

## Opening Song

Holy Spirit Come

- 1 I'm coming with a heart of worship. I'm bringing in a brand-new song.  
I'm ready to see the unthinkable. I'm ready for a miracle.  
Heart's praying for a fresh encounter. Souls looking to the living God.  
I'm ready for a real revival. O Holy Spirit,

### *Chorus*

*Come like a flood, like a fire. Holy Spirit, fall in this place, fill our hearts.  
Holy Spirit, come like a flood, like a fire. Holy Spirit, come. O Holy Spirit, come.*

- 2 We're on the edge of a new beginning. God, we know you have so much more.  
We're looking to a new horizon. We're praying for your rain to pour,  
An overflowing of true redemption, an overflowing of your kingdom.  
We're ready for a real revival. O Holy Spirit,

### *Repeat Chorus*

### *Bridge 2x*

*Oh, can you feel it? Heaven is reaching. Oh, can you hear it? Our God is speaking.  
Oh, can you see it? He's got your healing. Oh, just receive it, receive the freedom.*

### *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 three & 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 for both men and women. If you'd like to help, an informational meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parlor between services. Questions? Men, call Tom Horne at 610-534-9081. Women, call Eileen Cooper at 484-432-5681 or Karen Montoro at 484-574-4458.
- **Youth Group:** Our next meetings are on April 28th, May 5 & 12 from 5:30 - 7:00 in the Youth Room. Bring your friends!
- **April Collection:** We are collecting nonperishable food items for Ridley Park Methodist Food Pantry. Shopping lists are on the bulletin board and in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Bingo:** Join us for Bingo on Saturday, May 16 at 6:30 pm in Friendship Hall. Come one, come all for snacks, drinks, and prizes!

- **Women's Bible Study:** All women are invited to join this group that meets Thursdays from 6:30 – 8 pm in Friendship Hall. They are discussing *He Speaks to Me* by Priscilla Shirer.
- **Men's Bible Study** meets in the church parlor on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. All men are invited. This week they're beginning a study on Philippians.
- **Senior Center Bible Study:** We are partnering with Holmes Presbyterian to offer a Bible study on the gospel of Luke at the School House Senior Center in Folsom, twice a month on Mondays from 12:30 - 1:20 PM. Sessions include a video and discussion. All are welcome to join!
- **Slide Techs:** If you're interested in joining the team responsible for projecting song lyrics in the 9 am worship service, please see Staci Mayfield or Karyn Knox.
- **Coffee Café and Art Show!** Plan to stay after worship next Sunday to enjoy refreshments and admire our Nursery School students' art projects in Friendship Hall.

## Opening Prayer

### Song

Gratitude

- 1 All my words fall short; I got nothing new. How could I express all my gratitude?
- 2 I could sing these songs, as I often do, but every song must end and you never do.

#### Chorus

*So I throw up my hands and praise you again and again, 'cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah. And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king Except for a heart singing, "Hallelujah, hallelujah."*

- 3 I've got one response, I've got just one move: With my arms stretched wide I will worship you.

#### Repeat Chorus

#### Bridge (3x)

Come on, my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song,  
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs. Get up and praise the Lord.

#### Repeat Chorus

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### Song

Praise

- 1 I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain. I'll praise when I'm sure,  
Praise when I'm doubting. I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded,  
'cause praise is the water my enemies drown in.

#### Chorus

*As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to...  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

- 2 I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't. I'll praise 'cause I know  
You're still in control. 'Cause my praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound.  
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down.

## Chorus 2

*As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to praise the Lord, oh, my soul.  
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. I won't be quiet, my God is alive.  
How could I keep it inside? Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

## Bridge (2x)

I'll praise 'cause you're sovereign, praise 'cause you reign. Praise 'cause you rose  
And defeated the grave. I'll praise 'cause you're faithful, praise 'cause you're true.  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than you.

## Chorus 3

*Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. (2x)  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive. How could I keep it inside? (3x) Praise the Lord, oh, my  
soul.*

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## Children's Time

Dyana Cannon

## Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever; we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into action; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you. *(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

### Song

Red Letters

- 1 There I was on death row, guilty in the first degree.  
Son of God hanging on a hill. Hell was my destiny.
- 2 The crowd shouted, "Crucify!" Could've come from these lips of mine.  
The dirty shame was killing me. It would take a miracle to wash me clean.

### Chorus

*Then I read the red letters, and the ground began to shake.  
The prison walls started falling, and I became a free man that day.*

- 3 Felt like lightning hit my veins, my dead heart began to beat.  
Breath of God filled my lungs, and the Holy Ghost awakened me.  
Yeah, the Holy Ghost awakened me.

### Repeat Chorus

### Bridge

For God so loved the whole wide world, sent His only Son to die for me,  
arms spread wide for the whole wide world;  
His arms spread wide where mine should be. Jesus changed my destiny.

## Chorus 2

*Thank you, God, for red letters, and the ground began to shake.  
The grace of God started falling, and I became a free man that day.  
The prison walls started falling, and I am a free man today.*

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## Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

## Sermon: What Gives?

Pastor Thomas

## Congregational Prayer

## Song

- 1 You're the only answer to the darkness, you're the only right among the wrong.  
You're the only hope among the chaos. You are the voice that calls me on.  
Louder than every lie, my sword in every fight, the truth will chase away the night.

### Chorus

*Your name is power over darkness, freedom for the captives. Mercy for the broken  
And the hopeless. Your name is faithful in the battle, glory in the struggle,  
Mighty, it won't let us down or fail us. Your name is power. Your name is power.*

- 2 I know it is written hope is certain. I know that the Word will never fail.  
I know that in every situation, you speak the power to prevail.  
Louder than every lie, my sword in every fight, the truth will chase away the night.

### Bridge (2x)

When You speak, you scatter darkness, light arrives and heaven opens.  
Holy Spirit, let us hear it. When You speak, the church awakens.  
We believe the change is coming. Holy Spirit, let us see it.

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## Benediction

## Closing Chorus

Your Name is Power (see above)

*Your name is power over darkness, freedom for the captives. Mercy for the broken  
And the hopeless. Your name is faithful in the battle, glory in the struggle,  
Mighty, it won't let us down or fail us. Your name is power. Your name is power.*