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11:00 AM MODERN WORSHIP GUIDE

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WELCOME!

It was just another day at the temple for Zechariah. It was his priestly turn to make sure everything was done properly and in good order. But it turned into something quite different when an angel showed up at the altar. Have you ever had a moment in your life after which you knew nothing would ever be the same? In the midst of great change, hope is always a welcome thing. Advent can remind us that God makes us ready for whatever unknown may come our way and calls us to be messengers of more hope in an ever-changing world.

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GOD GATHERS US

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

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HYMN: SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, UMH 328

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP (CONT.)

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye
There are messages of hope coming from a choir on high
But don't just look up; for the way God works
is to plant more hope right here on earth
just like it was with Jesus birth.
There are angels among us, bringing hope on earth.
Do not be afraid.

HYMN: SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, UMH 328 (words above)

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP (CONT.)

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
light within us your flame of hope today.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more hope in the midst of fear.**

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SONG OF WORSHIP: **UNSTOPPABLE GOD**

Verse 1

Heaven thundered
And the world was born
Life begins and ends
In the dust You formed
Faith commanded
And the mountains moved
Fear is losing ground
To our hope in You

Chorus 1

Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done

Verse 2

Freedom conquered
All our chains undone
Sin defeated
Jesus has overcome
Mercy triumphed
When the third day dawned
Darkness was denied
When the stone was gone

Bridge

Nothing shall be impossible
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable
We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus our God unstoppable

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:5-25, 57-80, (CEB)

⁵During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. ⁶They were both righteous before God, blameless in their observance of all the Lord's commandments and regulations. ⁷They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old. ⁸One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God because his priestly division was on duty. ⁹Following the customs of priestly service, he was chosen by lottery to go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense. ¹⁰All the people who gathered to worship were praying outside during this hour of incense offering. ¹¹An angel from the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled and overcome with fear.

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GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:5-25, 57-80, (CEB)

¹³The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many people will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the Lord's eyes. He must not drink wine and liquor. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth. ¹⁶He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷He will go forth before the Lord, equipped with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will turn the hearts of fathers back to their children, and he will turn the disobedient to righteous patterns of thinking. He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? My wife and I are very old."

¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in God's presence. I was sent to speak to you and to bring this good news to you. ²⁰Know this: What I have spoken will come true at the proper time. But because you didn't believe, you will remain silent, unable to speak until the day when these things happen."

²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered why he was in the sanctuary for such a long time. ²²When he came out, he was unable to speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he gestured to them and couldn't speak. ²³When he completed the days of his priestly service, he returned home. ²⁴Afterward, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. She kept to herself for five months, saying, ²⁵"This is the Lord's doing. He has shown his favor to me by removing my disgrace among other people."

⁵⁷When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a boy. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives celebrated with her because they had heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy. ⁵⁹On the eighth day, it came time to circumcise the child. They wanted to name him Zechariah because that was his father's name. ⁶⁰But his mother replied, "No, his name will be John."

⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives have that name." ⁶²Then they began gesturing to his father to see what he wanted to call him. ⁶³After asking for a tablet, he surprised everyone by writing, "His name is John." ⁶⁴At that moment, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he began praising God.

⁶⁵All their neighbors were filled with awe, and everyone throughout the Judean highlands talked about what had happened. ⁶⁶All who heard about

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this considered it carefully. They said, "What then will this child be?" Indeed, the Lord's power was with him.

⁶⁷John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied,

⁶⁸ "Bless the Lord God of Israel
because he has come to help and has delivered his people.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in his servant David's house,
⁷⁰ just as he said through the mouths of his holy prophets long ago.

⁷¹ He has brought salvation from our enemies
and from the power of all those who hate us.

⁷² He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³ the solemn pledge he made to our ancestor Abraham.

He has granted ⁷⁴ that we would be rescued
from the power of our enemies

so that we could serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in God's eyes,
for as long as we live.

⁷⁶ You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

⁷⁷ You will tell his people how to be saved
through the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ Because of our God's deep compassion,
the dawn from heaven will break upon us,

⁷⁹ to give light to those who are sitting in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide us on the path of peace."

⁸⁰The child grew up, becoming strong in character. He was in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.

SERMON: Angels Among Us: More Hope

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

SONG OF WORSHIP: HOLY SPIRIT

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus 1

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

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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WE SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

You can text the dollar amount of your donation to 84321 or go to salinafirst.com/give to give today. You can also mail or drop your offering by the church office at 122 N 8th St., here in Salina. If you live within an hour or so of the church, we are also happy to come to your house and pick up your offering

Holy One, we wait in hope. And we give in hope. We hope for your coming reign. We hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these tithes and offerings, and use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

INTERCESSSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

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SONG OF WORSHIP: **THIS IS AMAZING GRACE**

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus 1

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave

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BENEDICTION

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JAYCEE STOCKEBRAND BAPTISM

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to
the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community
of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in his trust of God, and be
found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may
be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

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BAPTISMAL LULLABY: GOD CLAIMS YOU

**"Jaycee, Jaycee," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

**"Jaycee, Jaycee," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

**We this day do all agree
a child of God you'll always be.**

**"Jaycee, Jaycee," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

**Craig and Tiffany love you so,
we vow to help your faith to grow.**

**"Jaycee, Jaycee," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

**We are here to say this day
that we will help you on your way.**

**"Jaycee, Jaycee," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

**And if you should tire or cry
then we will sing this lullaby.**

**"Jaycee, Jaycee," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

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God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**
