

**Chorus:** Savior, He can move the mountains, My God is Mighty to save, He is Mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures, fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender.

**Chorus**

Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King... Jesus (x2)

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You're my Savior, you can move the mountains, God You are mighty to save, You are mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation, You rose and conquered the grave, Yes you conquered the grave

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **We will. Thanks be to God!**

#### Postlude

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***If you take a bulletin, please do not leave it behind following the service. Please take all items with you. On communion Sundays, there will be a container at the back of the sanctuary to dispose of all communion items following the service.***

**The Return — National & Global Day of Prayer and Repentance, Saturday, September 26, 2020** — A movement, an appointed time, and a specific day set apart for one purpose – the return to God, that there be a coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity in prayer and repentance, that there be intercession for America, for each other, and for oneself, for God's mercy, for salvation, for healing, for revival, for restoration, and for the fulfillment of God's purposes for America and all who dwell within it.

**Prayers for our community...**Please pray for comfort, healing, and strength for: the family of **Myra** Mitchem; **Allan** Bolkovac; **Dorene** Huff; **Earnest** Thomas; family **Kathi** Heriford; **Rolland** Schattschneider; **Sam** Robinson; **Jim** Shields; **Josh** Levy; **Jim** Harvey; **Jonathan** Yarrington; **Thomas** Geiger; .

**Pray, also, for all who serve in our armed forces.** **Dan** Staynor; **Chris** Lanois; **Ryan** Heineman; **Evan** Taylor; **Graham** Sweitzer; **Eric** DeMarzio; **Scott** Campbell, **Branden** Yarrington; **Derek** Brewer

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**September 13, 2020**

#### Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements** (you may tune your car radio to 106.7 to listen)

#### \*Invocation

Deacon: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

**\*Opening Music** *Jesus Loves Me*

I was lost, I was in chains the world had a hold of me  
My heart was a stone I was covered in shame when He came for me

**Chorus:** I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence  
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms  
Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me

It was a fire, deep in my soul, I'll never be the same  
I stepped out of the dark and into the light when He called my name **Chorus**

He holds the stars and He holds my heart with healing hands that bear the scars  
The rugged cross where He died for me, my only hope, my everything

Jesus, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me

#### \*Confession and Absolution

Deacon: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

Deacon: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,  
**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Deacon: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake...good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**—O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**The Second Lesson** Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began

to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**\*Sermon Song** *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Message**

Lay Deacon Paul Pugliese

**\*The Prayers & The Lord's Prayer** each petition will conclude "Lord in Your mercy" to which the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer"

**\*The Benediction**

**\*Closing Song** *Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior; the Hope of nations.