

# Gathered Worship



## **RESTORATION**

COMMUNITY CHURCH

We exist to pursue the restoration of people, communities, and cultures in the greater St. Louis area and the world through the transforming power of the Gospel.

## WELCOME TO RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are glad that you found your way here today. We believe that corporate worship is the central event in our church's life together and that it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In worship, God gathers us together to serve us and strengthen us, and we have the great privilege to respond to him with our praise, thanks, confession, and commitment.

*Please help us connect you by texting your name and email address to **314.722.6212** or by filling out and putting the **Communication Card** located in the seat back in front of you into the offering plate during the offering (found on page 4).*

*Here are some options if you have children:*

- 1. Today is a Family Worship Sunday, so we invite you to keep your children with you through the entire worship service.** Many of our families see worship as one of the most unifying times of their week as a family. If your children are a bit wiggly or make a little noise, don't worry; it will not bother us!
- 2. Leave children under age three with our capable nursery workers during all or part of the service.** We have two rooms for nursery: 23 mos. and under are in Room 107, while 24 mos. and up are in Room 102.
- 3. If you have an infant or young child and need a little extra space, please feel free to use our Family Room.** Parents are welcome to use this room (located in the rear of the Sanctuary near the sound booth) where they will be able to continue listening to the service.

SONG OF PREPARATION

## Forever

**Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; his love endures forever  
For he is good; he is above all things; his love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise**

**With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; his love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise; Sing praise, sing praise**

**CHORUS            Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever**

**From the rising to the setting sun; his love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise; Sing praise, sing praise**

**CHORUS**

Text and tune: Chris Tomlin, 2001

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 18:2-3*

This morning's liturgy is led by Rev. Daniel Song.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

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**WE PRAISE GOD**

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**A mighty fortress is our God; a bulwark never failing  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills, prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side: the Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be, Christ Jesus it is He  
"The Lord of Hosts" His name, from age to age the same  
And He must win the battle**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure: for lo! his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him**

**CHORUS**

**A mighty fortress, a rock unfailing  
The King of glory forever, amen  
For endless ages, enthroned in praises  
The King of glory forever, amen**

**That word above all earthly powers—no thanks to them!—abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever**

**CHORUS**

Verse text and tune: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick Hedge, 1852, mod.;  
Chorus text and tune by Matt Boswell & Jordan Critz, 2015

**WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP**

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION** *from Psalm 18:6*

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER**

**God of refuge and help,  
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved  
by selfish passion and base desire.  
We have sought after many things  
and have neglected the one thing needful.  
We have not loved you with our whole hearts;  
help us to turn to you and find forgiveness.  
Lead us home, that we may again find in you  
our life and joy and peace. Amen.**

*A time of silent prayer will be kept for personal confession.*

**GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS** *from Psalm 91:14-15*

Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD IN OFFERINGS AND SONG**

At this point in the service, Restoration members and regular attendees are invited to respond to God's grace by giving their tithes and offerings. If you are our guest this morning, please know that you are under no obligation to give.

\* Please write checks to "Restoration Community Church". For administrative purposes, it is helpful to include a note if possible. (ex: tithe, offering, retreat, etc)

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# Always

**My foes are many, they rise against me  
But I will hold my ground  
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm  
My help is on the way! My help is on the way!**

**CHORUS            Oh, my God: He will not delay  
                         My refuge and strength always  
                         I will not fear, His promise is true  
                         My God will come through always, always**

**Trouble surrounds me, chaos abounding  
My soul will rest in You  
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm  
My help is on the way! My help is on the way!**

**CHORUS**

**I lift my eyes up: my help comes from the Lord  
I lift my eyes up: my help comes from the Lord**

**CHORUS**

Text and Tune: Jason Ingram and Kristian Stanfill, 2010

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# Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

**CHORUS**            Savior, He can move the mountains  
                         My God is mighty to save  
                         He is mighty to save  
                         Forever, Author of salvation  
                         He rose and conquered the grave  
                         Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

**CHORUS**

**(Bridge)** Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing  
                 For the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
                 Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing  
                 For the glory of the risen King

**CHORUS**

Text and tune: Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding, 2006

## **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

We are led in prayer this week by Elder Han Paik.

This week, we are praying for Daniel & Hannah Song (Stephen, Renee, Norah); Jenilyn Swett.

*We will conclude our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**COMMUNITY WELCOME & NEWS** *Family Worship*

*Please take a moment to warmly welcome those around you.  
Announcements and upcoming events can be found on page 10*

**PRAYER FOR THE READING AND PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Hebrews 3:1-19*

Church Bible p. 1002

*After the reading:*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Lenten Series 2019: Greater than Moses*  
*Zac Carrera*

*Additional space for notes can be found on page 9.*

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON** **Lenten Series 2019: Greater** | Hebrews 4:14-5:10

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN GOD** *The Apostles' Creed*

**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.<sup>1</sup> The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Hell is not to be understood here as the place of judgment, but simply the place of the dead; therefore, when we confess that Jesus descended into hell, we confess that He actually died.

<sup>2</sup> In this sense, "catholic" means "universal."

**GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE**

*It is our custom to receive and hold the elements until invited to partake so that we may do so together.*

A gluten-free bread option is available from the ushers in the center aisle.

Wine is in the cups in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice is in the outer ring.

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love, and sing, and wonder; let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder; he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with his blood; he has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood; he has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies  
Called us by his grace, and taught us; gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with his blood; he has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood; he presents our souls to God

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood; he who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder! Grace and Justice join and point to Mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles, and asks no more  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted him before us: now their praises fill the sky  
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood! Thou hast washed us with Thy blood!  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood! Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

Text: John Newton, 1774; Tune: Laura Taylor, 2001

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709, Tune: Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551  
OLD HUNDREDTH

**WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING** (*hands outstretched*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome, Visitor!

If you are a visitor to Restoration Community Church, we would love to give you a gift in appreciation for joining us today. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer after the service in order to receive a book from us to you!

### Newcomers' Luncheon

Are you new to Restoration? Would you like a chance to get to know a few others, along with ResCom staff and leaders in a casual setting? If so, please join us for lunch at the Songs' home on **Sunday, March 31 at 12:30pm**. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/newcomerslunch331> if you're interested in coming.

### "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Discussion

Join us at church **TODAY at 6:30pm** (while Illuminate is happening). We'll continue our ACE conversation about neighboring by watching and discussing this recent documentary about the life and work of Fred Rogers. Child care will NOT be provided, but dinner will be, so please let Jenilyn know if you plan to come.

### Illuminate

Youth, we have Illuminate **TODAY!** Our youth service held on **Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm** consists of dinner, games, worship, teaching, and discussion. This semester we are walking through the book of Jonah. Bring your friends and be ready to have a great time of fellowship and worship!

### Mercy Fund

If you are interested in contributing to the Mercy Fund you can give any time by making a check to Restoration with "**Mercy Fund**" in the memo line. If you have questions, contact our deacons at [deacons@restorationcommunity.net](mailto:deacons@restorationcommunity.net).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Illuminate — *TODAY, April 14, 28*

Newcomers Luncheon — *March 31*

Chew on This! — *April 7*

Spark Sports Fusion — *April 12*

Church Work Day — *April 13*

Good Friday Service — *April 19*

Easter Service, Egg Hunt & Luncheon — *April 21*

Youth Bake Sale — *April 28*

Last Sunday School/ACE for the semester — *May 5*

Summer Picnic & Youth Snow Cone fundraiser — *June 2*

Youth GENERATE Summer Camp — *June 24-28*

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**9 AM** Children's/Youth Sunday School, ACE (*Nursery Provided*)

**10 AM** Gathered Worship

**11:15 AM** Refreshments & Fellowship

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