

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 03-14-2021

- **Call to Worship – Ephesians 1: 3-6**

- **Song of Worship – Open the Eyes of My Heart (LUYH #537)¹**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

(repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. (repeat)

- **God's Greeting**

- **Song of Praise – Beautiful One (LUYH #607 vs. 1-2)²**

Verse 1

Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love; your cross has spoken mercy over me.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know how glorious, how beautiful you are.

Chorus

Beautiful One, I love; Beautiful One, I adore. Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Verse 2

Powerful, so powerful, your glory fills the skies,

your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing.

How marvelous, how wonderful you are.

Bridge

You opened my eyes to your wonders anew.

You captured my heart with this love, 'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you.

(repeat)

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My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing, Beautiful One.

- **Prayer of Confession**

- **Assurance of Pardon – 1 Timothy 1: 15-17**

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- **Song of Assurance – You Are My King (LUYH #360)³**

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me because you died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you.
(repeat)

In all I do I honor you.

You are my king. You are my king. (Jesus)
You are my king. You are my king. (Jesus)

- **Pastoral Prayer**

- **Offering** – even though we are not passing the offering plates during our worship service, we still want to remember that the giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship to God. We are grateful for all his gifts to us, and we give back a portion of what he has given to us.

- **Song of Preparation – A Sower's Seed Fell on a Path (LUYH #124 vs. 1-4)⁴**

Verse 1

A sower's seed fell on a path packed hard by foot and cart,
and hungry sparrows ate their fill before a root could start.
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

Verse 2

And some fell down where rocky ground no sustenance could give.
Beneath the scorching noonday sun no tender plant could live.
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

Verse 3

And some seed fell among the weeds that wove a tangling snare
to choke the green and budding plants that never fruit would bear.
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word, and hearts where seed can grow.

Verse 4

But some seed fell on a fertile soil and flourished more and more until the joyous harvest time,
when hundred-fold it bore.
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

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- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Mark 4: 1-20

Sermon Title: "The Four Responses"

Series: *Mark*

- **Song of Response – Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness (LUYH #766 vs. 1-3)⁵**

Verse 1

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken—we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

Verse 2

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led.
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed.
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known.
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own.

Verse 3

You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this, your Word.
Debtors, then, as living letters, we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – We Receive Your Blessing (LUYH #947)⁶**

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

(repeat all)

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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