**Bay Point Christian Church**

**Outdoor Service/Ministry Fair**

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**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

**Verse 1**

A mighty fortress is our God

A bulwark never failing

Our helper He amid the flood

Of mortal ills prevailing

For still our ancient foe

Doth seek to work us woe

His craft and pow'r are great

And armed with cruel hate

On earth is not his equal

**Verse 2**

Did we in our own strength confide

Our striving would be losing

Were not the right Man on our side

The Man of God's own choosing

Dost ask who that may be

Christ Jesus it is He

Lord Sabaoth His name

From age to age the same

And He must win the battle

**Verse 3**

And tho' this world with devils filled

Should threaten to undo us

We will not fear for God hath willed

His truth to triumph thru us

The prince of darkness grim

We tremble not for him

His rage we can endure

For lo his doom is sure

One little word shall fell him

**Verse 4**

God’s Word forever shall abide

No thanks to foes who fear it

For God Himself fights by our side

With weapons of the Spirit

Were they to take our house

Goods, honor, child, or spouse

Thought life be wrenched away

They cannot win the day

The Kingdom’s ours forever

**“Mighty to Save”**

1. Ev’ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev’ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour

The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

2. So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Ev’rything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing) For the glory of the risen King

Chorus

**“Alive Medley”**

1. Alive, Alive, My Jesus Is Alive

My Jesus is Alive, Alive for evermore

Alive, Alive, My Jesus is Alive

My Jesus is Alive Fore Evermore

Sing Allelujah, Allelujah

My Jesus is Alive, Alive Forevermore

Sing Allelujah, Allelujah

My Jesus is Alive Forever More

2. God’s not dead, He is still Alive

God’s not dead, He is still Alive

God’s not dead, He is still Alive

I can feel it in my hands

I can feel it in my feet

I can feel it all over me

3. In the name of Jesus, In the name of Jesus

We’ll have the victory

In the name of Jesus, In the name of Jesus

Satan will have to flee

Tell me, who can, stand before us

When we call on that great name

Jesus Jesus, Blessed Jesus

We’ll have the victory!

**“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

Chorus: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!

1. Upon the mountain, My Lord spoke

Out His mouth came fire and smoke

All around me looks so shine

Ask my Lord if all was mine

Chorus: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!

2. Jordan River is chilly and cold

Chills to the body but not the soul

Ain’t but one train on this here track

Runs to heaven and right on back!

Chorus: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!

**The Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:

Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell:

The third day he rose again from the dead:

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:

From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian church,

the communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

**Greet your Neighbor!**

(Children remain in the service today)

**“All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises”**

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise

You rule, You reign, You said You’re coming back again

I know You will, and all the earth will sing Your praises

All the earth will sing Your praises

You took, You take our sins away, O God

You give, You gave Your life away for us

You came down, You saved us through the cross

Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

**“This Little Light Of Mine”**

This little light of mine

I’m gonna let it shine

Don’t let Satan blow it out

I’m gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!

I’m gonna let it shine

If your light don’t shine

You can have of mine

**Announcements**

Youth Group 4 March at 6pm

Men’s Retreat 6-8 March

Sidewalk Sunday School 14 March at 11am

Elder’s Meeting 15 March at 4pm

Youth Group 18 March at 6pm

Saturday Night Service 21 March at 5:30pm

Youth Outreach 28 March at 6pm

**Morning Prayers**

**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 the day our daily bread

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory

Forever and ever

Amen.

**Tithes & Offerings**

**“Take My Life And Let It Be”**

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love

At the impulse of Thy love

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let my sing

Always only for my King

Always only for my King

Take my lips and let them be

Filled with messages for Thee

Take my silver and my gold

Not a mite would I withhold

Not a mite would I withhold

Take my love, my God, I pour

At Thy feet its treasure store

Take myself and I will be

Ever only all for Thee

Ever only all for Thee

**Sermon Texts:**

**Acts 6: 1**. Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5. And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. 7. And the word of God continued to increase and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priest became obedient to the faith. 8. And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

**Acts 8: 4.** Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. 5. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. 6. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the sings that he did.

7. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8. So there was much joy in that city.

**Sermon Notes:**

**For Your Consideration:**

Last week, we introduced the idea that the church was “radically generous.” They apparently held all of there possessions in common and distributed them as any had need (Acts 2:44,45; 4:32-37). This is an amazing idea, especially as the church grew larger. As we join the story today, the church was at least 8,000 people. They apparently had a food bank for daily distribution, but some Greek speaking widows were being overlooked. One can easily imagine the logistical challenges in making sure everyone was fed. The apostles appointed seven “spirit- filled” men (Stephen and Philip among them) to administrate the issue so that they could continue to pray and spread the Word. Once the food issue was resolved, the church continued to increase in numbers.

**Today’s Mega-Points:**

**1. A sign of being truly “spirit-filled” is the willingness to humbly serve whatever need God puts before us.** The men chosen to take care of the food bank were wise, spirit filled men, with a good reputation. Pretty high qualifications for table waiters. And yet they humbly addressed the need.

**2. The humble will be exalted in time.** Quickly Stephen and Philip are promoted to greater ministries (See Acts 6:8 and Acts 8: 4-40). Peter assures us that as we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, we will receive a promotion at the proper time (1 Peter 5:6,7).

**3. All humble service within the church perpetuates the Word of God and grows the influence of the fellowship.**  No matter if you preach every Sunday or if you clean the church, print bulletins, encourage the community with a handshake, sing in the Praise Team-all service in our community is designed to perpetuate the truth of God and the expansion of His fame. Be encouraged! Your service is appreciated.

**Communion**

Do this in Remembrance of Me

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread together on our knees

When we fall on our knees

With our face to the rising sun

Oh Lord, have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees…

Let us praise God together on our knees…

**Closing Song**

**“Christ, Be Our Light”**

Chorus

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to you

Make us your own, your holy people

Light for the world to see

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Longing for hope, many despair

Your word alone has pow’r to save us

Make us your living voice

3. Longing for food, many are hungry

Longing for water, many still thirst

Make us your bread, broken for others

Shared until all are fed

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless

Longing for warmth, many are cold

Make us your building, sheltering others

Walls made of living stone

5. Many the gifts, many the people

Many the hearts that yearn to belong

Let us be servants to one another

Making your kingdom come

**Benediction**