

WELCOME:

GATHERING SONG: "One Thing Remains"

Verse 1:

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Chorus:

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(Repeat 3x)
Your love

Verse 2:

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Chorus:

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(Repeat 3x)
Your love

Bridge:

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love

Verse 2:

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It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
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Chorus:

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. Amen.

BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO: *Character of God: Grace*

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Gilbert, AZ**



SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Here I Am to Worship” with “O Worship the King” - Joni Van Rossum (piano)

FIRST READING Psalm 80:7-15 (NIV) *Read by Olivia Cain*

Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it. Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

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GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Andrea Cain

SERMON SONG: "Shine on Us"

Verse 1:

Lord, let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
Lord, let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us

Verse 2:

Lord, let Your grace
Grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord, let Your grace
Grace from Your hand fall on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life

To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us

Verse 3:

Lord, let Your love
Love with no end come over us
Lord, let Your love
Love with no end come over us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us

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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 to the dead.
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 PEOPLE:

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Let us pray:

Merciful God,

We pray for those who are estranged from spouse or family,
friends or neighbors;
bring healing and forgiveness to relationships;

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who carry feelings of guilt or regret
for something they did or something they neglected to do;
bring healing and forgiveness to their hearts;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who find themselves far away from You,
struggling to overcome their doubts or disillusionment,
bring healing and faith to their spirits;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the many in our lives and our world who are suffering—
from grief, or loneliness, hunger, poverty,
violence or illness, or as a result of COVID-19,
and for those who love them,
bring healing and hope to their lives;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sustain all those who look to you in hope.
And strengthen us—your church and your people—
so that we may be a light in the darkness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Verse 1:

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2:

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus:

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3:

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus:

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BENEDICTION:

The God of compassion and peace
Grant you to live in harmony with one another,
In accordance with Christ Jesus. + Amen

Musicians: Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist) and Joni Van Rossum (piano)