



Vespers Service
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First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
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Welcome & Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this, what you require of me: love my neighbor as myself and You above all things.

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God. In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God.

It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the world. The truth will set us free. *Refrain.*

It's beauty for ashes. It's mourning to dancing. It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven.

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown. Faith just like a seed, the only way it grows. *Refrain.*

Highlands

O how high would I climb mountains if the mountains were where You hide. O how far I'd scale the valleys if You graced the other side. O how long have I chased rivers, from lowly seas to where they rise against the rush of grace descending from the source of its supply.

Cause in the highlands and the heartache, You're neither more or less inclined; I would search and stop at nothing, You're just not that hard to find.

So I will praise You on the mountain, and I will praise You when the mountain's in my way. You're the summit where my feet are, so I will praise You in the valleys all the same. No less God within the shadows. No less faithful when the night leads me astray. You're the heaven where my heart is; in the highlands and the heartache all the same.

O how far beneath Your glory does Your kindness extend the path? From where Your feet rest on the sunrise, to where You sweep the sinner's past. And, O how fast would You come running if just to shadow me through the night? Trace my steps through all my failure and walk me out the other side.

For who could dare ascend that mountain; that valleyed hill called Calvary? But for the One I call Good Shepherd, who like a lamb was slain for me. *Refrain*

Whatever I walk through, wherever I am, Your Name can move mountains wherever I stand. And if ever I walk through the valley of death, I'll sing through the shadows my song of ascent. From the gravest of all valleys come the pastures we call grace.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken I am

forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory! *Refrain*

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.

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

The Sermon Entering the Deep End of the Pool of Prayer

...that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you.

Ephesians 1:18

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Songs of Response

Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way You see. Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me. Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound. Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

You're the light. You're my path. You're the Shepherd of my soul. All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit, lead me on.

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak. In the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me. Let Your voice be clear to me. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown. Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, 'til the day You lead me home.
Refrain

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