



Intown
Community
Church

Welcome!

We're glad you're with us today.

April 28, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
Sam Lucas

Call to Worship
Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)
Rhiannon Evangelista

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

All: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Leader: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

All: But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

Prayer of Adoration
(Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord; we will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord; we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, you reign forever, our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus:

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint; you won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, you comfort those in need,
you lift us up on wings like eagles.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
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We will wait upon the Lord; we will wait upon the Lord.
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Chorus

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Chorus

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Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed,
the broken back together.
The poor are blessed, the weary rest,
we will dance forever.

The blinded see, the chained are free,
the doubtful now believer.
The outcast known, the orphan home,
you are my Redeemer.

Chorus:

Behold, behold,
behold what love can do.
Behold, behold,
he's making all things new.

The lost return, the voiceless heard,
the mourner now rejoicing.
The mountains shake, the world awake,
Creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed,
the song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive,
you are my Redeemer.

Chorus Twice

We've been struck down, we're not destroyed.
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.

Repeat

My eyes are open, my eyes are open.

Chorus Twice

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Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
The third day he arose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* THAT IS, THE TRUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ALL TIMES AND ALL PLACES

Introduction of New Members

Sarah Daly
Tom Hight
Rachel Lowery

Drew Lucas
David & Joy Miller
Kristy Stapleton

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
how high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy,
what heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
the King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free.
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.

Repeat

Jesus, yours is the victory!
Chorus Twice

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The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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THE WORD

Sermon Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10 (ESV)

Reader: Stacey Dombrowski

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**I AM - Seven Reasons to Trust Jesus:
I Am the Door**

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Partaking Together

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Feed on them in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

SENDING

Worship through Giving Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..

GIVING BACK TO GOD A PORTION OF WHAT HE HAS GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR US IS A FORM OF WORSHIP. TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO INTOWN, PLEASE REFER TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS WORSHIP GUIDE FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS TO GIVE.

Yet Not I

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: "All is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Worship Music Leaders

Luke Brodine – Director
Jeremy Bell – Percussion
Carrie Buff – Vocals
Gloria Crawford – Piano, Vocals
KC Kom – Guitar, Vocals
Liam Richards – Bass Guitar

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Membership Commitments

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope except through his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, promising to promote its purity and peace?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering for Community and Congregational Care

On Sunday, May 5, the deacons will collect a special offering for the Community and Congregational Care Fund. As part of our congregational care ministry, the deacons assist members of the Intown church family experiencing financial, physical, social, or spiritual crises. Our community care ministry is focused on poverty, refugees and immigrants, and at-risk families. Please pray and ask God to guide you in giving to this special fund next Sunday.

National Day of Prayer

This Thursday, May 2, Intown will participate in the National Day of Prayer for our country by forming a prayer chain from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for one 15-minute slot and commit themselves to prayer specifically for the needs of our country during that time. If you'd like to participate in our prayer chain, sign up at intown.org/events.

Atlanta Summer RUF

Intown is once again hosting Atlanta Summer RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) gatherings for all interested college students who are in town for the summer (including those who will be freshmen this fall). We'll be meeting four times this summer: May 23, June 20, July 18 and Aug. 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Intown Coffeehouse. Questions? Contact [Tricia Agan](#).

To make a gift online (one time or recurring), visit intown.org/give and follow the prompts. If you prefer to give cash or check, you may use the slot for offerings which is on the wall just outside of the sanctuary doors. You may also mail your gift to the address below. Thank you for your continued support!



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We're glad you joined us for worship today!

For questions about any Intown ministry, please visit
our website at intown.org
or call the church office at 404.633.8077.

CHANGED by grace. KNOWN in community. SENT to restore.