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Opening Song: Manifesto (by The City Harmonic)

We believe in the one true God
We believe in Father, Spirit, Son
We believe that good has won
And all of the people of God sing along

Amen, amen
Amen, amen

We are free, He died and lives again
We will be a people freed from sin
We'll be free, a kingdom with no end
And all of the people of God sing along

Amen, amen
Amen, amen
Amen, amen, yeah

Welcome (Stuart)

Introduction of self and mention of the mission of Morning Star:

~Our mission is to **point people to the grace of God found in Jesus Christ**. We pursue this mission through a vision of **inspirational worship, radical inclusion, and the alleviation of suffering**.

Sign-In Sheet/Connect Card

(Candle-lighting – show the little candle, invite kids to light theirs.)

The candlelight reminds us that God is with us in our worship.

Call to Worship (Stuart)

Someone: A love that never ceases,

Everyone: A creativity that designed the universe,

Someone: A hope that cannot be quenched,

Everyone: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

Someone: These are the things that are of God,

Everyone: Then let us worship God.

Peace (Stuart)

Stand as you are able and pass the peace to one another...

Song: More Than Conquerors

Verse 1

When my hope and strength is gone

You're the One who calls me on

You are the life

You are the fight that's in my soul

Verse 2

Oh Your resurrection pow'r

Burns like fire in my heart

When waters rise

I lift my eyes up to Your throne

Chorus 1

We are more than conquerors through Christ

You have overcome this world this life

We will not bow to sin or to shame

We are defiant in Your name

You are the fire that cannot be tamed

You are the power in our veins

Our Lord our God our conqueror

Verse 3

I will sing into the night
Christ is risen and on high
Greater is He
Living in me than in the world

Verse 4

No surrender no retreat
We are free and we're redeemed
We will declare
Over despair You are the hope

Bridge

Nothing is impossible
Ev'ry chain is breakable
With You we are victorious
You are stronger than our hearts
You are greater than the dark
With You we are victorious

Song: We Praise You

Verse 1

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety
Let it rise let praise arise

Verse 2

We sing Your name in the dark
And it changes ev'rything
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory
Let it rise let praise arise

Chorus 1

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall
We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side

Forever lift (Him) (You) high
With all creation cry God we praise You

Interlude

Oh we praise You oh

Verse 3

Let faith be the song
That overcomes the raging sea
Let faith be the song
That calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise let faith arise

Interlude

Oh we praise You oh we praise You
Oh we praise You oh we praise You

Bridge

This is what living looks like
This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like
We praise You
We praise You
(REPEAT)

Ending

Oh we praise You oh we praise You
Oh we praise You oh yeah with all Your praise

Children's Moment & Lord's Prayer (Amy)

**Our God in heaven, holy be your name;
your kin-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us when we hurt others
as we forgive those who hurt us.**

Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil.

**Yours is the kin-dom, the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

(Transition to Giving Moment – hold up envelope, remind kids of “Give, Save, Spend.”)

Giving Moment (Amy)

Scripture (Elaine)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ^[c] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Message (Amy): Sustained
(Series Part 3 of 5) Confirmed: It's Not What You Know

(Close with prayer – hold up wooden prayer cross)

These crosses remind us that prayer is one way to stay connected to God.

Song: Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus 1

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Ending

Because He lives

Holy Communion (Amy) (Bread and Cup Slide)

(Reference elements and open table because not one of us needs God's grace any more than the next person.)

(Invitation)

Christ Jesus invites to this table ALL, as we love him, as we earnestly repent of our sin and as we seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us make our confession before God and one another.

(Confession/Assurance)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: *Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Institution – Bread and Cup Slide)

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

(Consecration)

Let us pray . . .

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

(Distribution)

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. With gratitude for God's unifying work in us, let us partake once again, as we remember once again

. . .

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

[PAUSE FOR TAKING OF THE BREAD AND BREATH OF SILENCE]

This is the cup of salvation, poured out for you.

[PAUSE FOR TAKING OF THE BREAD AND BREATH OF SILENCE]

(Prayer after Receiving)

Let us pray together . . .

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Amy)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song: Hold Us Together

Verse 1

**It don't have a job
It don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life
In five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need**

Chorus 1

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone

Verse 2

It's waiting for you
Knocking at your door
In the moment of truth
When your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees

Bridge

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright

Announcements (Amy)

Blessing (Amy) – *(Hold up sticker - remind the kids that our weekly blessing sends us out to love and serve others. Invite them to wear the sticker – ask them to return other items to the bags.)*

[Traffic Instructions]

(A Franciscan Blessing)

May God bless us with a restless discomfort
about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our heart.

May God bless us with holy anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless us with the gift of tears
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the
loss of all that they cherish,
**so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and
transform their pain into joy.**

May God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we really can make a difference in this world,
**so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim
cannot be done.**

*In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
who loves us very much, Amen.*

Go in peace, **to love and serve!**