

WORSHIP SERVICE CONGREGATION

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Proverbs 3: 5-6 The Message)

LEADER: Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

PEOPLE: Don't try to figure out everything on your own.

LEADER: Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

PEOPLE: God is the one who will direct your path.

PRAYER

HYMN # 147 How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the tress;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

CHORUS

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

CHORUS

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

CHORUS

HYMN Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Wonderful, Merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a lamb could
Rescue the souls of man, Oh, you rescue the souls of man.

***You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for, Oh our hearts always hunger for.***

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way, Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way. **CHORUS**

Oh mighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us,
Falling before your throne, Oh we're falling before your throne. **CHORUS x 2**

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

HYMN # 627 Cares Chorus
I cast all my cares upon You,
I lay all of burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 2: 1- 15

¹When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

⁴Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. ¹⁰“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

¹³Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

¹⁵The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, “The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.” And they went to meet him and bowed to the

ground before him. ¹⁶ “Look,” they said, “we your servants have fifty able men. Let them go and look for your master. Perhaps the Spirit of the Lord has picked him up and set him down on some mountain or in some valley.”

“No,” Elisha replied, “do not send them.”

¹⁷ But they persisted until he was too embarrassed to refuse. So he said, “Send them.” And they sent fifty men, who searched for three days but did not find him. ¹⁸ When they returned to Elisha, who was staying in Jericho, he said to them, “Didn’t I tell you not to go?”

HYMN # 389 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me;

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

BENEDICTION

May the Spirit of the Living God fall on us like a mantle, empowering us to walk into the unknown future. May we not look back with longing, but look forward to God’s next steps among us. Go in peace, and serve the Lord.