

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP REVELATION 5:9-13

Leader: And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

ALL: You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

ALL: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

ALL: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

SONG OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown, Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight, around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, and are helpless in the storm, surround us with Your angels and hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm, rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird, let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe, sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, you are building us into a spiritual house, established upon the work of Jesus Christ, our cornerstone. But we resist the unity you call us to. We confess that we withhold our gifts from one another; we choose our individual preferences at the expense of the whole body. Forgive us for our sins of disunity: pride, jealousy, prejudice, and fear. Forgive us for withholding our compassion, time, and care from one another. Forgive us for devaluing the precious gathering of your people. Bind us together in genuine love and mutual trust so that the world might know the Father sent his Son to reconcile us. May you alone be our unifying vision. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:5-10

SONG KINGDOM COME

We are the bride of Christ, we are a holy people, redeemed and reconciled, being sanctified for freedom
In word and deed we testify to the reign of our God on high

*So let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
Consummate Your reign, our liberating King, come restore all of Your creation*

We are the body of Christ, we're God's adopted children, each unique, yet unified, a family of the forgiven
We're the hands and feet of the crucified, a single living sacrifice

*So let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
We labor in your name, responding to your grace, God restore all of Your creation*

We resolve to seek Your kingdom first, empower us, God unify Your church, bring shalom and reconcile the world

PROFESSION OF FAITH GOSPEL COALITION - PT 11

We believe that the universal church is manifest in local churches, of which Christ is the only Head. The church is distinguished by her gospel message, her sacred ordinances, her discipline, her great mission, and by her members' love for God, love for one another and love for the world. Christ Jesus is our peace: he has not only brought about peace with God, but also peace between alienated peoples. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both Jew and Gentile to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. The church serves as a sign of God's future new world when its members live for the service of one another and their neighbors, rather than for self-focus. The church is the corporate dwelling place of God's Spirit, and the continuing witness to God in the world.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Galatians 2:11-16

SONG MYSTERY

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity, sweet Jesus Christ my clarity
Bread of heaven, broken for me, Cup of salvation held up to drink, Jesus mystery

Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Celebrate his death and rising, lift your eyes, proclaim his coming
Celebrate his death and rising, lift your eyes, lift your eyes

SONG WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

*We will feast in the house of Zion, We will sing with our hearts restored
"He has done great things," we will say together, We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom