

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 6-28-2020

- **Call to Worship** – Psalm 146:1-6
- **Song of praise – O God Beyond All Praising**<sup>1</sup>

### Verse 1

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

### Verse 2

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.

### Verse 3

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

- **God greets his people**
- **God's Law** – Exodus 20:1-17
- **Confession and Assurance**<sup>2</sup>

Gracious God,

**our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed.

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<sup>2</sup> Taken from LUYH #636. Text from 1 Tim 1:15; 1 Pet 2:24

**Alleluia! Amen.**

- **Pastoral Prayer**

- **Recite Psalm 119:9-16**

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Esther 2:17 – 3:15

Sermon Title: “A Chance of Annihilation”

Sermon Series: *Who’s In Charge?*

- **Song of Response – When Peace Like a River<sup>3</sup>**

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Chorus

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Verse 3

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Verse 4

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – *We Praise You, O God* (vs 3)<sup>4</sup>**

With voices united our praises we offer;  
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore’er be praise!

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