



## **Opening Worship Service**

The SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College  
Syracuse, NY

Thursday, June 1, 2023 • 10:30 AM



## Processional

### Gathering Song

### Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) CCLI Song # 7019974

#### Verse 1

All these pieces  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered  
Mended and whole  
Empty handed  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free  
I've been set free

#### Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

#### Chorus

Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life

#### Verse 2

You take our failure  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure  
In jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me

**Opening**, Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

God, see this brokenness- in my hands  
See my anguish- upon the ground  
My heart within me bleeds and weeps  
Bleeds and weeps for wholeness

And yet, this heart within me hopes  
    It yearns  
    It longs- for joy, for healing, for dance  
It longs to share the stories of community- of building- of growth

Oh, Joy,  
    Spring up within us  
    Writhe and dance in our bones  
Marrow, flow with songs of peace and justice for God's own people  
That once again new life may spring forth on this Earth.  
    -Even...within us

That we may, once again know the joy of your presence  
    The work of your hands  
    The unity of your Spirit  
    The strength of your Love  
Let us sing a new, new song  
Let us build, again, the city of God

From the ashes and brokenness  
    Rise new life- new Creation  
May we all come  
    Bringing our brokenness  
    Bringing our whole selves- rough edges and all  
May we offer all that we have  
    And all that we are- to our God

Our God  
Who makes highways and streams in the desert  
Who transforms our death into life  
    Our sorrow into joy  
    Our despair into hope  
    Our isolation into community  
Today, gather us, your people, TOGETHER.

## Opening Song

**Welcome  
W&S # 3152**

### Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.  
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,  
Singing welcome,

### Refrain

Welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome, the love of God to share,  
'Cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

### Verse 2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,  
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,  
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,  
Singing welcome,

### Verse 3

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,  
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,  
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!  
Crying welcome!

## Call & Response

L: Whoever you are, wherever you're from, you are welcome!

**P: This is good news!**

L: We have been apart, alone, isolated, separated; in this place we become one body, we are renewed, restored.

**P: This is good news!**

L: Together, we drink of the one Spirit, and share in the same love that makes us one.

**P: This is good news!**

L: God heals our illusion of separateness and makes us one and whole.

**P: This is good news!**

L: Rock and redeemer, you call us to remember that we are all members of one body in your Spirit.

**P: We are joyful Together!**

L: Remind us that when one of your creatures suffers, all creation suffers. When one of your creatures rejoices, all creation is called to rejoice with them.

**P: We are one body, one family. We are Together!**

L: Let us worship God with joy and spirit for today is a day of rejoicing!

**P: Let us rejoice!**

L: Together!

**P: Together!**

**All: Together!**

## **Praise Song**

## **Mourning Into Dancing CCLI Song # 836046**

### Chorus 1

[You]’ve turned our mourning  
Into dancing again [You]’ve lifted our sorrows  
And we can’t stay silent  
We must sing for [Your] joy has come (woah)

### Verse 1

Where there once was only hurt  
[You] gave [Your] healing hand  
Where there once was only pain  
[You] brought comfort like a friend  
We feel the sweetness of [Your] love  
Piercing our darkness  
We see the bright and morning sun  
As it ushers in [Your] joyful gladness

### Chorus 2

You’ve turned our mourning  
Into dancing again  
You’ve lifted our sorrows  
And we can’t stay silent  
We must sing for Your joy has come (whoa)

### Verse 2

Where there once was only hurt  
You gave Your healing hand  
Where there once was only pain  
You brought comfort like a friend  
We feel the sweetness of Your love  
Piercing our darkness  
We see the bright and morning sun  
As it ushers in Your joyful gladness

### Bridge

Your anger lasts  
For a moment in time  
But Your favor is here  
And will be on us for all our lifetime

**Prayer** (to be spoken in unison)

Lord, we offer our thanks this day that you have brought us together once again so that we would be renewed and restored and made one. Help us re-member our oneness, our unity in you. With gratitude we rejoice in your presence in this place as we join together. In the name of your son, the Christ, Amen.

**Presentation of Scripture**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

**Message**, Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

**Song of Reflection**

**Great Are You Lord**  
**CCLI Song # 6460220**

Verse

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord



## Offering

UNY Mission HUB, Kristina Clark

## Offering Music

## Imagine the People of God

Originally written by Mark Miller in celebration of the creation of the Upper New York Annual Conference, June 2011

Imagine, imagine the people of God,  
imagine the people of God,  
believing, receiving, becoming God's love,  
imagine the people of God.

Imagine, imagine the people of God,  
imagine the people of God,  
caring, sharing God's love in the world,  
imagine the people of God.

Seeking the way of Jesus Christ,  
trusting the courage to change,  
being God's love with our neighbors and friends,  
imagine the people of God.

Growing, becoming community,  
imagine the people of God.

Trusting in God's abundant grace,  
speaking the truth in love,  
nourished in the Spirit's power,  
we are your people, O God.

Imagine, imagine the people of God,  
imagine the people of God,  
believing, receiving, becoming God's love,  
we are your people, O God.

## **Prayer**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the many and diverse gifts that you have given us. We lift these gifts to you in gratitude and thanksgiving for the ways in which these gifts will be used to bring healing and hope to your world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## **A Piece of the Brokenness**

You are each being offered a piece of the brokenness (please take a piece from the bowl in the center of your table); hold it (and as you do so, I remind you that broken pieces often have sharp edges and dangerous points); let it become for you a symbol of all that has felt broken over these past few years that we have been apart. I will invite you into a time of prayer for all that we bring to this time together, I will offer space for your own silent prayer. You are then invited to bring your broken piece and prayerfully offer it to the baptismal font that you see below in front of the stage. The font will remain there throughout the day and you are invited to offer your piece as you feel led to do so. As you come forward to the font, I invite you to bring your broken piece and offer it as a symbol of the hope and promise that is offered in this place; a symbol of possibility, a symbol of newness. As we spend these next few days together, let us remember the God who brings new life from the ashes, who brings new life to the broken pieces, who transforms death into life, despair into hope, isolation into community.

## **Prayer**

God of this day, we hold in our hands a symbol of the brokenness; our own personal brokenness as well as the brokenness of our communities; they represent many things. We offer these to you that you might use them to create newness and blessing; that you might help us re-member that new life can and will arise from them and that you invite us to embrace the new life that is offered. In this moment, we lift that which needs and yearns for newness in our own lives....(silence)  
We give you thanks this day Lord for the ways in which you live and move and create in our lives and the lives of those around us.  
In the name of the Christ, Amen

## Communion

God. Is. With. Us. This is a good thing. Beloved, I invite you to take a moment- close your eyes and draw your awareness to the presence of the Divine in this space...and in each person gathered here...even within yourself.

Draw your attention to your heart-space, breathing in and breathing out- opening yourself up to God with gratitude as we pray...

Loving One, who is as close as our very breath yet reaching into all eternity, we give you thanks. Your outpouring of radical love has called forth life, among us and within us. You have revealed yourself to us as parent, creator, lover, and friend. In whatever images will bring us healing, You come to us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all of creation, with all of heaven and earth who forever sing this hymn of glory:

**(all)**

**Holy Holy Holy One.**

**God of Light and Love.**

**Heaven and Earth are full with your glory!**

**Hosanna**

**Blessed is the One who comes in your name**

**Hosanna**

Blessed are you and your son, Jesus Christ. He showed us the ways of justice and mercy, turning this world upside down. He welcomed and empowered the Other, revealing to us there is no Other. He stood in resistance to the powers of oppression. Christ chose to live out his truth, challenging oppression, which put him at risk.

And yet, on the night in which death, hatred, and betrayal would seek to have the last and lasting word, Christ remained centered in radical peace and showed us the embodiment of love by washing feet and serving his beloved (deniers and betrayers) at your table. There he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his friends and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said,

"Drink from this- all of you- this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these, your acts of love in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, and all of who we are, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(all)**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Holy Mystery,

We call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body of Christ, that in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, this broken yet hopeful community of believers would reflect the diverse image of Christ in this world.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and in each other's struggles, until we feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through Christ, In Christ, With Christ, In the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Invitation to the Table**

We share this bread which is broken for us.  
We share this cup which is filled for us.  
All are invited and welcome at this table. These are the gifts of God for the people of God,  
and you are welcome here.  
The table is set. Come and feast.

## **Breaking and Sharing**

### **Communion Song**

**The Table**  
**CCLI Song # 7028956**

#### Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

#### Chorus

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden is light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
(At the table of the Lord)

#### Verse 2

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

#### Verse 3

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

#### Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
[Jesus] says come just as you are to His table

#### Bridge

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

## **Prayer after Receiving**

Lord, we are fed by your bounty, for your abundance is always shared. May we be blessed to be a blessing.

**(All)**

**May we go from this place knowing you have been present with us and through us.  
Amen.**

## **Closing Song**

**Stand In Your Love  
CCLI Song # 7107821**

Verse 1

When darkness tries to roll over my bones  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own  
When brokenness and pain is all I know  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love  
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Shame no longer has a place to hide  
I am not a captive to the lies  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain  
There's power that can empty out a grave  
There's resurrection power that can save  
There's power in Your name power in Your name

Ending

Standing in Your love

**Benediction, Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez**

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