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WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

“THE RIVER”

I know a place where we can go to lay the troubles down eating your soul.

I know a place where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.

Chorus

**Like a tide, it is rising up deep inside, a current
that moves and makes you come alive.**

Living water that brings the dead to life. (Oh, oh!)

We're going down to the river,

down to the river, down to the river to pray.

***Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.***

Let's go down, down, down to the river.

(You will leave changed!)

Let's go down, down, down to the river.

(Never the same!)

I've seen it move in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.

All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams

that have made me born again. **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Let's go down. (Ooh, Ooh. Ooh.)

Let's go down. (Ooh, Ooh. Ooh.)

Let's go down.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P** By choosing to come together and worship God here today, you have chosen a good thing! He is about to bless us with His gifts that we may know Him and His love more deeply. What do you hope to receive here today?
- C** **I know that I will receive God's gifts of love, mercy and grace. In response I want to offer Him my worship and praise; I join God's family here in praying before His throne.**
- P** So we're here, then, to worship God. What is it you believe about God?

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- (We quietly confess our sins to God...)*
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, I confess that I am in my flesh sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that**

I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon your heartfelt and sincere confession as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OFFERING *“LORD, I NEED YOU”*****

Lord I come – I confess – bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh I need You! Every hour I need You!

My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You!

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found, is where You are,

Where You are, Lord I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me. **(Chorus)**

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

When I cannot stand I'll fall on You; Jesus You're my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You!

My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need you!

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PRAYER

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"GOODNESS OF GOD"

I love You, Lord! Oh, Your mercy never fails me!
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God!

Chorus

**All my life You have been faithful!
All my life You have been so, so good!
With every breath that I am able—
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God!**

I love your voice! You have led me through the fire!
In darkest nights You are close like no other!
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God. **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me!
Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me!
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything!
Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me! **(Repeat)**

Repeat chorus 2X

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God!

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

¹Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . ."⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall

be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

MESSAGE

BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

“BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE”

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray— Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now!
We are Your Church. We need Your power in us!

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst.
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause!
We are Your Church. We pray revive this earth!

Chorus

**Build Your kingdom here! Let the darkness fear!
Show Your mighty hand! Heal our streets and land!
Set Your Church on fire! Win this nation back!
Change the atmosphere! Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

Unleash Your kingdom's power— reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us!

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ!

We are Your Church. We are the hope on earth! **(Repeat Chorus)**

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