**Sunday, January 05, 2025, 9:30 am**

Prelude

Welcome(Pastor Henry)

\*Responsive Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 147 (Pastor Henry)

(**Congregation = BOLD**)

Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Make music upon the harp.

How good it is to celebrate God’s presence and sing praise throughout each day!

**How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.

The wandering ones are gathered together, the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed,

the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

**How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

All of nature sings aloud the goodness of God—clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.

Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

**How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

\*God’s Greeting: (Henry)

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**Amen.**

\*Mutual Greeting (Henry)

Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**7**This is what the Lord says: “Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations.
Make your praises heard, and say, ‘Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’
**8**See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth.
Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. **9**They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

**10**“Hear the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’ **11**For the Lord will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. **12**They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. **13**Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. **14**I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

\*Songs: **“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.

Bridge

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.

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NT Reading: **Ephesians 1:3-14**

**3**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **4**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5**he[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%201%3A3-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29212a)] predestined us for adoption to sonship[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%201%3A3-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29212b)] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— **6**to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace **8**that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, **9**he[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%201%3A3-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29216c)] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10**to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

**11**In him we were also chosen,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%201%3A3-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29218d)] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12**in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13**And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14**who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**\*“What a Beautiful Name”**

1 You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,

The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a beautiful Name it is—nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

2 You didn’t want heaven without us,

So Jesus, You brought heaven down

My sin was great, Your love was greater

What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a wonderful Name it is—nothing compares to this

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You

You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory

for You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal

Now and forever God, You reign

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory

Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a powerful Name it is--nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

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**\*“Build Your Kingdom Here”**

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 power in us

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

3 Unleash Your kingdom's power, 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

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Year End Review slideshow

Prayers of the People (Clay Lubbers)

Bible Reading: **John 1:1-18** (Clay Lubbers)

Sermon: “God Made His Dwelling Among Us” (Pastor Henry)

Prayer of Application (Pastor Henry)

\*Song of Response: **“Manger Throne”**

1 What kind of King would leave His throne

In heaven to make this earth His home?

While men seek fame and great renown,

In loneliness our King comes down.

Chorus 1

Jesus, Jesus, precious One,

How we thank You that You've come.

Jesus, Jesus, precious One,

A manger throne for God's own Son.

2 You left the sound of angels' praise

To come for men with unkind ways.

And by this Baby's helplessness,

The power of nations is laid to rest.

3 What kind of King would come so small,

From glory to a humble stall?

That dirty manger is my heart, too.

I'll make it a royal throne for You.

Chorus 2

Jesus, Jesus, precious One, (Precious Jesus.)

How we thank You that You've come.

Jesus, Jesus, precious One,

A manger throne, my heart is a throne,

My heart is a throne for God's own Son.

Julie Miller

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\*God's Blessing (Pastor Henry)

\*Song: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Amen.

Thomas Ken, traditional Gospel tune

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Postlude