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WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

“SAME GOD”

I’m calling on the God of Jacob
whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I’m calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need You now to do the same thing for me

Chorus

***Oh God, my God I need You,
Oh God, my God I need You now!
How I need You now!
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages
I’m standing on Your faithfulness!***

I'm calling on the God of Mary
whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants **(Chorus 2X)**

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“WE BELIEVE”

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear.
There is only one foundation: we believe, we believe!

In this broken generation, when all is dark You help us see.
There is only one salvation, we believe, we believe!

Chorus 1

***We believe in God, the Father; we believe in Jesus Christ!
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's givin' us new life!
We believe in the crucifixion; we believe that He conquered death!
We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again.
We believe!***

So let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.
And in our weakness and temptations, we believe. We believe! **(CHORUS)**

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised in the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud; our God will say, "We believe, we believe!"

And the gates of hell will not prevail for the power of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe!

Chorus 2

***We believe in God, the Father; we believe in Jesus Christ!
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's givin' us new life!
We believe in the crucifixion; we believe that He conquered death!
We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back,
He's comin' back again! He's comin' back again!
We believe, we believe!***

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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 “WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR”

Wonderful Merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men Oh, You rescue the souls of men!

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way Oh, we hopelessly lost the way!

Chorus

**You are the One that we praise! You are the One we adore!
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for!
Oh, our hearts always hunger for!**

Almighty infinite Father faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne oh, we're falling before Your throne!

**You are the One that we praise! You are the One we adore!
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for!
Oh, our hearts always hunger for! (REPEAT)**

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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

“WHOM SHALL I FEAR”

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

**I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind!
The God of angel armies is always by my side!
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine!
The God of angel armies is always by my side!**

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory!
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? (*CHORUS*)

Bridge

**And nothing formed against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world in Your hands!
I'm holding on to Your promises;
You are faithful! You are faithful! (*REPEAT BRIDGE*)**

You are faithful. (*CHORUS X2*)

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly,

but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . . ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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.

“ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN”

*You are not alone, if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you've got to lean on but thank God it's all you need!*

Chorus

***And all the people said “Amen!” (whoa-oh!)
And all the people said “Amen!”
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said “Amen!”***

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter
Weak or strong, you know, love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **(CHORUS)**

Bridge

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart!
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart!
Blessed are the people hungry for another start!
For this is the kingdom, the kingdom of God! (CHORUS X2)
And all the people said “Amen!”**

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Amen