

# Celebration!

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Transfiguration

Musical Offering: "Holy, Holy Ground" Larry Mayfield



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

*Days of Elijah*

**These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice In the desert crying, prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

*Chorus* **Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel - the dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of your servant David - rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world  
And we are the laborers In your vineyard - declaring the Word of the Lord**

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We Gather to Worship

God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved." **Let us worship you, O beloved God.**

God said, "Listen!" **We want to hear your word anew this day.**

God said, "Do not be afraid." **We lay our worries at your feet.**

And after all this was spoken, God was quiet.

**Still our souls, quiet our minds, and prepare us to be transformed, holy God.**

*Beautiful One*

**Wonderful so wonderful is your unfailing love - Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen no ear has heard - No heart could fully know how glorious how beautiful you are**

*Chorus* **Beautiful One I love you - Beautiful One I adore - Beautiful One my soul must sing**

**Powerful so powerful your glory fills the skies - Your mighty works displayed for all to see  
The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing how marvelous how wonderful you are**

*Bridge* **You opened my eyes to your wonders anew - You captured my heart with this love  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you**

*Ending* **My soul my soul must sing (3x) Beautiful One**

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Prayer

Let us pray together: **Transport us, O God, to the mountaintop with you. Let us leave behind in the valley anything that would blunt our hearing of your word. Blind us with the dazzling truth of your glory, once again. Let the gospel address us as if for the first time, through the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

*Message: Pastor Rachel Hacker*

*I'm Singing*

**Only one name lasts forever – Only one fame stands alone  
Only one King has an anthem – That goes on and on and on**

*Chorus* **And I'm singing to the God who brings redemption to the nations  
Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise  
And I'm singing to the God who wrote the book on our salvation  
To the One Who covers me in grace, (I'm singing)**

**Only one Word in the beginning – Only one Truth will prevail  
Only one Love brings a freedom – Only one Man took the nails**

**Praise praise to the Savior – Praise to the Lamb of God  
Praise in all of His splendor – Praise for saving my life**

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*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us join together to affirm our 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*

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Confession*

**Forgive us, O God, when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face.  
Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways.  
Enlighten the shadows that keep us from growing in your love and light.  
Shower us with your grace, that we might shine as your people upon this earth.**

*Forgiveness*

We are all God's beloved children. Through the grace of Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*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*

We celebrate the promise of Jesus that we are born again to everlasting life.

**We come to receive Jesus in these gifts of bread and wine.**

*Words of Institution*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has taught us:

**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". Once you have received communion, you may prayerfully return to your seat.

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... Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **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**

To the Ends of the Earth

**Love unfailing, overtaking my heart. You take me in - finding peace again - fear is lost in all you are.  
And I would give the world to tell your story  
'Cause I know that you've called me, I know that you've called me.  
I've lost myself for good within your promise and I won't hide it, no I won't hide it.**

**Jesus I believe in you and I would go to the ends of the earth, to the ends of the earth  
For you alone are the Son of God and all the world will see that you are God, that you are God.**

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We Go Out To Serve

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