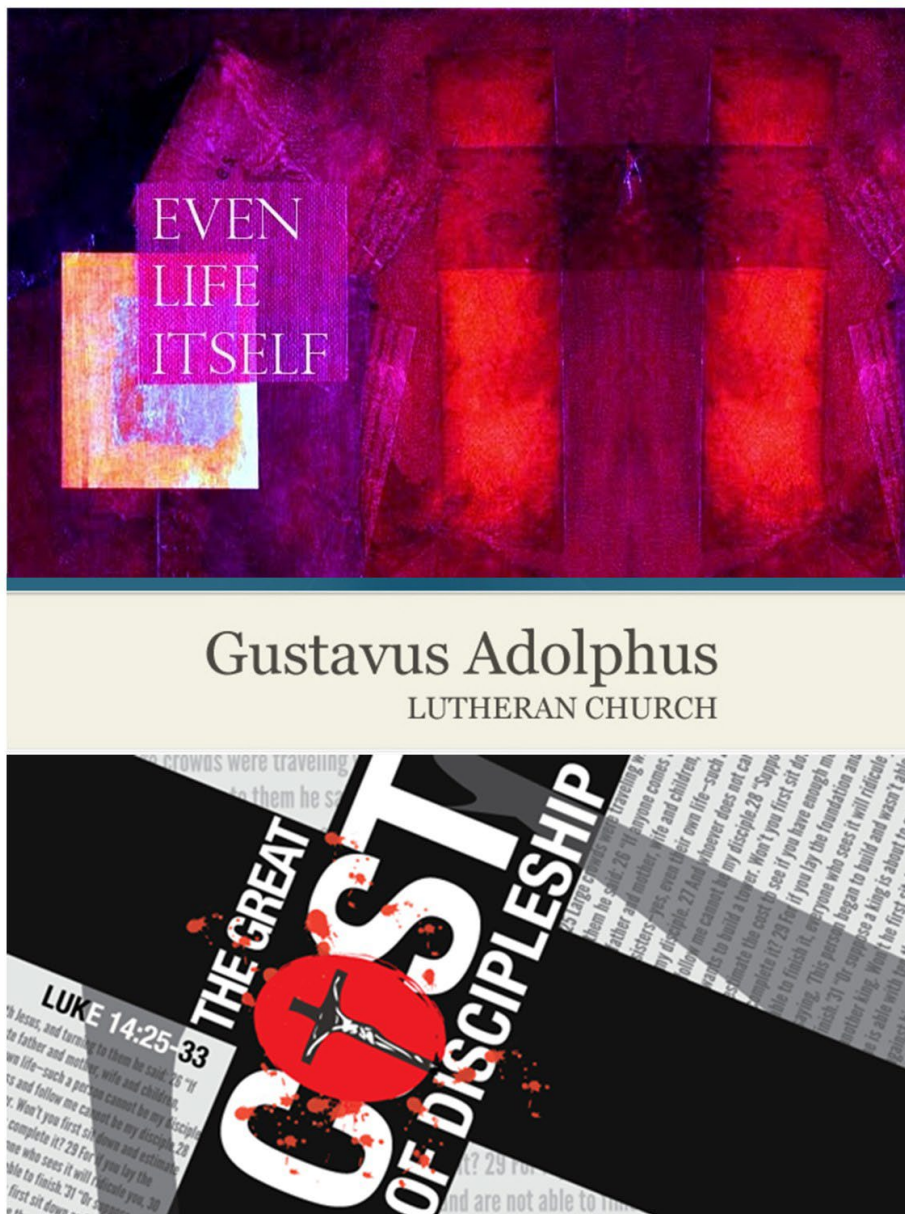


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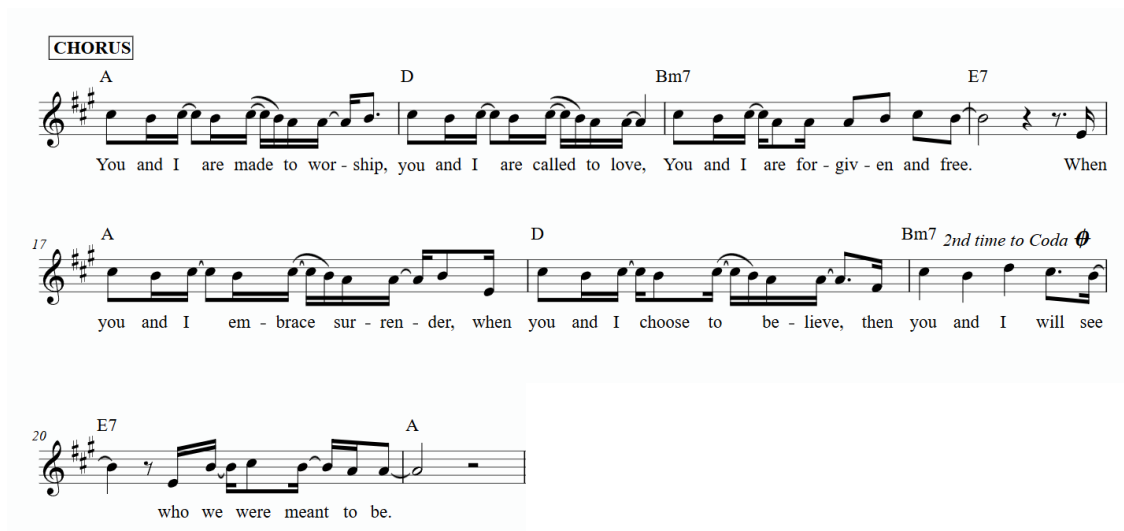
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- WELCOME
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- GATHERING SONG – **MADE TO WORSHIP** – CHRIS TOMLIN

**CHORUS**



You and I are made to wor-ship, you and I are called to love, You and I are for-giv-en and free. When

you and I em-brace sur-ren-der, when you and I choose to be-lieve, then you and I will see

who we were meant to be.

- CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
- MEDITATION - **CREATE IN ME, A CLEAN HEART** - ELW 185



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right

spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me

with your free Spir-it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

- GREETING
- PRAYER OF THE DAY
- SCRIPTURE – DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20, PSALM 1
- GOSPEL - LUKE 14:25-33
- MESSAGE – THE REV. JOHN HIERLINGER
- SONG OF THE DAY – **Will You Come And Follow Me?** – ELW 798

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found, to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me."

- BAPTISM OF MORGAN PATRICK LEE THOMPSON

## BAPTIZED AND SET FREE – ELW 453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.

Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- SHARING OF THE PEACE



Find Peace

Share Peace

- HOLY COMMUNION – WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE LORD’S PRAYER

## COMMUNION SONG – **SOFTLY AND TENDERLY** - ELW 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

### *Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

- BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION
- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- BACKPACK BLESSINGS
- BENEDICTION

• SENDING SONG – **LEAD ME, GUIDE ME** - ELV 768



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

• DISMISSAL

A horizontal banner with an orange background. The background features a faint, stylized illustration of a group of people, possibly a church congregation, in a warm, golden-brown tone. Overlaid on this background is the text "Season of Renewal" in a large, elegant, white cursive script.

# Season of Renewal

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