**Worship at Bethel 2-21-21**

**Music: Piano: Mila Khmeleva**

**Hymnists: Grace Flows Down**

Gathering Music: **“Above All”**

Verse 1

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Verse 2

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure

What You're worth.

**Chorus:**

**Crucified, laid behind the stone;**

**You lived to die, rejected and alone;**

**Like a rose, trampled on the ground,**

**You took the fall, and thought of me, Above all.**

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**“10,000 Reasons”**

**Chorus**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

Verse 3

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore. **Chorus**

**Ending**

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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**Welcome & Announcements – Pastor Barb**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

###### Opening Song: “In Christ Alone”

###### Verse 1

###### In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song;

###### This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

###### What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

###### Verse 2

###### In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;

###### This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

###### Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

###### For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live

###### Verse 4

###### No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;

###### From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

###### No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;

###### Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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**Opening Prayer**

Genesis 9:8-17

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Song– “Blessed Assurance” ELW, # 638

Verse 1

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine! Oh what foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation purchase of God, born of His Spirit washed in His blood.

**Refrain**

**This is story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in the Savior am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**Refrain**

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Sermon **“Believe the Good News” Pastor Barb Lemke**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Holy Communion – Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song: “Grace Flows Down”**

Verse

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; Amazing love, now flowing down

From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree

Grace flows down and covers me.

**Chorus**

**It covers me, It covers me, It covers me and covers me.**

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P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**