



July 17, 2022
Worship Service - 10AM

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

Magnificent Marvelous

1. Magnificent marvelous matchless love
Too vast and astounding to tell
Forever existing in worlds above
Now offered and given to all
Oh fountain of beauty eternal
The Father the Spirit the Son
Sufficient and endlessly generous
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

2. Creation is brimming with thankfulness
The mountains exultant they stand
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness
All life is sustained by Your hand
You crown every meadow with color
You paint every shade in the sky
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Chorus

How great how sure
His love endures forevermore
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

3. What grace that You entered our brokenness
You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen from righteousness
But not from the mercies of Christ
Your cross is our door to redemption
Your death is our fullness of life
That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Bridge

United in Your resurrection
You lift us to infinite heights
Could anything sever or take us from
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 143:8-10

Leader: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

People: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

SONGS OF PRAISE

I Will Lift My Eyes

1. God my God I cry out
Your beloved needs You now
God be near calm my fear
And take my doubt

Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

Chorus

I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes lift my eyes to You

2. God my God let mercy sing
Her melody over me
God right here all I bring
Is all of me

Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

Bridge

'Cause You are and You were
And You will be forever
The Lover I need to save me
'Cause You fashioned the earth
And You hold it together God
So hold me now

I will lift my eyes
Lift my eyes to You
God my God I cry out
Your beloved needs You now

NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 29

Q: How can we be saved?

A: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Amazing Grace

1. 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

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

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

4. Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

6. 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 first begun

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me. (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT - I PETER 2:11-17

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

SERMON

The Mark of the Christian (1 Peter 2:11-17)

Dr. Mark Eckel

The best argument for Christianity should be a Christian's life.

The "A" Words

Apologetics

Audience

Approach

Axis

PERSONAL REMINDERS (2:11-12)

Negative (2:11)

Wary of Comforts | Wary of Convenience

Positive (2:12)

Way of Conduct | Way of Communication

PUBLIC REFORMS (2:13-17)

Institutional (2:13)

Political (2:13-14)

Adversarial (2:15)

Responsible (2:16)

Social (2:17)

The Final Words

Can

Should

Must

CONFESSION OF SIN - PSALM 25:6-8, 16-18

All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - PSALM 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

CLOSING SONG

Build My Life

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

BENEDICTION - EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to share a prayer request with the church or would like someone to pray for you, please contact Assistant Pastor Cody Brobst (cbrobst@livingbranch.net), Elder Ken Bubp (klbubp@gmail.com), or Elder Bruce Longbottom (blongbottom@sbcglobal.net) or Elder David Lynn (lynndavidf@gmail.com)

Contributions

Checks can be made payable to 'Living Branch Church'. Online giving can be set up at livingbranch.net or through the Church Center App

Prayer for Scott Dean: Please continue to pray for Pastor Scott.

Men's Summer Ministry - Save the Date: The next meeting, "Leadership in the Community", will be Saturday, August 13, 8:30-10:00 PM, (location TBD).

Farmer's Market - August 27th: We have an opportunity to serve again at the August 27th Noblesville Farmers Market. Our water is a balm in gilead for our neighbors on those hot days and it's our face to the community. But we need a point person. This doesn't require a skill or gift, but only a servant's heart. Your only job is to make sure we have 3-4 people who can help you set up/tear down the tent, which they provide, and pass out cups, chips, and water (which Living Branch will provide) from 8AM-noon. If you have any interest, please email Pastor Cody and Barbara Gable (admin@livingbranch.net) Many thanks for your prayerful consideration!

Youth First Week of School Celebration- Friday August 5th (6pm-8pm): Join us for Mini-Golf and DQ Ice Cream at Birdie's Mini-Golf (birdiesindy.com) 632 E. State Rd 32 Westfield. \$6.50 for 18 holes for those under age 12 and \$9.00 for others. Let Pastor Cody (cbrobst@livingbranch.net) or Nancy Longbottom (blongbottom@sbcglobal.net) know if you can make it.

Youth Fall Retreat 2022! Mark your calendars for Sept. 30-Oct. 2 (late Fri afternoon to Sun around lunch) at The Ark (an hour north). Registration details TBD, but plan on \$100 a student which covers lodging, food and materials. RSVP with Pastor Cody (cbrobst@livingbranch.net) and see him with any questions. Students, invite your friends!

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