

Worship Leader Edition
Summer of Mission
MACV/Independence Day

July 4, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

+LITANY FOR SERVANTS (*Rob*)

L: Lord, you call us to serve others in your name. Help us to forget our discomfort and become focused on you and immersed in serving others as we claim your promise to be among us. Thank you for calling us to be your hands and feet in the world.

C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.

L: We see your hand in our lives and feel your care and abiding presence each day of our lives. Help us to serve joyfully, to see others with your compassionate eyes, and to live each day with a servant heart.

C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.

L: Gracious God, give us your words to sustain the weary. Help us to listen. Give us servant ears and hearts to help.

C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.

L: Lord Jesus, we want to be your agents of justice in a hurting world. Help us to hold nothing back from serving others in your name, help us to be open about praising you and giving you the glory.

C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others.

L: Take our attention away from ourselves so we can focus on you and on the needs of others. Help us to provide encouragement to others.

C: Jesus, Servant Master, help us to joyfully serve others, in your name. Amen.

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+GATHERING SONG

“Indescribable”

Laura Story

Verse 1

From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation revealing Your majesty

From the colors of Fall
to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique
in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus 1

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God

All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
where it should go

Or seen heavenly storehouses
laden with snow

Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us
the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus 1

Interlude

You are amazing God

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God

Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Jon Sasseville*)

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Rising"

Paul Baloche, Matt Redman

Intro

From the rising of the sun
'til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord
be praised

People of God
in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God
we sing

From the rising of the sun
'til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord
be praised

Chorus 1
From the rising of the sun
'til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord
be praised

Verse 1

We've gathered to worship
Becoming a choir
to sing Your praise

From the rising of the sun
'til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord
be praised

Lifting our voices
Joining our hearts
in this house today

From the sky to the depths
From the east to the west
We give You praise

Verse 2

We're gathered to go out
 To cities and towns
 We'll take Your name

Into the nations
 Shining Your light
 in the darkest place

People of God
 in the power of God
 For the Kingdom of God
 we live

Chorus 1**Interlude****Chorus 2**

From the rising of the sun
 'til the sun goes down
 Let the name of the Lord

be praised

From the rising of the sun
 'til the sun goes down
 Let the name of the Lord
 be praised

From the sky to the depths
 From the east to the west

Chorus 1**Ending**

We give you praise
 We give you praise
 We give you praise

From the rising of the sun
 'till the sun goes down
 Let the name of the Lord
 be praised

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Mollee Erickson*)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Rob*)DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. As we prepare to receive this gift of life and forgiveness, let us take a moment of silent confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

+CLOSING SONG

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty, S. Townend

Verse 1

In Christ alone
my hope is found
He is my light,
my strength my song

This Cornerstone
This solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm

What heights of love
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease

My Comforter
My All in All
Here in the love of
Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone
who took on flesh
Fullness of God
in helpless babe

This gift of love
And righteousness
Scorned by the ones
He came to save

Till on that cross
as Jesus died
The love of God
was satisfied

For every sin
On Him was laid
Here in the death of
Christ I live

Instrumental Interlude

Verse 3

There in the ground
His body lay
Light of the world
By darkness slain

Then bursting forth
In glorious Day
Up from the grave
He rose again

And as He stands
in victory
Sin's curse has lost
its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ

Chorus

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

From life's first cry
To final breath
Jesus commands
my destiny

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

No power of hell
No scheme of man
Can ever pluck
me from His hand

Verse 4

No guilt in life
No fear in death
This is the power of
Christ in me

Till He returns
or calls me home
Here in the power of
Christ I'll stand

+DISMISSAL (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE