

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come.*

*Jesus taught us that if our brother has something against us, we ought to go and be reconciled to him before we do anything else in gathered worship. Please do that without delay if necessary.*

## **WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

### **WORDS OF PREPARATION: I Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

#### *Endless in Majesty*

*All creation displays his wonder, and we, broken as we are, offer our praise to God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth. The scripture influence in the second verse is from Romans 8:38, 39. Nothing can separate us from his love.*

#### *Days of Elijah*

*We are here to declare the word of the Lord, not to affirm ourselves. This song references saints gone on before us, echoing the eternal power and purpose of God's word. The kingdom is coming, and now is. Behold, He comes!*

### **PSALM 98:4-7 (NIV)**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
Make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.  
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.

#### *Shout to the Lord*

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS\***

### **SERMON: JOHN SITTEMA**

*"Fathers: Called to Shape Faith" Proverbs 4*

#### *Be Thou My Vision*

*A prayer for God to endue us with his wisdom, become our sight, our treasure, our King and victory. This song's roots date back to 433 A.D., but the eternal truths and reverence of God within it defy time, marking a necessary cry for God to be "our best thought". Consider Jesus' words from Luke 12:34; "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." May our hearts become his heart.*

## **BENEDICTION**

## WORSHIP WORDS

*The path to deeper worship is a clearer theology.*

Wisdom (Heb: "hokma", "knowledge, shaped by faith, applied to living") is the goal of parental nurture. "There are two sides to the wisdom enterprise. One must seek wisdom, but when one finds it, one realizes that it was not because of the effort, but because it was a gift of God...the acquisition of wisdom involves assuming the right stance (fear) toward Yahweh." (Tremper Longman III, Proverbs).