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**125th Anniversary Service of Praise**



# The Service

## Here We Stand

*words & music by Stephen Bautista*

Pushed and pulled, spun all around  
Never knowing which way to go  
The ever changing wisdom of man  
Only confirms how little we know

Here one day, then gone the next  
Are a myriad of points of view  
Based on the whims and wants of the day  
Without a real foundation of truth

### *Chorus:*

So here we stand in an uncertain world  
On the solid ground of God's unchanging Word  
The Beacon of Truth, The Breath from Above  
The Song of Redemption, His Letter of Love  
Here we stand

Many may think that the Word of God  
Is an ancient story of old  
With little relevance left to be found  
within the realm of a modern world

But truth is truth, it never will change  
It was, it is, and will be  
And God's enduring message of hope  
Is the ultimate reality

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

Here we stand upon The Word Made Flesh  
As He reveals we're saved from sin and death

*Chorus*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Congregational Hymn : 914—Christ is Our Cornerstone**

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**Confession and Absolution**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our  
words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done.  
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver  
and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace that  
we may serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**At Jesus Feet**

*words & music by Stephen Bautista*

Sometimes I feel so heavy laden  
From a lifetime of sin and regret  
And all the guilt that I've been dragging  
Only adds more weight to every step  
Yearning for a refuge and shelter from the storm  
There's just one place I know that I can go

*Chorus:*

There is peace beyond my understanding  
There is hope that washes over me  
And when I turn to the cross and fall on my knees  
I will find it there at Jesus' feet  
There, I hear my Savior calling  
Come just as you are with no regret  
Take the burdens you have carried  
Lay them down and I will give you rest  
I will be your refuge and shelter from the storm  
And my grace will hold you close for evermore

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

And I will rest in the refuge of my God and King  
And I will sing songs of praises to the one who set me free

*Chorus*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day***

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone does great wonders, we offer up heartfelt thanks for the Gospel. Continue to sustain this church, as you have for these past decades, that we may grow in your Word and go with your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

***First Reading:*** Deuteronomy 6:1-8

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup>so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup>Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. <sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Most Beautiful Thing**

*words & music by Stephen Bautista*

The warm subtle hues of a delicate bloom  
And a song bird that greets the new morning  
A cascading stream flowing through fields of green  
And the mountains that rise up before them  
In oh so many ways  
The beauty of life has shined on my face  
And yet I know of one thing  
That surpasses by far the beauty I've seen

### *Chorus*

The most beautiful thing I know  
Is the cross with a Savior who died for us all  
And the blood that flowed  
From His hands and feet  
And the wounds He bore  
So that we'd be redeemed  
This is the most beautiful thing  
I've stood on the edge of a grand precipice  
Overwhelmed by the span of creation  
Then sat teary eyed while the sun paints the sky  
As it settles beyond the horizon  
And I'm still so amazed  
At the beauty that life has shined on my face  
But one thing stands alone  
Unrivalled and incomparable

### *Chorus*

And I'm still so amazed

At the beauty that life has shined on my face  
But one thing stands alone  
Unrivalled and incomparable

*Chorus*

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:10-17

<sup>10</sup> You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup> In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel:** Matthew 19:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." <sup>15</sup> When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Congregational Hymn: 800—How Firm A Foundation**

**Sermon: 2 Timothy 3:10-17—Educated and Equipped for 125 Years**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

***Offertory—The plate will be passed during “Joy in the Journey” and presented to the Lord at the song’s conclusion.***

### **Joy in the Journey**

*words & music by Stephen Bautista*

He said lay down your nets and “come follow me’  
Without regard for what lies ahead  
And we should never look back, just trust and believe  
That he’ll lead us to the promise land  
And as we take his hand and go  
On the path to heaven’s home  
We may venture out into the unknown

*Chorus:*

But there is joy in the journey an amazing life to live  
When we’re called by the Savior to come and follow him  
Though we hope for the future and the glory that awaits  
Let us live in this moment and embrace each step we take  
When we follow in His footsteps there is joy in the journey  
And there’ll be days when we find that we’re too tired and worn  
To carry on and take one more step  
But our strength is in Christ and we cling to the hope  
That soon we will be at heaven’s gate

And what a glorious day when  
We'll be at our journey's end  
And our own eyes will finally see heaven

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

When we live a life of gratitude for the new life that He  
gave  
When we fill our voice in thankfulness for the price he had  
to pay  
When we join our hearts to worship him and praise the  
Holy One  
When we lift Him up to all the world and tell what he has  
done

*Chorus*

*Please Stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the  
earth. You have made us, and you still preserve us with  
everything we need to nourish our body and bring joy to  
our life.

**You are our gracious Father in heaven.**

Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!  
You have freed us lost and condemned creatures from the  
curse of sin, from the sting of death, and from slavery to  
the devil.

**You made us your own that we may serve you with a joyful heart.**

You have united us into one family through our Lord Jesus Christ and kept us in the true faith.

**Give us the gifts of the Spirit: unwavering trust, love that knows no limit, and courage to meet every trial now and at the end of our life.**

You have been good to us for so many years and given us many opportunities to glorify your name and proclaim your wonderful deeds from one generation to another.

**We thank you for upholding your little flock through fortune and misfortune, through times of war and peace, of depression, recession, and prosperity.**

We praise you that you have prospered Christian Education among us, by which the truths of our Savior are imprinted on young souls.

**We thank you for the ministry and service of the called workers and lay volunteers now fallen asleep.**

Keep your little flock firm in faith and steadfast in their service, so that generations yet unborn may share your gift of eternal life.

**Continue to be with us in the future as you have been in the past.**

### *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.**

## **THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen**

*Be seated*

## **Congregational Hymn: 510—In Christ Alone**

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