

Announcements & Prelude

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:12-13

Leader: Come, worship the Lord, for worthy is the Lamb who was slain:

Congregation: He alone is worthy to receive power and wealth and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: And every living creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth says together:

Congregation: To Him to sits on the throne, and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Leader: Amen.

Invocation

Music: We Believe

(words & music: Graham Kendrick)
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Chorus

Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Name above all names
Name above all names
Name above all names

We believe in God the Father
Maker of the universe
And in Christ His Son our Saviour
Come to us by virgin birth
We believe He died to save us
Bore our sins was crucified
Then from death He rose victorious
Ascended to the Father's side (*repeat chorus*)

We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power
God His word of truth affirming
Sends us to the nations now
He will come again in glory
Judge the living and the dead
Every knee shall bow before Him
Then must every tongue confess (*repeat chorus*)

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 2-5

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; and third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

How do you come to know your misery?

The law of God tells me.

What does the law require of us?

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

Music: How Excellent Is Thy Name

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Chorus

How excellent is Thy name, O Lord
How excellent is Thy name
Heaven and earth together proclaim
How excellent is Thy name

I look into the midnight blue
And see the work You've done
Your children raise a perfect praise
While enemies hold their tongue
Creation shows Your splendor
Your reigning majesty
And yet I find You take the time
To care for one like me (*repeat chorus*)

One fine day when the trumpets play
And the dead in Christ shall rise
A chosen few will gather
To proclaim You Lord Most High
With joyful alleluias
The heavenly hosts will sing
Ev'ry knee shall bow
And tongue tell out
You are the King of kings (*repeat chorus*)

Music: How Majestic Is Your Name

(words and music: Michael W. Smith)
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Oh Lord, our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, we praise Your name
Oh Lord, we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace Mighty God
Oh Lord God Almighty

Music: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(words and music: Helen H. Lemmel)
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O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are (*repeat chorus*)

His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell (*repeat chorus*)

Music: Be Thou My Vision

(words trans. Mary E. Byrne, vers. Eleanor H. Hull; music: traditional Irish melody)
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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Community Prayer

Music: Doxology

(lyrics: Thomas Ken, music: Old Hundredth)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye, heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Sermon: “The Good of the Law”

Galatians 3:19-25

Rev. Alex Ford

Music: I Have Decided

(words and music: Michael Card)

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Chorus

I have decided
I'm gonna live like a believer
Turn my back on the deceiver
I'm gonna live what I believe
I have decided
Bein' good is just a fable
I just can't 'cause I'm not able
I'm gonna leave it to the Lord

There's a wealth of things that I professed
I said that I believed
But deep inside I never changed
I guess I'd been deceived
'Cause a voice inside kept tellin' me
That I'd change by and by
But the Spirit made it clear to me
That kind of life's a lie (*repeat chorus*)

So forget the game of being good
And your self-righteous pain
'Cause the only good inside your heart
Is the good that Jesus brings
When the world begins to see you change
Don't expect them to applaud
Just keep your eyes on Him and tell yourself
I've become the work of God (*repeat chorus*)

Music: The Only Name (Yours Will Be)

(words and music: Benji Cowart)

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Yours will be the only Name that matters to me
The only One Whose favor I seek
The only Name that matters to me

Yours will be the friendship and affection I need

To feel my Father smiling on me
The only Name that matters to me

Chorus

And Yours is the Name the Name that saved me
Mercy and grace the power that forgave me
And Your love is all I've ever needed

Bridge

When I wake up in the land of glory
With the saints I will tell my story
There will be one Name that I proclaim

Music: We Are

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Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus

We are the light of the world
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine (*repeat*)

We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through (*repeat chorus*)

We are the light we are the light we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light we are the light we are the light
Jesus You are the light You are the light
You are the light
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine (*repeat chorus*)

Benediction