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Lost are saved, find their way, at the sound of Your great name  
 All condemned, feel no shame, at the sound of Your great name  
 Every fear, has no place, at the sound of Your great name  
 The enemy, he has to leave, at the sound of Your great name

Chorus:

Jesus, worthy is the lamb that was slain for us, son of God and man  
 You are high and lifted up, that all the world will praise Your great name

All the weak, find their strength, at the sound of Your great name  
 Hungry souls, receive grace, at the sound of Your great name  
 The fatherless, they find their rest, at the sound of Your great name  
 Sick are healed, and the dead are raised, at the sound of Your great name

Chorus

Redeemer, my healer, Lord Almighty  
 My Savior, defender, you are my King  
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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The church of our risen Lord is called to be a fellowship of people who love one another as Christ loves us.

**People: His love is so perfect; it is difficult for us to be that loving.**

Pastor: But it is that kind of love that proves to others we are Christ’s disciples.

**People: It is our desire to follow our Lord’s commandment to give ourselves to each other in love.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate Father, whose Son gave himself unselfishly to his followers and commanded his disciples to love one another in the same way: Instill in us a genuine love for each other, that the world may be convinced we are disciples of Christ and want to be a part of his family. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
SILENT PRAYER  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PETITION  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**The most wonderful commandment has been given to your church, O God, and we give such poor response to it. It is no wonder our world cannot learn to love, when your Church has such difficulty learning the way of love. Forgive us for our unloving ways of trying to express our discipleship. Forgive us for the fractures we have caused in your Church from self-concern overpowering our love for one another. May our love for Christ move us to a more honest love for others, that your Church may show, by example, the way to true brotherhood and sisterhood. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" by John Fawcett**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship our spirit finds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one—  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

**SCRIPTURE** 1 John 3:10-18

**SERMON** "Children of Love"

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****HYMN OF SENDING “One Thing Remains” by**

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

Chorus:

Your love never fails, and never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, and never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, and never gives up  
It never runs out on me

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

In death, and in life  
I'm confident and covered by the power of your great love  
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate  
My heart from Your great love

Chorus

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**