



Wednesday Evening Chapel Worship August 19, 2026 – 7 pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you."

**Not some of them. Not the ones who look like us
or come from where we come from. All of them.**

God is gathering still: beyond the borders we draw,
beyond every boundary we mistake for his.

"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy." Come, let us be among them.

OPENING SONG

"King of Kings" OGRP #561

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light;
'til from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word;
from a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

**(CHORUS:) Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of Glory, Majesty; praise forever to the King of Kings.**

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
for even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. **CHORUS**

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. **CHORUS**

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. **CHORUS**

PRAYER

God of all nations and all people – near and far, outcast and insider, rejected and embraced – you continue to surpass our expectations. We confess that our welcome has not always been as wide as yours. We have drawn the circle smaller than you intended, mistaking our comfort for your boundary. Forgive us. Grant us the humility to recognize the ways you already move among those

who are strange to us, and the courage to be joyfully loving in our welcome. *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* Let it be so: in us, through us, among us. We pray through the Holy Spirit who moves wild and wind-like among us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

MESSAGE

For All Nations

HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West" OGRP #392

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, all ye of the faith, whate'er your race may be,
who serves the Father and the Son is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North;
all Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OGRP #700

SONG OF GOING FORTH

"Christ for the World We Sing" OGRP #450

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, who Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go now, and live as those beloved by God,
who once were estranged but now are part of God's household.

**Live as if everyone you meet, and those you will never meet,
are as beloved and as invited to worship God as we are.**

That is the joyfully loving welcome to which you have been called.

The King of kings is king of all.

Go and live like that is true.

May the God who gathers the outcasts,

**give you the peace that passes all boundaries,
and make you a sign of it wherever you go.**

CLOSING & THE PEACE

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Leaders in tonight's worship: Brad & Lisa DeHaven

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© 2019 Hillsong MP Songs*

*"In Christ There Is No East or West" text: John Oxenham, 1908*

*"Christ for the World We Sing" text: Samuel Wolcott, 1869*  
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Prayers for use at home this week:

Morning –

Lord of all nations, this is a new morning. Before I settle into my familiar world, remind me how wide yours is. Give me eyes today to see the beloved in the stranger, the neighbor in the outcast, your image in the face that is least like mine. Make me joyfully loving in welcome. In the name of the King of Kings. Amen.

Evening –

God who gathers, the day is done. I met people today, some familiar, some strange, some easy to love, some not. Forgive me where I drew the circle small. Thank you for the moments I caught a glimpse of your wide welcome and stumbled toward it. *Let all the peoples praise you.* Let me be part of that chorus, a voice for peace, a sign of your household where all are gathered. Amen.



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