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GATHERING SONGS: “Lift High the Name of Jesus”

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Chorus: Oh sing my soul, and tell all he’s done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. (chorus)

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. (chorus)

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“O Great God”

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on your grace,
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed,
O great God of highest heaven, glorify your name through me.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted”* (Psalm 47).

PRAYER

HYMN: # 53 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (stanzas 1,2 and 5)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: From the Westminster Larger Catechism, abridged
(see insert)

Song: Psalm 62 (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 4:28-37

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

MESSAGE: “Who Are We and What Are We Here For?” – Matthew 6:10

HYMN: # 565 “All For Jesus!”

BENEDICTION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

From the Westminster Larger Catechism, abridged

Q. What do we pray for in the second petition [of the Lord's prayer]

A. In the second petition, which is *"Thy kingdom come,"* we acknowledge that all mankind is by nature under the reign of sin and Satan, and we pray that the dominion of darkness and the blindness of sin may be broken in our lives and in the lives of others; that the gospel of God's grace might spread through the world so people will be gathered under the benevolent reign of Jesus; that Christ Jesus will rule in our hearts today, and that the time of his second coming, when we will reign with him forever, will come quickly; and we pray that God would be pleased to choose the best means to these ends.

Q. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, *"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven,"* we admit that we and all human beings are completely unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God until God's Spirit changes our hearts; that even now that we have come to faith in Christ, we are prone to rebel against God's word and to grumble and complain about his providence; that we are completely disposed to do our own will; that we need God to take away our blindness, weakness, and unwillingness of heart to obey him; that he would make us able and willing to know, do and submit to his will in all things with the same kind of humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity and persistence that characterizes the angels in heaven.

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone,
My rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foe
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to him who hears me.

Chorus: O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone
Amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven. (chorus)

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul
And he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am his forever. (chorus 2x)

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