

Celebrate

Contemporary Worship Service



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021



Worship Series:
“Family Ties”

GATHERING

Gathering Song – “We Will Dance,” David Ruis

1. Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the bridegroom will come
The glorious One and oh
We will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

2. Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
For the time's drawing near
When He will appear
And oh we will stand by His side
A strong pure spotless bride (*chorus*)

Chorus: Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
We'll join in the song of the Lamb

Bridge: Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near
(Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near)
The risen King our groom is soon to appear
(The risen King our groom is soon to appear)
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand
(The wedding feast to come is now near at hand)
Lift up your voice proclaim the coming Lamb
(Lift up your voice proclaim the coming Lamb)

Final Chorus: Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
We'll join in the song of the Lamb
Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is here!

Greeting

Good morning, and welcome to worship.
You are the family of God
and this is our family reunion.
God eagerly prepared for this moment,
to welcome us with joy
so we might inherit salvation.

**Once we were far away,
distant or estranged.
But we have returned.**

In this family,
God reinstates the wayward with love.

**Our good brother Jesus
helps us find what we lost.**

And the Spirit joins us with generations
of prodigal children who know:

**When God is your family
you can always come home.**

Children of God,
welcome home.

Welcome home.

Gathering Song – “This Is Amazing Grace,” Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro,
and Phil Wickham

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus: This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

3. Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (*chorus*)

Bridge: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy (*chorus*)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Faith in Jesus gives us hope
for each new day.

But even when we remain faithful,
there are days
when it feels as though God
has abandoned us.

And we pray like an infant
crying out in hunger;
or like a child
who has never been held.

Remembering our baptism
is our daily assurance
of God's loving presence in our lives.

Cling to the bone-deep memory
of God's parental care
as we pray.

**We are sheep without a shepherd,
we are children without a home.
We are frantic and scattered;
we run from the unknown.
There are days we cannot smile
and cannot reach for help.
We are endangered and fearful,
lonely and dismayed.
If we could find you on our own,
we would throw ourselves at your feet**

**and bring our sick friends, too.
But when you remain distant,
we are lost.
Call to us, God,
before we forget
the sound of your voice.**

Every human will suffer
pain, grief, and sorrow.
But Jesus poured compassion like a river
and the Spirit brings that love to you.

God bathed you in mercy
and lavished you with love.
God gave the bath called baptism.
God embraced you with delight
as the Spirit sang your name.

Every family can find healing
in God's model of care.
God chose us as family.
There are no orphans here.

Thank you, God, for bringing us home.

Song of Praise – “Less Like Me,” Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes, and Zach Williams

1. Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes

Pre-Chorus: Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself
Lord help me be

Chorus: A little more like mercy
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

2. Yeah there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see (*chorus*)

Bridge: Oh to feed the beggar on the street
Love to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive
Lord help me be
I want to put You first above all else
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees
Lord help me be

Final Chorus: A little more like mercy
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me
A little more of living
Everything I preach
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Kidtalk

Reading – Ephesians 2:11–22

Gospel – Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of the Day – “Make Room,” Mark Hall and Matt Maher

1. A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow
2. A sleeping town they did not know
That lying in a manger low
A Savior king who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows

Chorus 1: Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story

3. Shepherds counting sheep at night
Do not fear the glory light
You are precious in His sight
God has come to raise the lowly

Chorus 2: Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story
You can come as you are
It may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart

4. A mother holds the promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight the burden's light
For in His hands He holds tomorrow

Chorus 3: Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story
You can come as you are
It may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
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Prayers of the People

MEAL

Offering

Invitation

When we know we are children of God,
then we realize
that a gift of plenty
is always a gift we should share.

God turns a gift of food
into a meal of love.

God transforms a transfer of money
into a picture of equity.

God shapes one person's generous welcome
into their neighbor's refuge.

In our offering time today,
pray that God will help you use your gifts
to gather others
into God's family of love.

Offering Song – “One Day,” Bryan Fowler, Matt Armstrong, and Michael Cochren

1. One day there'll be no more waiting
Left for our souls
One day there'll be no more children
Longing for home
One day when the kingdom comes
Right here where we stand
We will see the promised land

2. One day there'll be no more lives
Taken too soon
One day there'll be no more need
For a hospital room
One day every tear that falls
Will be wiped by His hand
We will see the promised land

Chorus: Hallelujah
There will be healing
From this heartbreak
We've been feeling
We'll sing in the coldest night
'Cause we know that Your light will come
And there will be healing
Hallelujah

3. One day there'll be no more anger left in our eyes
One day the color of our skin won't cause a divide
One day we'll be family standing hand in hand
And we will see the promised land
We will see the promised land

4. One day every knee will bow
Every tongue will confess
One day when our tired and weary bones
Find their rest
One day when the power of evil's brought to an end
We will see the promised land
We will see the promised land

Final Chorus: Hallelujah
There will be healing
From this heartbreak
We've been feeling
We'll sing in the coldest night
'Cause we know that Your light will come
And there will be healing
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Prayer after Offering
Please pray with me.

**God, every gift we give
is a gift predestined
to do your work in the world.
Use our offering**

**to bring power
to the weak;
and to feed the hungry.
Use these gifts
so our neighbors, our city, and our world
might witness your goodness
and know that your church is the family
they have always wanted.**

Holy Communion

The Work of the Spirit

There is no family more broken
than the one God has chosen.

Because God chose to love sinners
and adopted the unforgiven.

In God's family we find
we are all marked by loss;
we are all in need of love.

But God named the unclaimed;
the Spirit washed the unclean;
Jesus tended the wounded;
God adored the abused.

So when you feel abandoned or alone;
when you feel poisoned by rumors;
or a stranger to those who know you best;
even when you break off the love
you thought was forever,

remember:
that even Jesus needed to find a family;
even Jesus pieced together a people of love.

And even Jesus experienced betrayal
from those he called his own.

Words of Institution

On the night when he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Like family around the table,
let us pray the familiar words.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power and he glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Eat

Come to this table,
because here you belong
this is your table;
your sibling Jesus
saved a place for you.

Communion Song – “Holy Water,” Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

1. God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You, oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You, oh I need You

Chorus: Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin

2. Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You, oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under, baptize
I need You, oh God I need You oh (*chorus*)

Bridge: I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change (*repeat; chorus 2x*)

Prayer after the Meal

Please pray with me.

**Around this table we find a family
unlike any family we have known:
Where our parent is always perfect;
and every person plays a role.
In God's family,
the past is an open book
where forgiveness heals regret.
At God's table, we sit side-by-side
to feast on love we cannot lose.
Thank you, God, amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Blessing

You bear the name of God's family;
you are the inheritors of Jesus's legacy.
You are the healed and the forgiven,
the humble and the noble,
you are the gentle and the patient,
you wear the emblem of God's love.

Will you live a life worthy of this calling?

**We will speak the truth
we will put away bitterness and anger
We will be kind to the world
and forgive as God forgives.
We will go in peace
and make peace on our way.
Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song – “Nobody,” Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, and Matthew West

1. Why You ever chose me
Has always been a mystery
All my life I've been told I belong
At the end of the line
With all the other Not-Quites
With all the Never-Get-It-Rights
But it turns out they're the ones
You were looking for
All this time

Chorus: ('Cause) I'm just a nobody
Tryin' to tell everybody
Well all about Somebody
Who saved my soul
Ever since You rescued me
You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus

2. Well Moses had stage fright
And David brought a rock to a sword fight
You picked twelve outsiders nobody would've chosen
And You changed the world
Well the moral of the story is
Everybody's got a purpose
So when I hear that devil start talking to me saying
Who do you think you are
I say (*chorus*)

Bridge: So let me go down down down in history
As another blood-bought
Faithful member of the family
And if they all forget my name
Well that's fine with me
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus (*chorus*)

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