### March 23, 2025

# Prelude Welcome & Announcements

## Greeting One Another

## **Baby Dedication**

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#### John 1:4-5

In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not understood it.

#### HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the World,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

> I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross. I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God; You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

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#### **PRAYER**

#### **FOREVER**

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

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#### HYMN 292 ~ BEHOLD THE LAMB!

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners, crucified, O, Holy Sacrifice!

> Behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb!

Crown Him! Crown Him! Worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him! Praise Him! Heaven and earth resound.

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world.

For sinners, crucified, O, Holy Sacrifice! Behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb!

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#### BE EXALTED, O GOD

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God above the heavens. Let Thy glory be over all the earth. Be exalted, O God above the heavens. Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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# Offering

#### Hymn 7 ~ Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord;

Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord;
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord!

Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord! Great are You // Lord!

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# CHOOSING LIFE Matthew 7:13-20

### I. Embracing Life (7:13-14)

- A. The Command (13a)
- B. The Conditions (13b~14)
  - 1. That Lead to Loss (13b)
  - 2. That Lead to Life (14)

# II. ESCAPING LIES (7:15-20)

- A. The Command (15a)
- B. The Conditions (15b)
- C. The Considerations (16-20)
  - 1. Sensitive to Fruitfulness (16-18)
    - a. Call for Awareness (16)
    - b. Connection with Authenticity (17-18)
  - 2. Sobered by Failure (19-20)
    - a. Certainty of Accountability (19)
    - b. Criticality of Awareness (20)

#### HYMN $334 \sim$ There Is Power in the Blood (1, 4)

Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder-working power, In the blood of the Lamb; There is power, power, wonder-working power, In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily, His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

# **Announcements**

#### Easter Cantata Rehearsal: March 23, 11:00 am

Following this morning's Worship Service there will be a rehearsal for an Easter Cantata. Anyone is welcome to join and sing. We will also rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

#### Willow Women's Bible Study: March 24, 4:30 pm

We are studying Max Lucado's "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" and meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at Willow Coffee and Bake Shop in Brush. Contact Heidi or Arlene if you have questions.

#### Men's Fellowship: March 26, 7:00 am

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing a study of the life of David in 1 Samuel 18.

#### Praise Team Rehearsal: March 26, 7:00 pm

The Praise Team will rehearse this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

#### Gideons Presentation and Door Offering: March 30

During the Worship Service on March 30, Paul Caughlan will be giving a brief update on the ministry of The Gideons. Following the service, there will be a Door Offering to support The Gideons.

#### 5th Sunday Fellowship & Birthdays: March 30, 11:00 am

Following the Worship Service on March 30 we will have our 5th Sunday Fellowship and Birthday Celebrations. Please bring a main dish and side dish to share. We will also have a cake to celebrate all our birthdays. Cards are in the foyer for you to write down your birthday.

#### Youth Group: March 30, 11:30 am

The Youth Group plans to meet next Sunday following the 5th Sunday Fellowship & Birthday.

#### Home Bible Study: April 1, 5:30 pm

The Home Bible Study meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. We meet in the home of Dallas and Brooke McCombs and are continuing our study of the book of Philippians.

#### Heavenly Heartbeats: April 2, 5:30 pm

The women's Bible study will meet on April 2 at 5:30 p.m. We will be continuing a study on 1 and 2 Peter. Contact Arlene Weimer for more information.

#### Bennett Diaper Shower: April 6

Tucker and Abigail are expecting a new arrival in April. We want to help celebrate with a Diaper Shower. The diapers they use are Pampers Swaddlers or Pure and Pampers Pure Baby Wipes. Please bring diapers to the church by April 6 or contact Heidi if you want to contribute financially.

#### **Offerings**

Thank you very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.