beyond the grave. Holy, holy is the Lord.

# Repeat

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# THE WORD

Sermon Scripture Reading John 10:10-21 (ESV) Reader: Tom Brinks

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen

to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

<sup>19</sup> There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dr. Jimmy Agan

# I AM - Seven Reasons to Trust Jesus: I Am the Good Shepherdr

# COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**Words of Institution** 

**Distribution of the Elements** 

# **Partaking Together**

**Leader:** Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

**All:** Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**Leader:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Feed on them in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

### SENDING

# Worship through Giving 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

GIVING BACK TO GOD A PORTION OF WHAT HE HAS GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR US IS A FORM OF WORSHIP. TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO INTOWN, PLEASE REFER TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS WORSHIP GUIDE FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS TO GIVE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

# **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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# Benediction Based on Psalm 23

May the Lord shepherd you and make you lie down in green pastures; may he restore your soul and lead you in paths of righteousness; may he be with you and comfort you; may he anoint your head with oil and bestow his goodness and mercy on you all the days of your life.

# **Worship Music Leaders**

Jeremy Bell – Percussion Gloria Crawford – Piano, Vocals Stacey Dombrowski – Guitar, Vocals Lesley Maginas – Vocals Jon Sharpley – Bass Guitar, Vocals

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **IDX Family Vacation**

The IDX "Family Vacation," is our high school summer trip for current 8th-12th grade students, and we're going to Tybee Island, GA from June 29-July 3. This will be a great time of teaching, fellowship, worship and lots of summer fun. Register today at <a href="intown.org/events">intown.org/events</a>!

#### Atlanta Summer RUF

Intown is once again hosting Atlanta Summer RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) gatherings for all interested college students who are in town for the summer (including those who will be freshmen this fall). We'll be meeting four times this summer: May 23, June 20, July 18 and Aug. 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Intown Coffeehouse. Questions? Contact <u>Tricia Agan</u>.

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