

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Ain't No Way"

**Ev'ry story told that ended with a miracle Started out with "impossible".
And ev'ry time that God has led me through an open door
Started out with me knees on the floor.
Seeing what I'm up against, I've never been more confident
There ain't no way.**

(Chorus)

**Ain't no way That He's gonna let me down.
Ain't no way; There ain't no shadow of a doubt.
My God has got a hist'ry of showing up for me.
Ain't no way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.
Ain't no way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.**

**Looking back on ev'ry battle that He's won for me,
Tell me how could I not believe?
No matter what I face I know He's gonna make a way.
Hallelujah, my God don't change.**

Chorus

**No way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.
No way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.
No way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.
No way, no how, now how.**

Chorus

**Ain't no way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.
Ain't no way, no how, is He gonna fail me, fail me now.
No way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.
Ain't no way, no how, is He gonna fail me now.**

Ain't No Way Words and music by Colby Wedgeworth, Jamie MacDonald, Austin Davis and Jonathan Conrad Gamble @ 2026 CCLI Song #7251009

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you
C: And also with you.**

OPENING "This Is Amazing Grace"

**Who breaks the power Of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty And so much stronger?
The King of glory, The King above all kings.**

**Who shakes the whole earth With holy thunder
And leaves us breathless In awe and wonder?
The King of glory, The King above all kings.**

(Chorus)

**This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me.**

**Who brings our chaos Back into order,
Who makes the orphan A son and daughter?
The King of glory, The King of glory.**

**Who rules the nations With truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in All of its brilliance?
The King of glory, The King above all kings.**

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave! (Repeat 2x)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus

All that You've done for me.

This is Amazing Grace Words and music by Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle and Josh Farro

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P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins, Known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 95:1-7a

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

P: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

C: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

P: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

C: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE "Ain't Nobody"

**Oo, Oo. I've got a story Too good to hide.
I was a blind man wandering until I saw the light.
Yeah, I've got a story. I can't deny.
I'm a living, breathing, miracle and I just gotta testify.**

(Chorus)

**Ain't nobody love me like Jesus. Ain't nobody love me this good.
Ain't nobody love me like Jesus And I know, I know nobody could.
Tell me who could give me this freedom. Tell me who could get me this far.
Ain't nobody love me like Jesus And I know, I know nobody could.**

**Oo, Oo.
Now I'm anointed To bring the news.
Ev'rything He did for me, I know He'll do for you.
He gave me joy for the mourning, For the ashes, a crown.
I'm a walking, talking miracle and I just gotta let it out.**

Chorus

Ain't nobody, ain't nobody, ain't nobody.

**Nobody could pull me from the darkness, Save me by the blood,
Raise me from the ashes, I know, I know nobody could.
Break off ev'ry shackle, Tear down ev'ry wall,
Set free ev'ry captive, I know, I know nobody could.**

Ain't nobody, ain't nobody, ain't nobody.

Chorus

**Ain't nobody, ain't nobody, ain't nobody. Nobody could. (Repeat)
Ain't nobody, ain't nobody, ain't nobody.**

**Ain't Nobody Words and music by Brandon Lake, Cody Carnes and Hank Bentley
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FIRST LESSON Psalm 5:1-4

**Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations
what he has done. ²Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful**

acts. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:11-17

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. ¹³Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22 NIV 2004

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SING: "Morning By Morning"

**Daily, daily I surrender. Grace for today is all that I need.
Surprised by Your mercy, it's new ev'ry morning.**

Awaken my soul to sing. Awaken my soul to sing.

(Chorus 1)

**I will trust Where You lead. I will trust When I can't see.
Morning by morning, Great is Your faithfulness to me.**

**Breath by breath, overtaken by wonder.
One step at a time when I'm overwhelmed.
Strength for today, bright hope for tomorrow.**

Awaken my soul to sing. Awaken my soul to sing.

Chorus 1

(Chorus 2)

**I will trust With all my heart. You are good, You always are.
Morning by morning, Great is Your faithfulness to me.**

**All fear be reminded, My future is secure.
Oh, my Father has spoken And He keeps His ev'ry word. (Repeat)**

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

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SERMON

CONFESSION 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

+ + + WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER + + +

PRAYERS concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING (Please place your offering in offering plates located on pedestals at the back of the church.)

OFFERING SONG "God Really Loves Us"

I've got a friend, Closer than a brother.

There is no judgment, oh how He loves me.

I've got a friend. And He is my strength,

He is my portion.

With me in the valley, with me in the fire, with me in the storm.

Let all my life Testify.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah, We are not alone.

God really loves us, God really loves us.

Hallelujah, Oh praise, my soul.

God really loves us, God really loves us.

His mercy's enough, His grace is sufficient.

So come if you're needing forgiveness and healing.

His mercy's enough.

Oh, and this is our hope; The cross, it has spoken.

Death is no more, Christ is the Lord.

Oh, this is our hope.

Chorus

And oh, oh. Sing oh, oh. (Repeat)

(Bridge)

What a Father, What a Friend. What a Savior He is. (Repeat)

Chorus

Bridge x 2

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+ + + COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER + + +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising you and singing:

C:* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored: Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONG "Mighty Name of Jesus"

**I pray into the atmosphere, Spirit of God, You're here,
You have all authority.
I pray over my heart and mind, I am healed by Your stripes,
Your blood declares that I am free.**

**In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray. Calling on the pow'r of heaven, I
proclaim.
Ev'ry weapon formed against me must break In the mighty name of Jesus.**

**I draw a permanent bound'ry line, The enemy has no rights to come near my
family.
No scheme could ever undo God's plans, No matter the circumstance,
The cross has sealed my destiny.**

(Chorus)

**In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray. Calling on the pow'r of heaven, I
proclaim.
Ev'ry weapon formed against me must break In the mighty name of Jesus.
In the mighty name of Jesus, I know All the pow'r of fear and darkness must
go,
'Cause ev'ry key to ev'ry victory I hold In the mighty name of Jesus.**

**I will not fear, I will not fear When the enemy comes near.
On the doorframe of my life Is the blood of Jesus Christ.
I will not fear, I will not fear, There's an army of angels here,
I'm protected on all sides By the blood of Jesus Christ.**

Chorus

It's in the mighty name of Jesus. It's in the mighty name of Jesus.

**Mighty Name of Jesus Words and music by Hope Darst, Jacob Sooter and Lauren Sloat
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"My God Can"

**I know someone Who knows what I'm up against.
I know someone Who's here in the midst of it
Fighting for me In a battle I could never win
All on my own.**

(Chorus)

**I might not be able to part the waters, Might not be able to calm the storms,
Might not be able to make my giants fall, But good thing I'm not alone.
'Cause there is a power that is greater, So I'm not afraid of what's ahead.
I'm standing in the confidence That even though I can't,
My God can.**

**He'll heal those who hurt And comfort ev'ry broken heart.
Restore the homes Of family's who've been torn apart.
Tell chains to break And do what seems impossible
Like only He can.**

Chorus

**I can do all things, all things Through Christ who gives me strength.
I can do all things, all things, 'Cause His Spirit lives in me. (Repeat)**

Chorus

My God can.

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POST-DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

+ + + WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING + + +

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG "How Good It Is"

**How good, how good, how good it is.
How good, how good, how good it is.
How good, how good.**

Enter His gates with thanks. Enter His courts with praise.
Bring Him a shout of joy. Sing of His endless fame.
For the Lord is good, And His love endures, His love endures forever.
We remember this, We remember this.

(Chorus 1)

Oh, how good That it is to sing praise to the Lord.
Oh, how great Is the Name above all Names.
From the rising of the morning sun To the setting of the same,
Oh, how good that it is to sing praise. How good it is.
How good, how good, how good it is.
How good, how good.

Rivers will clap their hands. Mountains will lift their song.
Even the rocks cry out. Creation stands in awe
Of the One who was And the One who is
And the One who reigns forever.
We remember this, We remember this.

Chorus 1

Oh, how good That it is to sing praise to the Lord.
Oh, how great Is the Name above all Names.
From the rising of the morning sun To the setting of the same,
And with ev'ry breath inside our lungs, Forever we will sing:
Oh, how good that it is to sing praise.
Oh, how good that it is to sing praise.

How good it is.
How good, how good, how good it is.
How good, how good, how good it is.

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