

1. \*Gathering Music

There is none like You

*There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.  
I can search for all eternity, Lord. And find, there is none like You.  
Your mercy flows like a river so wide. And healing comes from Your hand.  
Suffering children are safe in Your arms. There is none like You.*

By Gentle Powers

1. *By gentle powers lovingly surrounded, by wonderous peace always around us all.  
Taking a journey with you all God's people. Forever with you on this path to God.*
2. *The little candle that the Lord has lit-, breaks through-- the dar-kness and burns. May we  
all come together in that li-ght and shine upon the world as one.*

[refrain] *By gentle powers lovingly surrounded with patience we'll endure, let come what  
may. God is with us at night and in the morning. And certainly on every future day.*

3. *When silence spreads deeply around us, let us- hear the heart- warming song. And lead  
us once again to become one, on this- night where your- light- shines [refrain].*

W&S #3152, Welcome

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.  
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in  
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.  
Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome, the love of God to share.  
'Cause all of us are welcome here. All are welcome in this place.*

2. \*Call to Worship

L: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

**P: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.**

L: Yet God is with us.

**P: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.**

L: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

**P: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.**

**AMEN.**

3. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we barely remember all the blessings we have received. We take for granted the gifts we have received from you. We remember better what we did not receive than what we have received. We hold grudges longer than we remember the joy when we received gifts from others. We find reasons to complain easily, but take a long time to express our gratitude to someone—and to you. Lord, forgive us. Forgive our failure to give thanks to you for everything.

God is amazing. God is merciful. God is bountiful. God is ready to forgive us and embrace us. Let us come to God and praise God for all the goodness God has granted us. Amen.

4. \*Hymn

UMH #140, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt  
be.*

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new  
mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord,  
unto me!*

2. *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses  
above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love  
[refrain].*

- 3 *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten  
thousand beside! [refrain].*

5. Faith in Action

6. Scripture Lesson

Psalms 1:1-3

7. Children's Time

(As children come forward)  
(As children return)

"Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."  
"God is watching over you...each day."

8. Sermon

"Opportunities to Be Happy"

Pastor Sunmin

9. \*Hymn

TFWS #2230, *Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing*

1. *Lord, we come to ask your blessing on the love that makes us one; here, as Christians, to  
acknowledge you are Lord, and you alone.*

2. *God of love, unless you bless us how can we each other bless? Only as you live within us  
is there depth of happiness.*

3. *May our loving be a sharing of the gifts we each possess; may no failure of forbearance  
turn our love to bitterness.*

4. *Lord, we come to ask your blessing in the presence of our friends: Grant us joy that  
blesses others, grant us love that never ends.*



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