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Come and Worship the Lord

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Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1, 2, 15

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord

People: And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High

Leader: To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning

People: And to declare Your faithfulness by night

ALL: We declare that the Lord is upright, He is our rock, there is no wickedness in Him - AMEN

Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.
 forth to the might - y con - flict, in this his glo - rious day.
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.

From vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 Ye that are brave now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;
 To those who van - quish e - vil a crown of life shall be;

till ev - ery foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there,
 they with the King of Glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Opening Prayer

Lord, Lord, compassionate and loving God. We are so blessed to come together, to hear your word, sing songs of praise and declare your goodness. Help us to listen to your voice in our lives, to hold our expectations lightly and trust you fully. Thank you that you are a loving, kind and trustworthy God. We ask you to speak to us today, in Jesus' name. AMEN

Chorus

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Scripture Lesson

II Kings 5:1-19

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than

all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." But he said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord. But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count." He said to him, "Go in peace."

Message

Exceeding Expectations

Lisa Whitaker

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system includes three numbered verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The music is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature.

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Father; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

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pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain.

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Offering Conversation

Special Music – Ernie Roberts

The First Song of Isaiah

Morning Prayer

Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is, none but his loved ones know,
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord Is King

arr. Lani Smith

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