FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023
10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Tim Boggess

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** James Harrington

Come to worship the One who heals us,
who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.
Come to worship the One who frees us,
who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.
Come to worship the One who calls us,
who offers us life and showers us with grace.

*** SONG OF WORSHIP** *Multiplied* needtobreathe

Your love is like radiant diamonds
Bursting inside us—we cannot contain;
Your love will surely come find us
Like blazing wildfires singing your name!

Chorus
God of mercy, sweet love of mine,
I have surrendered to your design.
May this offering stretch across the skies,
These hallelujahs be multiplied.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of surprises,
forgive us when we fail to see you
in the face of a stranger,
the voice of a neighbor,
or the cry of a person in need.
Forgive us when we are so consumed
with our own stories that we forget
the truth of the Easter story.
Forgive us when we are quick to judge
and slow to act,
quick to speak and slow to listen,
quick to fear and slow to care.

Break into our lives and grant us
the faith to recognize you once again.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*** SONG OF JOY** *Can't Stop Your Love* Ben Cantelon | Jason Ingram | Nick Herbert

Verse 1
The struggles that I face, the choices I have made
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love.
The darkness of the night, the scars I try to hide
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love.

Chorus
Where can I go, where can I go
From your presence?
In your light I am known.
I'm surrounded, I will not walk alone, oh.

Where can I go, where can I go
From your presence?
In your light I am known.
I'm surrounded, I will not walk alone.

Verse 2
Whatever lies ahead, you're with me every step,
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love.
It's true with every breath, it's true that even death
Can't stop your love for me, can't stop your love. (Chorus)

Bridge (2 times)
No mountain is too high, no ocean is too wide,
Can't stop your love.
No power is too great, you overcame the grave,
Can't stop your love.

Can't stop your love! Can't stop your love!

(Chorus)

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (vv 1 - 2 and chorus) *My Lighthouse* Chris Llewellyn | Gareth Gilkeson

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2
In the silence you won't let go.
In the questions your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, oh,
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore,
Safe to shore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *In the Boat* Tim Boggess

* **SONG OF RESPONSE** *This Beating Heart* Matt Redman

Something inside of me
Knows there is surely more than this,
Echoes of eternity all around us.
There's music within my soul,
More than these flesh and bones I know
Whispers of a destiny deep inside us.

Chorus
This beating heart,
Like a drum it will beat for you;
This heart like a drum, it will beat.
My soul, my soul sings for you.

This beating heart;
I was made, I was made for you.
My God, evermore, evermore;
My soul, my soul sings for you.

We're marked by your fingerprints;
There's evidence running through these veins
That we are a masterpiece with a Maker.

Formed in the secret place,
A mystery born of love and grace,
You had a name for me and a purpose. (Chorus)

Bridge
My life be on your altar, God;
My every breath exalting you;
My life be on your altar, God.
This heart like a drum, beating strong for you! (Chorus)

Ending
Sing my soul, sing my soul!
My soul sings for you!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Caroline Ruth Clissold
Daniel Malcolm Clissold
Jaidyn Kate McAlister
Kaitlyn Grace McAlister
Henry Maxwell Mills

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Declaration of Faith (1977)
Daniel Clissold

We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform
and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated
by people and systems that do not
acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty
and sets us free from the fear
of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord.
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy 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 evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*** SENDING SONG** *Here And Now* Eddie Kirkland

Chorus
Let Your mercy rise,
Let Your hope resound,
Let Your love in our hearts be found.

Let Your grace run free,
Let Your Name bring peace,
Heaven come in the here and now.

Verse 1
We want to be a church where freedom reigns.
We want to be a people full of grace.
We want to be a shelter where the broken find their place.

We want to be a refuge for the weak,
We want to be a light for the world to see,
We want to be a love that breaks the walls and fills the streets.

Pre-Chorus
All are welcome here as we are, as we are,
For our God is near every heart. (to Chorus)

Verse 2
We want to be a door that's open wide,
We want to see compassion come to life,
We want to carry truth that shines a beacon in the night.

We want to see the city fill with hope,
We want to bring peace to the troubled soul,
We want to tell the story of a God that we can know. (to Pre-chorus & Chorus)

Bridge
So let justice roll like a river wild
and let mercy grow like a burning fire,
Let it come in the here and now.

Your kingdom come till it rules the earth
and your will be done all around the world,
Let it come in the here and now. (to Chorus & Bridge)

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