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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

REFLECTION

"...our mission at Urban Promise has been to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. We strive to fulfill this mission through after-school programs, summer camps, two schools, experiential learning, job training, and a host of other programs that challenge youth to develop and realize their potential." ~ Rev. Bruce Main

PRELUDE

Indescribable

Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God
You are amazing God

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

With bright eyes, let us search.

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

With engaged minds, let us ponder.

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

With solid devotion, let us follow.

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

With humble intention, let us act.

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.
With strong voices, let us sing.

****HYMN**

Elevation Worship

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar,
The Father's arms are open wide,
Forgiveness was bought with,
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Oh what a Saviour,
Isn't He wonderful,
Sing hallelujah Christ is risen,
Bow down before Him,
For He is Lord of all,
Sing hallelujah Christ is risen.
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you found

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

O God, you sent Jesus to carry out a ministry of love. you ask us to share in that work. Forgive us when we display a lack of interest in the plight of others, when their plight arouses more curiosity than compassion. Forgive us when we downplay our ability to make a difference for the better. Forgive us when we regard our outreach as optional and lace it somewhere outside the heart of our faith. Forgive and redirect us, we pray, so our service might be strong and our sense of fulfillment deep. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ came into the world to rescue sinners. When we confess with honesty and trust, we can believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

****TAIZÉ CHANT**

The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
The gates of your kingdom.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:29-31

SERMON

God Writes a Better Story

Rev. Bruce Main

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of wilderness hopes be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bring our hearts to God.

We offer them to God who fills them with life.

With songs on our lips and in our hearts, let us praise God.

We sing of what we believe, offering thanksgivings from our hearts.

Holy are you, God of mercy and hope . . . joining our sisters and brothers in praising you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*In Unison*)

Lord of Love, may we become as generous as you, making no distinction as to who we will serve. As the cup nourishes us with your life, may we be poured out for others, feeding those who are hungry, joining the voices of the powerless and offering our lives in grace and hope to all. Amen.

****HYMN No. 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice:

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another,

To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless,

So hatred and violence will be no more.

We are called to act with justice:

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another,

To walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other,

As sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice:

We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "To God Be the Glory"

arr. Joel Raney

*****Those who are able may stand***

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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