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Mother's Day

Good Shepherd Sunday

9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise

"10000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His Holy name Sing like never before

O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me Let me be singing
When the evening comes

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger Your name is great
And Your heart is kind For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

And on that day
When my strength is failing The end draws near

And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years And then forevermore

- "All Who Are Thirsty"

All who are thirsty, all who are weak Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away, in the waves of His mercy As deep cries out to deep

Chorus

Come, Lord Jesus, Come. (4x)

Holy Spirit, Come (4x)

"God Is On the Move"

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight Anytime somebody lives to serve
and not be served

I know, I know, I know, I know

God is on the move, on the move Hallelujah

God is on the move

In many mighty ways

God is on the move, on the move Hallelujah

God is on the move

On the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees Or dares to speak the truth that sets
men free Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word I know, I know, I know, I
know

I see your generation standing on the truth

In each and everyday saying God is on the move Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching souls

And someone says, "Send me, here I go"

I know, I know, I know, I know

I see your generation standing on the truth

In each and everyday saying God is on the move

10:00 Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: We gather together to worship
our loving, nurturing God,

**P: who, like a mother,
knows us intimately,**

L: Loves us unconditionally,

P: Teaches us the way we should go,

L: Comforts us in times of need.

**All: Praise God,
the Source and Sustainer of life!**

*Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

***Opening Prayer**

**God of love, we thank you
for the gift of our mothers:
mothers who labor
to bring us into this world,
mothers to guide us on life's journey,
mothers to teach us how to pray to you.
We praise you, God,
for mothers who listen to us
and cry with us,
who applaud our progress
and laugh with us,
who want the best for us,
who dream with us,**

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Peace - "The Family of God"

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God

Proclamation and Response

**The New Testament: Selected verses
from Saints Peter and Paul**

Readings from selected verses from
The Letters of Saints Peter and Paul, encouraging mother, wives and faithful
women of the church.

1 Peter 3:1-4

Husbands may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 4:7-8

Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Romans 12:9-12

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Praise Team: "Victory"

The song of the redeemed rises through the clouds
There's freedom in the blood of Jesus

And darkness trembles at His feet
Satan has no power
There's freedom in the blood of Jesus

There's victory in the cross

I'm breaking free all my chains are gone

I will sing 'til my lungs give out

I'm gonna shout now that I've found victory

Oh how great a love to take my sin and shame
There's power in the blood of Jesus

This same Spirit that's in me overcame the grave
There's power in the blood of Jesus

There's power in the blood of Jesus
Oh there's power in the blood of Jesus

Sin has no hold on me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

1. The LÓRD is my shépherd;
there is nóthing I shall wánt.

2 Frésh and gréen are the pástures
where he gíves me repóse.

Near réstful wáters he léads me;

3 he revíves my sóul.

He guídes me alóng the right páth,
for the sáke of his náme.

4 Though I should wálk in the válley

of the sháadow of déath, no évil would I féar,
for you are wíth me.

Your cróok and your stáff will give me cómfort.

5 You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LÓRD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Gia Publications. The Revised Grail Psalms - Singing Version: A Liturgical Psalter .
Gia Publications. Kindle Edition.

*Glory Be to the Father

Gospel: John 10:22-30

22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. **24** The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. **27** My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."

Sermon: "Two Hearts: Mother and Jesus"

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer - The Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

***The Blessing - Response:**

"And All the People Said Amen!"

And all the people said Amen, whoa, oh-oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen

**Please stand if you are able.*