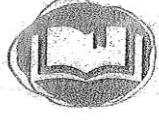


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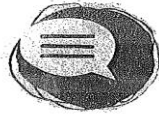
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Talk



Pray



Bless

Preparation For Worship: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* *Psalm 62:8*

Opening Song

I Speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace
Within Your presence - I speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom - I speak Jesus

Your Name is power - Your Name is healing - Your Name is life
Break every stronghold - Shine through the shadows - Burn like a fire

I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power - Your Name is healing - Your Name is life
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Shout Jesus from the mountains - Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family - I speak the holy Name - Jesus

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**I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
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Within Your presence
I speak Jesus**

Ministry Spotlight *Share*

Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: **The promised Messiah came! We celebrate the Epiphany of His coming. Emmanuel is God with us, and Christ will come again! He is the Prince of Peace, and Lord of all!
God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

People: **All the time!**

Pastor: God is good!

People: **Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We confess our need of forgiveness, and that God's forgiveness is the gift that leads to newness of life. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, born in a manger, died on a cross, and risen from the grave: All to redeem us from sin, death, the devil, and our sinful self. As Paul wrote in Romans 3 "This was to show God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance God had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus." Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

People: **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Forgive me of my sins, I pray. (Reflection for confession)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gave power to become the children of God, and gave His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Daily Text

Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?

Job 2:10

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Let us pray:

People: God in good times and adversity, thank You for Your steadfast presence in all aspects of my life. I often question Your purposes when faced with adversity, so I am grateful for Your promise that “all things work together for good for those who love God.” Please expand my capacity to love You, especially when life is difficult. Amen.

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

The Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them. ¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though

they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.

Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-21

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. ²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Sermon Song

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

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I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

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(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

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You are here touching every heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

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Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop - You never stop

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Offering Song

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.
And 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.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Prayers of the Church

Pray

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: 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

Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
 May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
 May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People:(Sung)**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Blessing: Child of God, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart before Him; God is a
 refuge for us.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: **our service begins!**

Closing Song

Great Things

**Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things - He has done great things**

**Oh Hero of Heaven You conquer the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awakened to life
Oh Jesus our Savior Your Name lifted high
Oh God You have done great things**

**You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things - God You will do great things**

**Oh Hero of Heaven You conquer the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awakened to life
Oh Jesus our Savior Your Name lifted high
Oh God You have done great things**

**Hallelujah God above it all
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SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

Welcome To Worship At Zion. We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Please come and enjoy tea and games on Saturday, 27 January from 1pm to 4pm. You can bring your own or share the bounty of others and enjoy the camaraderie of great games, fabulous people and all the tea you want.

The 2024 Altar Flower Chart is up in the hallway. You may sign up for one or two vases. The cost per vase is \$22.50 per vase or \$45.00 for both vases. Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of an individual or special event.

The Mission of the Month for January is the Mitten Tree. Decorate the tree with hats and mittens (NO scarves, please). Use the Mission of the Month envelopes to support this ministry with cash donations that can be used for other winter apparel items for the schools.

The January Newsletter is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge, on the shelf outside the church office and also on the desk in the library. *Please remember: We no longer have a way to find out if you have moved. Call the church office with new addresses and/or phone numbers.*

Bible Studies/Small Groups

Wednesday 6:00pm G.I.F.T.

Thursday 6:00pm Knowing and Experiencing God Bible Study

Worship at Zion

Wednesday 7:00pm Worship and Praise

Saturday 5:00pm Chapel

Sunday 8:00am Worship

9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship

11:30am Swahili-English Worship

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