



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Community Renewed

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

October 20, 2019

OCTOBER 20, 2019

WELCOME TO THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

Relax. We're glad to have you, just as you are. We believe Jesus Christ teaches us that, so we really mean it. You're a child of God and you're safe here, no matter what.

Each one of us is in a different place on this life journey. The person next to you may be here for the first time, or they may have been born into a family in our church for generations. We're all continually learning, growing, and evolving as we connect in the Spirit with the rest of the world.

Children in church make squirmy joyful noises to the Lord! Babies cry! Relax about all that, too. If you wish, safe childcare is available for 4 and under. Your greeter will be happy to show you the way.

Please stick around after church for a few minutes if you have the time. We have refreshments and fellowship time in the lobby area. It's a great way to get acquainted!

Check out the box below for how it all works. We're all different, together, and God isn't finished with us. Come and see!

Scott Foster, Pastor

*Stand in body or spirit.

Bold - Everything is said in unison.

Italics - We all sing.

After children's message, K-5 escape to Sunday School.
Please share your info with us using the card in the pew.
Write prayer requests in the book at the back of the church.

Visit PCMADISON.ORG for more information

ORDER of WORSHIP

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?
Luke 18:8 (NRSV)

THE GATHERING

Praise Music (A time of centering and preparation for worship.
Please silence all electronic devices.)

Introit

Welcome

“Let us prepare our hearts to worship God...”

* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (v.1,3,4)

(The tune for the hymn is at the back of this booklet.)

VERSE 1:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

VERSE 3:

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

VERSE 4:

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(The tune for the hymn is at the back of this booklet.)

VERSE 1:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

VERSE 2:

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(REFRAIN)

VERSE 3:

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(REFRAIN)

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, you are constant in all of our striving, and patient with our endless prayers. We seek wisdom and justice. We crave your blessing for the sake of the

world. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us draw near to God with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another...

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are a covenant maker and a steadfast covenant keeper. We are covenant breakers. We say we love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you, but these are more than words. Forgive us our failure. We try to be the body of Christ, yet we are not complete. Open our doors, our arms, and our hearts to everyone. No more "them" or "others," just sisters and brothers. For all your children, O Lord, make us whole...

Response *You Alone Can Rescue* Redman/Myrin

Who O Lord could save themselves

Their own soul could heal

Our shame was deeper than the sea

Your grace is deeper still

(Silence is kept for our personal prayers of confession.)

One: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! This is sure and worthy of full acceptance. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and restored!

Response *You Alone Can Rescue*

Redman/Myrin

You alone can rescue

You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us led us out of death

To You alone belongs the highest praise. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalter Reading Psalm 119:97-104

(O.T. pg. 568)

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

(N.T. pg. 212)

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and

firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *What A Beautiful Name*

Young People's Message

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

(N.T. pg. 81)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* *In Christ Alone*

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VERSE 1:

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

VERSE 2:

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

VERSE 3:

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

VERSE 4:

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

*** Affirmation of Faith (Galatians 3:23-29)**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

Invitation to Discipleship

Offering



Offertory

* Doxology

(The tune for the Doxology is at the back of this booklet.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

* Prayer of Dedication

Amazing God of all, bless our time, talent, and resources to see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (Reprise)

(The tune for the hymn is at the back of this booklet.)

VERSE 1:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

* Charge and Benediction (Please join hands.)

* Passing of the Peace and Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you, Barbara Schuszler for reading today!

What gifts do you bring? Share with us! Joyful worship comes from the soul of our collective Spirit. Come find your voice or vision here! Come play, sing, ring bells, read, lead, serve communion. If you have a gift of the arts such as music, drama, dance, poetry, prose, painting, or sculpting for examples, please give some thought to sharing it in worship. What a great blessing!

About Today's Worship

We are developing a more blended style of worship with new contemporary worship songs and music as well as traditional hymns and pieces. All of our hymns are from the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God* printed for you in the bulletin. We have singers. We have organ music. The bell choir rings. We hear our students. We hear soloists. We hear the band. It's a mix, and we don't have everything in the same day—unless you want to skip lunch. We hope it touches you.

About the Prayer of Confession

A key element of reformed worship is the corporate prayer of confession. In other words, we don't usually observe the tradition of confessing sin in the same way Roman Catholics do, for example. Scott is happy to hear your confession privately and pray with you if you want to—but traditionally we confess our sins together in worship and leave a quiet time for each of us to pray to God asking forgiveness for the burdens we carry. In reformed worship, we will never confess our sins without an assurance that God has forgiven us. Feel free to drop that baggage at Jesus' feet—there's nothing we can do to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

About Today's Readings

We print the scripture readings in the bulletin, so you can follow along more easily. We also include the page numbers

if you want to read from your pew Bible. Most Sundays, our readings are from that same New Revised Standard Version translation. Exceptions are noted.

About Psalm 119:97-104

The Psalms are kind of a great prayer “app” to fall back on. If we’re seeking prayer—trying to pray, and the words aren’t coming, we can find prayer peace in the Psalms. Psalm 119 is the longest song in the book. As a stand-alone, it is full of amazing prayers! Today’s prayer is one of law-abiding devotion and faith to God.

About 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

While this pastoral Epistle is written in Paul’s voice, it’s more likely written by later followers or students of the Apostle Paul. This was common practice in the “schools of thought” for the time. Nevertheless, today’s letter takes a tone of “final instructions” to one of those followers, a faithful child of God. It holds up through the centuries.

About Luke 18:1-8

Today’s story is a parable that counters what can happen when we try to pick up scripture literally from ancient times and drop-ship it into our place and time. Most of the time, it’s very problematic to do that. Apparently, not today as we hear echoes of current history. Nevertheless, she persisted...

About the Affirmation of Faith

Sometimes we don’t need to look any further than scripture for good and true statements of faith. Today is one of those days. Galatians is generally accepted as one of the authentic letters of the Apostle Paul.

Questions To Go

When have I been so committed, so persistent? Refusing to give up?

What calls to me, right now, to be relentless?

If actions speak louder than words, what am I “saying?”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Tour, Oct. 30th

Join us for a 7pm Mischief Night spooky tour of our historic Hillside Cemetery down on Main Street. This is a great community/family event and this year will be scarier than ever! It's pretty likely we'll encounter the ghosts of famous Madisonians and PCM members and pastors! Don't miss it! Meet at the gate by Weenies. Want to volunteer? Contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com.

Halloween on Green, Oct. 31st

Bring your littles to "trunk or treat" on the church lawn! Treats, games, family photo booth and big time fun! We'll be here starting at 6pm. Want to help run the activities, pass out candy, or donate candy? Contact Patrick at patrick.allred@pcmadison.org to help. Thank you!

Stewardship Is Now

Stewardship Sunday is Nov. 3rd—be watching your snail mail this week as our annual stewardship campaign comes your way! PCM is in a season of intentional transformation guided by our vision - to see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. Evidence of that transformation is everywhere. Spaces, staff, programming and our presence in the community have created growth and a strong foundation. Our future is exciting and compelling, but it takes all of us to get there. Your pledge—your engagement ensures we live into the vision.

Rising Stars Concert, Nov. 3rd

The Center for Music Excellence presents another Rising Stars in Madison Concert on Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 3pm in the PCM Sanctuary. Please come hear Enriqueta Somarriba on piano performing works by Spanish composers Manuel de Falla, Enrique Granados, Robert Sierra, and more with Susana Leiva, soprano. These concerts are amazing! Admission is free!

Peace and Global Witness Offering

We are still accepting the Peace and Global Witness Offering from World Communion Sunday. Our support empowers PC(USA) ministries that support peacemaking and conflict resolution in war-torn areas, survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking, and re-entry after incarceration. 50% supports world-wide peace and reconciliation efforts. 25% for local regional mid council peacemaking, and 25% stays right here for PCM missions to promote peace and community.

Community Soup Kitchen

Join the team! PCM is forming teams to serve at the CSK in Morristown—Sundays from 11:15am to 1:30pm: Dec 8th, Jan 12th, and Feb 9th with more dates to come. We need between 2-5 volunteers. CSK served more than 77,000 hot meals last year—plus access to community resources, services and educational programs. Email kathleenunderwood@verizon.net to sign up.

Drew Family Friendship

This program invites Drew University international students to engage with Madison families and their children in a cultural exchange to share international life and to experience American community, hospitality, and real-life perspectives. The idea is to share one or two family events a year with a student—like apple picking, hiking, pumpkin carving or maybe a family dinner. If your family would like to host a Drew student go to http://8a4d89648325fcb6de0a-91aecec599e36119cde3559ac738d094.r76.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/d/0e9304704_1569962987_drew-family-friendship.pdf.

PCM Wants You!

Come join the worship team! Make a joyful noise with us. Oh yes, you can! No experience necessary—we'll teach you everything. Whether you like to sing, play an instrument, or want to learn how to ring bells, we want you! Come let your music flag fly and join our worship team. Everybody's welcome—no judging allowed! Contact Anna D'Achille, Patrick Allred, or Michael Callahan for more details!

Session Notes

Your PCM session met on Oct. 14th and took the following actions:

Approved endorsing Hannah Faye Allred to Candidate for Ordination to ministry of word and sacrament.

Approved \$5,860 for replacement of expression motors on sanctuary organ. As the organ ages, maintenance expenses will increase.

Finance reports a lower than expected endowment draw-down for 2019 between \$230-250,000. 2020 Stewardship campaign active.

Properties - Approved sanctuary building use for Peaceworks production of "O Henry Christmas" on Dec. 8th. Building use rates up for review.

Scott will be away on Sunday, Nov. 10th—Patrick will be preaching.

Email session@pcmadison.org for additional information.

RAMP Refugee Help

RAMP welcomes a new refugee from Afghanistan relocating to Morris County! PCM supports families moving to escape unrest in their home countries through Refugee Assistance Morris Partners (RAMP). There are a variety of ways to volunteer to help them in the relocation process. Contact Gerry Gannon at mgannon@webtv.net for more information.

Coffee with Scott

Pastor Scott hangs out at Drip Coffee every Thursday starting at 9am! Come get a shot of caffeine. Let's FIKA, solve world problems, see if you can melt an entire biscotti in a cup of tea—we actually get around to talking about Jesus. Crazy, right?

Mid-week Prayers/Communion

Join us in the Parlor every Wednesday morning at 7:10am for a come-and-go round of prayers and the Lord's Supper. It's a great mid-week touchstone, and you'll be on your way in 15 minutes. No kidding! Commuters, you'll easily make the 7:32. Pastor Scott leads.

Serve on Sunday

All are welcome, all who come in the name of the Lord! Snacks after church—an email has gone out giving everyone the opportunity to sign up through Breeze! Or you can call the church office if you prefer.

Teach Sunday School—It's easy, really! Contact Patrick Allred.

And if you'd like to serve on our worship team on Sundays as a reader, communion server, singer, musician, bell-ringer, or greeter please do! Contact the church office for more information and we'll plug you in—973.377.1600.

Interfaith Food Pantry

PCM supports the IFP year-round with hundreds of pounds of food to serve eligible Morris County residents. Aging people on fixed incomes, low-income working families—the need is great! Doris's Care Wagon will be inside the back door of the parish house. Named for long-time member and IFP advocate Doris Weber, the wagon has served our food collection for years!

October is the time the Food Pantry starts preparing for Thanksgiving. **THEY CAN START ACCEPTING TURKEYS, LARGE CHICKENS AND HAMS AS OF OCTOBER 24th.** Other needs include:

- turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chicken
- stuffing
- instant mashed potatoes
- fresh yams
- canned turkey gravy
- canned corn (low-salt if possible)
- hearty & regular soups (low-salt if possible)
- apple, cranberry, grape or other 100% fruit juice (32oz)
- regular tea bags & coffee
- nuts, mini-marshmallows, pickles
- salad dressing
- muffin or roll mix

brownie or cake mix and icing

canned fruit

Parmalat, powdered milk, evaporated & soy

canned pumpkin

Pick up a package or two the next time you do your grocery shopping, and leave them in the basket in the sanctuary lobby or in Doris's Care Wagon outside the church office. The IFP clients thank you.

Quarters for RAMP

The tube was full recently, so it has been emptied and we are working on filling it up again. Please continue to save your quarters and look for the tube in the refreshment area each Sunday. RAMP has recently decided to work with the International Rescue Committee and apply with them to receive a family from a war-torn country.







Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo- ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



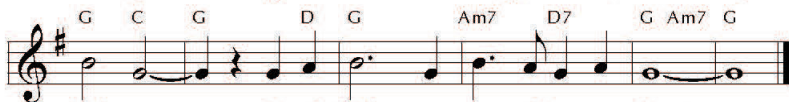
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



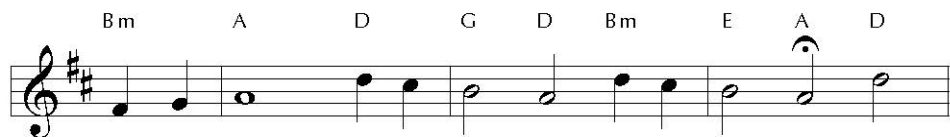
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

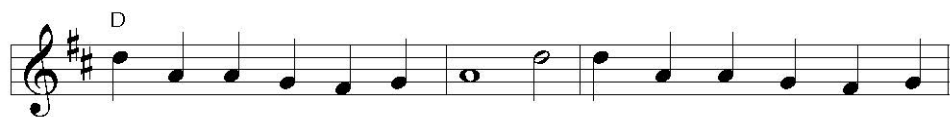
Doxology



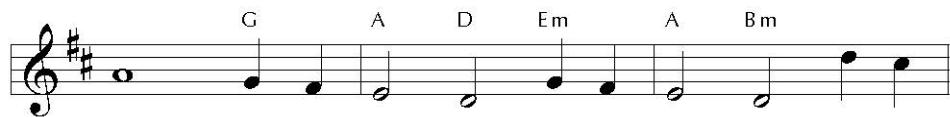
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Christ, all creat ures



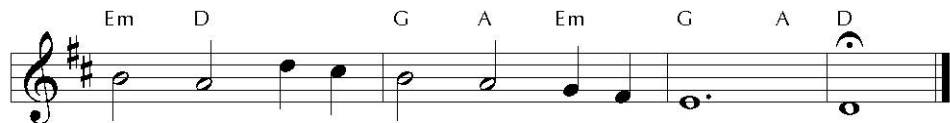
here be- low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



Holy Spirit ever more: Praise Tri- une God whom we a-



dore. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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Worship

10:15AM Sunday Service

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