PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord Who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper your work and defend you.  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriens you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

“God of Wonders” – Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation,  
Of water, earth and sky,  
The heavens are Your tabernacle;  
Glory to the Lord on high.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy;  
The universe declares Your majesty.  
You are holy, holy;  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.
Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night. (CHORUS)

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth.)
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God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

“The Goodness of God” – Jenn Johnson, Bethel Music

Song came to Jenn while driving her car, just after the adoption of their 4th child.
“I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you My name ‘The Lord’”
(Ex 33:19).
O taste and see that the Lord is good! (Ps 34:8)

I love You, Lord.
Oh Your mercy never fails me;
All my days I’ve been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able.
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice;
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights
You are close like no other.
I’ve known You as a father, I’ve known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God. (CHORUS)

‘Cause Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me
With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now. I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
THE FIRST READING  Romans 5:6-15

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him! For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— For before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”

Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. 
Thanks be to God.
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People  Amen.

Pastor  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People  But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1)

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor  Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People  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.

Pastor  In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. (John 1:12) May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

People  Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  (This Little Light of Mine)

1. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...
2. Don’t you try to blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine...
3. Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine...

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Total Praise” - Richard Smallwood

Written in 1995, by Smallwood, a Gospel writer, as a song in the “valley of the shadow of death,” or “valley praise” versus times of “mountain praise”, from the top of our experiences.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. - Psalm 23
Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.
Amen.

SERMON   “The Commission of Compassion”       Pastor Steve Ferber

“Make Me a Servant” – Kelly Willard 1982

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Pastor   Having heard the Word of God in Scripture and in teaching, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER

COMMUNION – “Remember Our Lord Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV Pew Bible)
For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
“Lamb of God” – setting 1
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.  CCLI #445619

BLESSING
Pastor  The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✝ peace.
People  Amen.

“Here I Am, Lord” – Dan Schutte 1981, Berkeley, CA  (Isaiah 6:8; 1 Samuel 1:3)
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My words to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

DISMISSAL  Go in peace.  Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.