



The Journey

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

C Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant that in the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. **AMEN**

GATHERING SONG

Lord Reign In Me

Words and Music by
Brenton Brown

VERSE

1 = 94

C G^{sus} F² G^{sus} C G^{sus}

1. O - ver all the - earth, You - reign on - high, ev - 'ry moun - tain - stream,
2. O - ver ev - 'ry - thought, o - ver ev - 'ry - word, may my life re - flect

4 F² G^{sus} Am⁷ G^{sus} F² G^{sus}

ev - 'ry sun - set - sky, But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly - aim -
the beau - ty of my - Lord; Cause You mean more to - me than an - y earth - ly - thing.

CHORUS 1a

7 Dm⁷ F² G^{sus} C G F² G

— is that You'd reign in me a - gain, Lord, reign in - me, reign in Your - pow'r;
— So won't You reign in me a - gain,

11 C G F² G Am G F² G

O - ver all my - dreams, in my dark - est hour, You are the Lord of all I am,

15 Dm⁷ 1. F G C G F

— so won't You reign in me a - gain.

INSTRUMENTAL

19 Am⁷ G F 2. F G C CHORUS 1b N.C.

reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in — me,

23 F² G C G F² G

reign in Your — pow'r; O - ver all my — dreams, in my dark - est hour.

26 Am G F² G Dm⁷ F G

You are the Lord of all I am, — so won't You reign in me a - gain, .

30 Dm⁷ F G Dm⁷ F G

— won't You reign in me a - gain, — won't You reign in me a - gain.

ENDING
34 C G F C G F C

—

OPENING SONG

He Reigns

Words and Music by
Peter Furler and Steve Taylor

$\text{♩} = 94$ VERSE

$E\flat$ $B\flat/D$



1. It's the song of the re-deemed ris-ing from the Af-ri-can plain.
(2. Let it) rise a-bove the four winds, caught up in the heav-en-ly sound.

3 F $E\flat$



— It's the song of the for-giv-en —
— Let prais-es ech-o from the tow-ers of ca-the-drals to the

6 $B\flat/D$ F



drown-ing out the Am-a-zon rain. — The song of
faith-ful gath-ered un-der-ground. — Of all the songs sung from the

9 $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ F



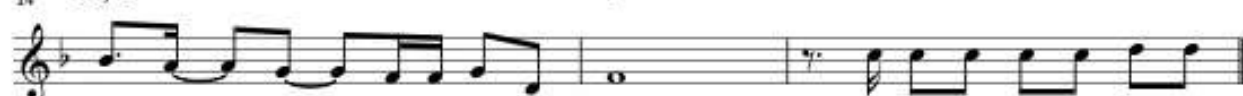
A-sian be-liev-ers filled with God's ho-ly fire. —
dawn of cre-a-tion, some were meant to per-sist. —

12 $E\flat$



It's ev-'ry tribe, — ev-'ry tongue, ev-'ry na-tion; A
Of all the bells rung from a thou-sand stee-ples,

14 $B\flat/D$ F



love song — born — of a grate-ful choir. It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing:
none rings — tru-er — than this:

CHORUS

17 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ F
 "Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He reigns, — He reigns!"

20 E $\flat$ B $\flat$
 — It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He reigns,

23 F 1. 2. **BRIDGE** B $\flat$ /F
 — He reigns." — 2. Let it — And all the pow - ers — of dark - ness

27 E $\flat$ /G F B $\flat$ /F
 trem-ble at what they've just heard, — 'cause all the pow - ers — of dark - ness

31 E $\flat$ /G F **CHORUS** E $\flat$
 can't drown — out — a sin-gle word. It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,

35 B $\flat$ F
 hal - le - lu - jah! He reigns, — He reigns!" — It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing,

38 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ F
 "Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He reigns. —

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

GOSPEL SONG

Vs. 2 only

Thy Word

Words and Music by
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

CHORUS

♩ = 70

F C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.

5 C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.

VERSE

9 C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$ C

1. When I feel — a-fraid, and I think I've lost — my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not — for-get Your — love for me, — and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12 B $\flat$ /F F C Gm Dm Am

-side — me. Noth - ing will — I fear as — long as You — are near,
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be — my guide and — hold me to — Your side;

15 B $\flat$ C C/D D C^{sus} C D.C. al Fine

Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

REFLECTION TIME

MESSAGE SONG

Diamonds

Words and Music by
Jason Ingram, Matt Bronleewe
and Jonathan Steingard

VERSE

♩ = 105

D5



Here and now I'm in the fi - re in a - bove my head.
I'll sur - ren) - der to the pow'r of be - ing crushed by love

D5



Be - ing held un - der the pres - sure; don't know what will be left.
'til the beau - ty that was hid - den is - n't cov - ered up.

Bm A G

Bm A



But it's here in the ash - es I'm find - ing treas - ure.
Oh, it's not what I hoped for; it's some - thing much bet - ter. —

CHORUS 1

G D

Em Bm

G

D



He's mak - ing dia - monds, dia - monds. He's mak - ing dia - monds out of dust.

A

G D

Em Bm

1

G



He is re - fin - ing, and in His tim - ing He's mak - ing dia - monds out of us.

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(1) 2 **BRIDGE 1**

N.C. G D G/D D

20 I'll sur - ren dia - monds out of us. Oh, the joy of the Lord, it will

25 Dsus D G/D D Dsus D

be my strength. When the pres - sure is on, He's mak - ing dia - monds. Oh, the

CHORUS 2

3 N.C. G D

28 He's mak - ing, He's mak - ing dia - monds, dia - monds. Mak - ing us rise up from the dust.

32 A G D Em Bm G

He is re - fin - ing, and in His tim - ing He's mak - ing dia - monds out of dust,

BRIDGE 2

Bm G G D Bm A

36 mak - ing dia - monds out of us. I won't be a - fraid to shine.

G D Bm A G D Bm A

40 I won't be a - fraid to shine. I won't be a - fraid to shine, 'cuz He's mak - ing

ENDING

G Bm G D

dia - monds out of dust, mak - ing dia - monds out of us. —

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray: that churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that all the baptized nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of creation. [source of life *and ground of our being*]:

For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plenteous and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed. [our creator *and fruitful garden*]:

For the nations we pray: that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. [our stronghold *and sun of justice*]:

For our country we pray: that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature. [our guardian *and rainbow of promise*]:

For those in need we pray: that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers, those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*a brief silence*)...[our healer *and heart of the universe*]:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever. [the beginning and the end]:

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

OFFERING MUSIC

Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 3

Franz Schubert

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE MEAL

**P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the holy spirit, let us sing as Jesus taught us.

Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven hal low ed be thy
name Thy king dom come thy will be done our earth as it
is in hea ven Give us this day our dai ly bread and for
give us our tres pass es as we for give those who tres pass a gainst
us And lead us not in to temp ta tion but de li ver us from
e vil for the king dom and the pow er and the glo ry are Yours Now and for
ev er A men

MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

P Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... C Free

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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MEAL SONG 2

Holy Ground

Words and Music by
Geron Davis

$\text{♩} = 88$

VERSE

D A/C# Bm A

1. As I — walked — through the door, I sensed His pres - ence. —
 (2. In His) — pres - ence, there is joy be - yond — meas - ure. —

4 Em/G B⁷/F# Em G/A D

— And I knew this was the place — where love a - bounds, —
 — And at His feet, — peace of mind — can still be found. —

8 G/A Bm B⁷/F# Am Am/D D⁷ D⁷SUS/G G

— for this is a tem - ple, Je - ho - vah God a - bides here.
 — If you have a need — I know He has the an - swer.

12 C⁹ D/A D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ D

We are stand - ing in His pres - ence on ho - ly ground.
 Reach out and claim it, child you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.

CHORUS

16 G/A D A⁷/E D/F# G D/F# A⁷/E

We are — stand - ing — on ho - ly ground, —

20 D G/A D/F# B⁷ E/G#

— and — I — know that there are an - gels all a - round. —

Holy Ground - 2

24 Gm G/A D A⁷/E D/F# G D/F# A⁷/E

Let us praise Je - sus now.

28 D G/A D/F# G 1. D/A A⁷ D

We are stand - ing in His pres-ence on ho - ly ground.

32 G/A 2. D/A G/A G D/F# G D/A G/A G

2. In His pres-ence, we are stand - ing in His pres-ence, we are

36 D/F# G D/A A⁷ D^{sus} D

stand - ing in His pres-ence on ho - ly ground.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

C Amen

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL SONG

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

SWING

♩=168

INTRO C A-7 C A-7

5 THERE IS A JOY IN THE JOUR - NEY THERE'S A

9 LIGHT WE CAN LOVE ON THE WAY

13 THERE IS A WON - DER AND WILD - NESS TO LIFE AND

17 FREE - DOM FOR THOSE WHO O - BEY AND

21 ALL THOSE WHO SEEK IT SHALL FIND IT A

25 PAR - DON FOR ALL WHO BE - LIEVE

29 HOPE FOR THE HOPE - LESS AND SIGHT FOR THE BLIND

33 AND FREE - DOM FOR THOSE WHO O - BEY

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The Altar Flowers are given by Rebecca and Dan Powers in honor of their son, Robert Powers on his 21st birthday. Happy birthday!

The Eternal Candle for the month of September is given by Patty Kunkel in honor of all September birthdays.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who have faith in the words, “given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin” is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – www.livinglordfl.org.



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LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE! - ATTENDANCE PADS

Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle. Add your name and place a “C” (if you are communing) in the MEMBER or VISITOR column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3 through 3rd Grade. We look forward to seeing all the children then at either the 9:00 or 11:00 service.

FAITH FORMATION For older children and teenagers 10:05 to 10:55.

Week of Sept. 7- Sept. 13

Monday

Office Closed – Labor Day
AA Meeting 11:30am
Boy Scouts 6pm
GA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting/Al Anon 11:30am
Cub Scouts 6pm
AA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 11:30am

Thursday

AA Meeting 11:30am
Girl Scouts 4:30pm

Friday

GA Meeting 9:30am
Crafting 10:30am
AA Meeting 11:30am
AA Meeting 6pm, 8pm

Saturday

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 4pm
NA Meeting 8pm

Sunday

9am Journey Worship
11am Traditional Worship
AA Meeting 6:30pm
SLAA Meeting 8pm

PUZZLE SWAP Do you like jigsaw puzzles? A basket (in the Sanctuary Hall) has been provided for you to leave your finished puzzles and take challenging puzzles to complete. Enjoy!

SUNDAY BRUNCH Join us for brunch, discussion and fellowship after the 11am service each Sunday. Please sign up on the clipboard at the Scrip table. A map and location for Sunday Brunch will be next to the clipboard. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Jones, 614-570-5483. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Classes will start September 13th and will be available during both the 9am and 11am services. Children ages 3 and up are invited to join us!

VOLUNTEER OR 2 NEEDED We need volunteers to learn to manage the Livestream on Sunday mornings. It seems like it would be difficult, but a little training is all one needs to become a pro. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Please contact Maggie in the church office if you can help.

WIDOW'S JOURNEY - You are never alone when you walk with Christ. LLLC warmly invites all widows to join a supportive and uplifting group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

This gathering provides a safe space to share support, understanding, and fellowship. Whether you seek a listening ear, new friendships, or a quiet moment of solace, this group is here for you.

You do not need to be a member of LLLC to participate - all widows are welcome. If you know of a widow that would benefit from this group, please reach out to Maggie in the church office or contact Beverly Brockschmidt. Come as you are, we look forward to walking alongside you.

The Worship and Music team is aware that there are noise level concerns during worship services. In an effort to address these concerns we are providing spaces for those who use wheelchairs/walkers in the sanctuary in areas one can hear and see better. We will also place a rug in the sanctuary hall to absorb noise and are currently considering replacing the sound panels on the walls. We would also ask that folks who are mingling in the sanctuary hall during a service to please remember to talk softly. Please know that efforts are being made to help with these concerns.

SCRIP Place your monthly order on Sunday, September 6th. Pick up the new catalog on the Scrip table. Cards will be available the following Sunday, September 13. If you have any questions concerning this fundraising program stop by the Scrip table and we'll chat.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

We will be receiving new members at the 9:00 service today.

Please be sure to greet our new members.

Graham, Rochelle and Christopher
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Patricia McCready



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