Welcome to worship with Community Church of Issaquah! During this time of worship, we will be lighting a prayer candle, and sharing communion together. So we invite you to gather a candle and lighter, and some bread and juice/wine before we begin.

Call to Worship

Leader: Stand among us once again, risen Christ,
People: And bless us with your greeting, "Peace be with you."

Leader: Come among us once again, risen Christ,
People: And breathe on us your promised Spirit.

Leader: Be among us once again, risen Christ,
People: Because even though we have not seen you, we love you.

Prayer

Light your candles.

Hymn # 139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Savior,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand has provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. CHORUS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. CHORUS
O, how I love Jesus! O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth,
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.  

CHORUS

It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free,
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea.  

CHORUS

It tells me what my Father has, in store for everyday
And tho’ I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way.  

CHORUS

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN # 548  As the Deer
As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

You’re my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.  

CHORUS

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING    I Peter 1: 3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven
genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

REFLECTION   Reading the Will

HYMN # 462 Come, Share the Lord
We gather here in Jesus’ name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through his loving Son, the Father makes us one;
Come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host;
Come, eat the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

SHARING THE LORD’S TABLE
   This is Christ’s body broken for you.
   This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood

BENEDICTION   Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

And all God’s people say, “AMEN!”