

Announcements & Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
 Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever!
 Leader: He alone does great wonders in creation:
 Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever!
 Leader: He provides for His people throughout history:
 Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever!
 Leader: He remembers our low estate, and He rescues us from our foes:
 Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever!
 Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
 All: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Invocation

Music: Above All Else

(words & music: Deby & Kirk Dearman)

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You are exalted Lord above all else
 We place You at the highest place above all else
 Right now where we stand and everywhere we go
 We place You at the highest place
 So the world will know

Chorus

You are a Mighty Warrior
 Dressed in armor of light
 Crushing the deeds of darkness
 Lead us on in the fight
 Through the blood of Jesus
 Victorious we stand
 We place You at the highest place
 Above all else in this land

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 12-15

According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

God requires that His justice be satisfied. Therefore, the claims of His justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves, or by another.

Can we pay the debt ourselves?

Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

Can another creature – any at all – pay this debt for us?

No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is: one who is also truly God.

Music: Blow the Trumpet

(words and music: Craig Terndrup)
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They rush on the city
They run on the wall
Great is the army
That carries out His word
They rush on the city
They run on the wall
Great is the army
That carries out His word
The Lord utters His voice
Before His army
The Lord utters His voice
Before His army

Chorus

Blow the trumpet in Zion, Zion
Sound the alarm on My holy mountain
Blow the trumpet in Zion, Zion
Sound the alarm (Sound the alarm)

Music: Thou Art a Shield for Me

(words and music: Freda Tapp)
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How are they increased that trouble me
Many are they that rise up against me
Many are they that say of my soul
There is no help for him in God

Chorus

But Thou O Lord art a shield for me
My glory and the lifter of my head
But Thou O Lord art a shield for me
My glory and the lifter of my head

I will not be afraid
Of ten thousands of people
Who set themselves
Against me round about (*repeat chorus*)

I cried unto the Lord
With my voice
And He heard me out
Of His holy hill (*repeat chorus*)

Music: My Savior, My God

(words and music: Aaron Shust, Dorothy Greenwell)
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I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed what God has planned
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior

I take Him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior

Chorus

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior
My Savior loves my Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God He was my God He is
My God is always gonna be

Yes living dying let me bring
My strength my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior (*repeat chorus*)

Music: I Lift My Hands

(words and music: Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, Matt Maher)
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Be still there is a healer
His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing
His arms a fortress for the weak
Let faith arise
Let faith arise

Chorus

I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge
You are my strength
As I pour out my heart
These things I remember
You are faithful God (You're faithful God)
Forever

Be still there is a river
That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty
Your grace that washes over me
Let faith arise
Let faith arise (*repeat chorus*)

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: “Bondage and Freedom”

Galatians 4:1-7
Rev. Alex Ford

Music: We Bow Down

(words and music: Twila Paris)
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You are Lord of creation
And Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be

Chorus

We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
Lord of all lords You will be

You are King of creation
And King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens
Before there was time
And King of all kings You will be (*repeat chorus*)

Music: He Is Exalted

(words and music: Twila Paris)
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He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

Music: It Is Well

(words: Horatio Spafford; music: Philip Bliss)
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When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll:
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul!”

Chorus

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O, my soul! (*repeat chorus*)

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, "It is well with my soul!" (*repeat chorus*)

Benediction