

Celebration!

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16 Pentecost

Musical Offering: "Instrument of Peace" Jerry Estes

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Love Come Down

Chorus **I will sing forever of your love come down
With my hands to heaven shout your praises loud
I was lost in darkness when you pulled me out
I will sing forever of your love come down**

**I once was blind I could not see - chains of sin had shackled me
But God in heaven heard my plea - Jesus Jesus rescued me, Jesus Jesus rescued me** *Chorus*

**Now grace so sweet it floods my soul and hope eternal won't let go
My debt erased at Calvary - Jesus Jesus rescued me, Jesus Jesus rescued me** *Chorus*

**Well there's a home beyond the sky - a song we'll sing for all of time
The grave is empty I am free - Jesus Jesus rescued me, Jesus Jesus rescued me** *Chorus*

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Words for Worship

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.

Made to Worship

**Before the day - before the light - before the world revolved around the sun
God on high stepped down into time and wrote the story of his love for everyone
He has filled our hearts with wonder so that we always remember**

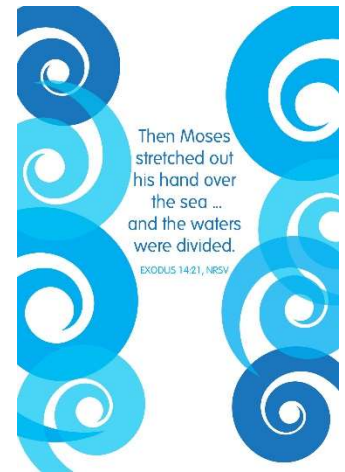
Chorus **You and I are made to worship - you and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free
When you and I embrace surrender- when you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see who we were meant to be**

**All we are and all we have is all a gift from God that we receive
Brought to life we open up our eyes to see the majesty and glory of the King
He has filled our hearts with wonder so that we always remember** *chorus*

**Even the rocks cry out - even the heavens shout - at the sound of his holy name
So let ev'ry voice sing out - let ev'ry knee bow down - he's worthy of all our praise** *chorus*

Yeah we were meant to be oo - you and I you and I yeah yeah oo we were meant to be

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31

Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**My chains are gone I've been set free; my God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy rains; unending love amazing grace**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God who creates and recreates all that exists. We believe in Jesus, the only Son of God, who came to earth to live as one of us. Jesus lived a life of example and teaching, and sacrificed his own life for the sake of all creation. We believe the Holy Spirit is the presence of God with us. God's Spirit calls us into relationship, builds the church of Christ, and releases God's forgiving power within us. We believe we can experience the love of God through the Word, the Sacraments, prayer, and the loving community of believers. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Confession

Lord, we want to set limits for forgiveness. We want to know if one time to forgive someone is sufficient. We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice, but we have our limits. Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which you have offered your forgiving love to us. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies. We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and healing to one another. **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, shaking hands or embracing and saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

Welcome to the table of the Lord! God supplies for our every need and gives us this meal to share.
God, we thank you for the bread of eternal life.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to come and receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion.

Please move front and center where the bread and wine will be given. Please take the bread and move to the server with the cup. As the server offers the cup, please dip (intinct) the edge of the wafer into the wine and place it in your mouth as the server says "the blood of Christ, shed for you". As the bread and wine are given you may wish to say "Amen". For any with medical or personal reasons for not using wine, the wafer (host) alone will impart the full benefit - you need not intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply ask when you get to the server.

Children are Welcome, Too!

Children who have not received instruction for first Holy Communion are welcome to come to the altar to receive a blessing.

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen**

My Lighthouse

**In my wrestling and in my doubts - In my failures you won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through - you are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**In the silence you won't let go - In the questions your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through - you are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Chorus **My Lighthouse my Lighthouse - Shining in the darkness I will follow you oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse - I will trust the promise you will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings - with each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through - you are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Bridge **Fire before us - you're the brightest - you will lead us through the storms (hey) repeat 3x)**

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We Go Out To Serve

Go in Peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**