



Vespers Service

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First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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Welcome & Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

Joy

We're choosing celebration, breaking into freedom; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts. We cast aside our shadows, trust You with our sorrows; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts.

We're dancing to the rhythm of Your heart. We're rising from the ashes to the stars.

You're the joy, joy, joy, lighting my soul. The joy, joy, joy, making me whole. Though I'm broken, I am running into Your arms of love.

The pain will not define us. Joy will reignite us; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts. The dark is just a canvas for Your grace and brightness; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts. *Refrain*

In the shadows, in the sorrows, in the desert when the pain hits, you are constant, ever present, you're the song of my heart.

Refrain

New Wine

In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground. So, I yield to You and to Your careful hand. When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel. Make me an offering. Make me whatever You want me to be. God, I came here with nothing but all You have given me; Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine, there is new power, there is new freedom, and the kingdom is here. I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Response

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do. But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do. Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is. Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is. Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory; is He worthy of this? He is.

the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does. And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the

slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1:3-12

The Message The Church's Living Hope Rev. Wally Johnson

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... (1 Peter 1:3b)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Songs of Response More than Conquerors

When my hope and strength is gone, You're the One who calls me on;
You are the life; You are the fight that's in my soul.

Oh, Your resurrection power burns like fire in my heart. When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne.

We are more than conquerors through Christ. You have overcome this world this life. We will not bow to sin or to shame; we are defiant in Your name. You are the fire that cannot be tamed; You are the power in our veins, our Lord, our God, our conqueror.

I will sing into the night, "Christ is risen and on high." Greater is He, living in me than in the world.

No surrender, no retreat, we are free and we're redeemed. We will declare, over despair, You are the hope. *Refrain*

Nothing is impossible, every chain is breakable, with You, we are victorious. You are stronger than our hearts; You are greater than the dark. With You we are victorious. *Refrain*

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