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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

Welcome to our annual World Missions Conference Sunday! This Sunday helps us to see how worship and missions are not two independent elements of our faith, but rather are two components that are integrally related to each other. It is evident in the Old Testament that the entire Bible tells the story of God's historical redemptive mission to make for Himself a people who will worship Him. "The Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.'" (Exodus 8:1)

His mission reaches its climax in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, who through own His life, death, and resurrection, rescues people from the true slavery of sin and death so that they may have communion with and worship God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "But the hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him" (John 4:23).

In the book of Revelation, we see that God's mission culminates when Christ returns and gathers His people, from every nation, tribe, and language, before His throne so that they may worship Him together in glory for all eternity (Revelation 7:9-10). Thus, the mission of God isn't separate from the worship of God but rather the mission of God culminates in corporate worship!

So as we enter into corporate worship today, may we praise God for His mission to save sinners like us for worship; may we be galvanized into His mission as we hear from our missionaries, and may we long for the day when we join all our brothers and sisters from around the world before the throne of our Savior and King!

## DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Jesus Shall Reign" . . . . . arr. Samuel Metzger  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

BRASS PRELUDE: "Power of the Cross" . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes  
*Brad Jones, piano; Samuel Metzger, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Enoch, *East Asia*

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 263 "Lift High the Cross" . . . . . CRUCIFER

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*). . . . . Raju, *South Asia*

♠OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 . . . . . Abi, *Japan*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen,  
in whom my soul delights;

**I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.**

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

**He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.**

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

**I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;**

I will give you as a covenant for the people,

**a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

**Behold, the former things have to come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth I tell you of them.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

PROCLAIM HIS GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . . . *Dave, Indonesia*

**Gracious Father, thank You for Your compassion  
for the lonely, oppressed, and harassed peoples of the world.  
You sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost,  
but we confess we have not shared His compassion for the crowds.  
You have called us to make disciples of all nations,  
but we confess our reluctance to personally engage that mission.  
Forgive us for being more apathetic than active,  
callous than compassionate, and isolated than involved.  
Have mercy upon us and fill us with all of your fullness  
that we may truly live as those blessed to be a blessing.  
For we pray this in the exalted name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . Psalm 103:10-12

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS . . . . . Dan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O Clap Your Hands" . . . . . R. Vaughan Williams

O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth.  
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises, sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
Sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding.  
God reigneth over the heathen,  
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness,  
Sing praises unto our King.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Christy Young, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) ..... Clarke and Khrystyia, Ukraine

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES AND GUESTS

MISSIONARY INTERVIEWS ..... George

8:15: Elizabeth Smith, Middle East

11:00: Greg Mook, Middle East

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please stand)

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus Shall Reign" ..... Isaac Watts  
Keith and Kristyn Getty; Ed Cash



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; the pris - ner  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on His  
4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless - ing and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
leaps to lose his chains; the wea - ry find e -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
- ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.  
shall pro - claim their earth - ly bless - ings on his name.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Refrain (after verses 2 & 4)



To our King be high - est praise ris - ing through e - ter - nal



days. Just and faith - ful He shall reign: Je - sus shall reign!

JOIN IN HIS MISSION TO THE NATIONS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 3:7-13..... Lizzie, Romania  
(page 977 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON ..... Brian, Arabian Peninsula

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Zion, Haste" . . . . .arr. Craig Courtney

*Choir:*

Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.  
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?  
And how shall they hear without a preacher?  
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?  
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach  
The gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

✦ *Congregation joins:*

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is Light;  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Behold how many thousands still are lying  
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,  
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying,  
Or of the life He died for them to win.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in whom they live and move, is Love;  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that man might live above.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Give of your sons to bear the message glorious,  
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,  
And all your spending Jesus will repay.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata in Seven" . . . . . John Rutter

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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