When night has fallen
When fear is common
Still, You're calling me
When faith is lost, and
My hope exhausted
You will be my strength

When my mind says I'm not good enough
God, You're enough for me
I've decided I'm not giving up
You won't give up on me
You won't give up on me

Your love is holding on and it won't let go
I feel it breaking out like an echo
Your love is holding on and it won't let go
I feel it breaking out like an echo

Echo in my soul
Oh
In every season
You keep repeating
Promises to me

Now there's no stopping What You have started 'Til it is complete

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God, You're enough for me
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You won't give up on me
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Echo in my soul Oh (soul) In my soul Oh (soul) When my mind says I'm not good enough
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Echo in my soul

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who lives with us and whom we experience every day.
- C Amen.
- A As we yearn to serve God, let us come now in confession, trusting the love of Christ.
- A God who searches us and knows us,
- You know our path and direct our steps. Yet, we have not fully extended our lives to serve your mission. Help us worship, connect, care, grow, serve and give generously in response to your grace. Give us courage to follow you even when there are challenges and uncertainty. Forgive us gracious God.
- P My Friends, God knows you and forgives you. Experience God now through forgiveness + from Jesus Christ. This love and understanding moves us into action. So, move boldly to serve God's mission. Seek God and help others experience God as we live liberated by grace.
- C Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Holy One,
- you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## MINISTRY REMINDERS

## **FIRST READING** 2 Corinthians 5:16-19

## A A reading from 2 Corinthians

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

A Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

# A Servant in Your Heavenly House

LCR Choir

## **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:35-40

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

SERMON Pastor Derek Harman

(Please stand if you are able)

SONG

# By Our Love

For King and Country

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

#### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians By our love by our love Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land **Chorus** 

## **Bridge**

They'll know us by our love Our love, our love, our love They'll know us by our love Our love, our love, our love

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride Chorus
Bridge

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with "God, we pray", the congregation responds, "Open our hands in love"

## **PEACE**

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

(Please be seated)

## **GIFTS OF OFFERING**

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Holy God,

C giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving Creator. In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth and formed humanity in your own image. You breathed into us your own breath of love and gave us hearts and hands and voices to live your loving purpose in the world.

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus, born into a human family, raised in a hometown, who gathered around himself a community formed by your love, and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen. Sitting at dinner with friends and knowing one among them would break the bonds of love, 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 or you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way 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 sins. Do this remembrance of me.

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. Come eat and live. (Please be seated)



SONG Gratitude

All my words fall short I got nothing new How could I express All my gratitude

I could sing these songs As I often do But every song must end And You never do

## **Chorus**

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

I've got one response I've got just one move With my arms stretched wide I will worship You **Chorus** 

# **Bridge**

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord **Chorus** 

## (Please stand if you are able)

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.
- C Amen

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

## Friends in Christ,

- A You are the light of the world. Will you generously shine in the world so that people may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven? If so, enthusiastically respond,
- C "We will, with God's help."
- P You are the salt of the earth. Will you enhance the world around you with Christ's presence wherever you go through word and deed? If so, enthusiastically respond,
- C "We will, with God's help."
- A You are God's Work. Will you BE the faith you've received in baptism? Will you LIVE the religion you claim? Will you CHANGE the lives of others by your actions as we do God's Work. With Our Hands. If so, enthusiastically respond,
- C "We will, with God's help."
- P May God who has created you in rich community, to love, to learn, to share and to serve, be with you as you go out. May God who meets you, in grace, in challenge, in beauty and in patience, greet you outside these walls. And may God who walks with you, in water and wine, in friend and stranger, watch over you and bring you joy. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless and guide you today and always.

## ALL Amen.

## **BLESSING**

P God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, + bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

## Amen.



## **DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
- C Thanks be to God.