



The Worship of God

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PRELUDE

Within This Place

Randy Warner

Vicki Chadwick, soprano; Jon-Jon Braxton, acolyte

Our God made days and nights, all creatures, earth and sea, the galaxy and universe; created you and me. God's breath brought life to all and God looked beyond our flaws. O gracious God, you call us home to love, to life, again.

Refrain: O God, within this place, we find a home where hurt and shame and fear are met with grace. A home to praise the One who sets us free again to love others home.

Within our human bodies are feelings we all know. Loving, laughing, crying, hating; ways in which they show. O Jesus, Son of God, who died forgiving all, help us to remember that forgiving is our call. *Refrain.*

O Spirit, dwell within us as we sing our thanks and praise. O Spirit, shape our actions as we pray for Christ-like ways. O Spirit, teach us how to make your home as one and bless us with your Spirit gifts to help God's Way be done. *Refrain.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan & Holly Alley

*(All speak words in **boldface.**)*

The God of creation makes us one in body!

Let us give witness in faith, hope, and love!

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

Let us worship God in joyful praise!

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt. TUNE: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things:

**behind the energy of the storm,
behind the heat of a million suns.**

Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds:

**behind the ability to think and reason,
behind all understanding of the truth.**

Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:

**behind the weakness, the torture and the death,
behind unconquerable love.**

**O changeless God, under the conviction of your Spirit,
I learn that the more I do, the worse I am.**

**The more I know, the less I know;
the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am;
the more I love, the more there is to love.**

My heart is full of affection, yet full of leaks.

We are your Body, and yet we lose track of how we are knit together.

**Our memory is faulty; we easily forget the lessons learned
and so your truths seep away. Give us broken hearts that—
even still—carry home the waters of grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

What more could be done than what Christ has done? His death is our life, his resurrection our peace, his ascension our hope, his prayers our comfort. Friends, hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

Amen, amen. (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Church Is... A Community of Love”

Rev. Laura Viau

*O for world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious sign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 TUNE: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[from the 2nd Helvetic, "The Ministry of Reconciliation" (5:098).]

**In the letter to the Corinthians
the apostle says that the Lord
gave the ministry of
reconciliation
to his ministers.
And what this is
he then explains, saying
that it is the preaching or
teaching of reconciliation.
And explaining his words still
more clearly
he adds
that Christ's ministers**

**discharge the office of an
ambassador in Christ's name,
as if God himself through
ministers
exhorted the people
to be reconciled to God,
doubtless by faithful obedience.
Therefore, they exercise the keys
when they persuade [people]
to believe and repent.
Thus they reconcile men [and
women] to God.**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Gail Thomas, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Ken Curry, bass

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