



Opening Song

Living Water

1. This goes out to every outcast, to the just don't quite fit in,
Every wrong way runaway rebel, so ashamed of where you've been.
This goes out to every searcher trying to fill that empty space.
Well, your searching days are over now. Everything's about to change.

Chorus

*Come on down to the living water, waves of mercy washing over you. No more strangers
Only sons and daughters. Come down to the living water and rise up new.*

2. Have you heard about a man named Jesus? He's the way, the truth, the life.
Stretched out His arms on a rugged cross and paid every sinner's price.
So, when you're tired of all your running, you don't have to run no more.
You can leave it all behind you. Just believe and be reborn.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Oh, this is your invitation. Oh, no more lost and alone.

Oh, this is your invitation. Hear your Father saying, "Welcome home."

3. See that cross upon the steeple, hear that sweet forgiveness song.
Come and join the Jesus people. This is where your heart belongs.

Repeat Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near the exits of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Care** is available for children age 3 & under throughout the worship service.
- **Sunday School:** for age 4 – grade 12 begins after Children's Time.
- **GriefShare:** Meets on Tuesdays from 6- 7:30 pm and is for anyone dealing with loss.
- **Prison Ministry:** RPPC will be providing Prison Alpha at the George W Hill Correctional Facility. Want to help? Call Eileen Cooper at 484-432-5681 or Karen Montoro at 484-574-4458.
- **Youth Group:** Our next meeting will be this Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Youth Room. April meetings will be on the 14th and 28th from 5:30 -7:00. Bring your friends!
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** TODAY at 12:15 pm beginning in the sanctuary. *If you are available, please stay after worship for few minutes to help us "hide" eggs.*
- **Maundy Thursday:** Join us for this service which begins with communion in Friendship Hall at 7:30 then moves to the sanctuary for Tenebrae – a service of gathering darkness.

- **Easter Sunday:** Both the 9:00 & 11:00 am services will be blended, using the same songs in each. Sunday School will be offered at the 9 am service only.
- **Coffee Café:** Join us for refreshments, fellowship and coffee between services next Sunday.
- **VBS:** All VBS Volunteers, please attend the meeting at 10:10 on April 12 in the Youth Room.
- **April Collection:** We'll be collecting nonperishable food items for Ridley Park Methodist Food Pantry. If you have infant-related items for YoungLives, please bring them in.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Join our new study, *He Speaks to Me* by Priscilla Shirer on Thursdays, April 9 – May 21 from 6:30 – 8:00, Find a link to the study guide on our website.
- **Women's Book Club:** Next meeting on April 20 at 6:30 PM to discuss the book *Reconnected* by Carlos Whittaker. All women are welcome to join.
- **Church Center:** Please download the Church Center app which will help us build our database and keep our children safe. Check-in through Church Center will be mandatory for children attending Sunday School or using the nursery beginning May 3rd. If you need help, see one of our team members wearing Church Center name tags.
- **One Great Hour:** Please bring in your offerings, including fish banks by next Sunday.

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-9

- Leader 1: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
- Leader 2: "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."
- Leader 1: This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
- Leader 3: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
- Leader 1: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,
- Congregation: "Hosanna to the Son of David!
- Praise Team: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- Congregation: Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Song

Goodness of God

1. 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.

Chorus

*All my life you have been faithful. All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.*

2. I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, you are close like no other.

I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (2x)

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.

Repeat Chorus

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Song This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

3. Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Bridge (4x)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!

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Children's Time Dave

Knox

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful Father, You know us better than we know ourselves. You know the darkness in our hearts that we hide from others. You know the sins we commit in secret and the self-centered motives that underlie even some of our best public behavior. You know us, and yet you love us. Forgive us our sinfulness and guide us to live in sincerity and truth. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Song Holy Water

1. God, I'm on my knees again, God, I'm begging please again,
I need you; Oh, I need you. Walking down these desert roads,
Water for my thirsty soul, I need you; Oh, I need you.

Chorus

Your forgiveness... is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,

Like the sound of a symphony to my ears; Like holy water on my skin.

2. Dead man walking, slave to sin, I wanna know about being born again.
I need you, Oh, God, I need you. So take me to the riverside.
Take me under, baptize. I need you. Oh, God I need you.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (4x)

I don't wanna abuse your grace. God, I need it every day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Repeat Chorus

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon: The Path to the Throne

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from heaven you came running. There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.*

2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died.
3. And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.
4. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

Benediction

Closing Chorus

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