#### Holy Holy Holy

#### Verse 1

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

#### Verse 2

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall
Praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

#### Ending

Holy we cry holy (4X)

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#### One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

#### Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave Constant in the trial and the change One thing remains One thing remains

#### Interlude

Your love Your love will never change

#### Chorus

Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me (REPEAT)

Your love

#### Verse 2

On and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul And I never ever have to be afraid One thing remains One thing remains

#### Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and Cover'd by the power of Your great love My debt is paid there's nothing that Can separate my heart from Your great love (REPEAT)

#### **Ending**

Your love

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#### Revelation Song

#### Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

#### Chorus

Holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

#### Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King

#### Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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"Not Easy, But Good."
Always Thankful.



### Colossians 3:15-17

hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

### Colossians 3:15-17

<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



# <u>Past</u>



Not Easy



Not EasyCOVID



- Not Easy
  - $\circ$  COVID
  - Political passion and division



- Not Easy
  - COVID
  - Political passion and division
  - **Oultural Shift**



- Not Easy
  - COVID
  - Political passion and division
  - **O Cultural Shift** 
    - Racism



- Not Easy
  - COVID
  - Political passion and division
  - **O Cultural Shift** 
    - Racism
    - LGBTQ+



- Not Easy
  - COVID
  - Political passion and division
  - Cultural Shift
  - Economic disruption



- Not Easy
  - COVID
  - Political passion and division
  - Cultural Shift
  - Economic disruption
  - Typical challenges



# **UNCERTAINTY**



- Not Easy
- But Good



- But Good
  - More time with family



- But Good
  - More time with family
  - More time with Jesus



- But Good
  - More time with family
  - More time with Jesus
  - More time to reflect



- But Good
  - More time with family
  - More time with Jesus
  - More time to reflect
    - What is important to me?



- But Good
  - More time with family
  - More time with Jesus
  - More time to reflect
    - What is important to me?
    - What is important to my family?



- But Good
  - More time with family
  - More time with Jesus
  - More time to reflect
    - What is important to me?
    - What is important to my family?
    - What is important to my faith?



- But Good
  - More time with family
  - More time with Jesus
  - More time to reflect
  - Uncertainty





• For RCC – Not Easy



- For RCC Not Easy
  - Impact of not meeting together



- For RCC Not Easy
  - Impact of not meeting together
  - Impact of potential financial disruption



- For RCC Not Easy
  - Impact of not meeting together
  - Impact of potential financial disruption
  - O How long?



# **UNCERTAINTY**



- For RCC Not Easy
- For RCC But Good



- For RCC But Good
  - Developed new ways to connect



- For RCC But Good
  - Developed new ways to connect
  - o God generously moved in and through us



- For RCC But Good
  - Developed new ways to connect
  - God generously moved in and through us
  - Increasing clarity of who we are



- For RCC But Good
  - Developed new ways to connect
  - God generously moved in and through us
  - Increasing clarity of who we are
  - Uncertainty





Heavenly Father,

We give You thanks.

You have always met us right where we are with Your great faithfulness.

And You will never stop.

At our crossroads and trials, and in every victory and point of confusion, You have been and will always be with us.



It was You that raised each believer from death to life.

And You will never stop nurturing our lives. Through the difficulties, You have drawn us close.

When we've needed the correction of Your Truth, Your Spirit has been there molding and making us.

You are the Potter and we are the clay.

When we have felt alone and needed to feel
Your mercy, Your Spirit has been there
to comfort and guide.

Your Spirit never stops filling us with the
gifts of Your goodness!

And despite our doubts and challenges
and fears, You remain faithful.

Your unending love for us is beyond our comprehension...
Your hand has penned our story and Your Presence is undeniable.
If we have been truly patient, or kind, or self-controlled —
It hasn't ultimately been our doing.
You did that! You are working on us.



You are shaping us and equipping us to face every difficulty.

You are faithful, and we are humbled and grateful.

We bow our heads and thank You... for Your power and goodness in every season, and every circumstance.

In Jesus' name.
Amen.





Not Easy



- Not Easy
  - Carrying the disappointment of the past



- Not Easy
  - Carrying the disappointment of the past
  - Influenced by lingering cultural anger and frustration



- Not Easy
  - Carrying the disappointment of the past
  - Influenced by lingering cultural anger and frustration
  - Church family moving away



# **UNCERTAINTY**



- Not Easy
- But Good



- But Good
  - Deeper appreciation for being together



- But Good
  - Deeper appreciation for being together
  - RCC's influence is spreading



- But Good
  - Deeper appreciation for being together
  - RCC's influence is spreading
  - United, focused leadership community



- But Good
  - Deeper appreciation for being together
  - RCC's influence is spreading
  - United, focused leadership community
  - Being encouraged to trust God more



#### But Good

- Deeper appreciation for being together
- RCC's influence is spreading
- United, focused leadership community
- Being encouraged to trust God more
- Uncertainty





## <u>Future</u>



Not Easy



# **UNCERTAINTY**



- Not Easy
- But Good



- But Good
  - What we are certain of We are...



- But Good
  - What we are certain of We are...
    - ...wholeheartedly moving forward together



- But Good
  - What we are certain of We are...
    - ...wholeheartedly moving forward together
    - ...unabashedly Jesus focused in all of our endeavors



- But Good
  - What we are certain of We are...
    - ...wholeheartedly moving forward together
    - ...unabashedly Jesus focused in all of our endeavors
    - ...completely devoted to continuing to build and display the love of Christ



- But Good
  - What we are certain of We are...
  - O What that means for 2022:



- But Good
  - O What that means for 2022:
    - Hiring a new Adult Pastor



- But Good
  - O What that means for 2022:
    - Hiring a new Adult Pastor
    - Developing more opportunities to connect



- But Good
  - O What that means for 2022:
    - Hiring a new Adult Pastor
    - Developing more opportunities to connect
    - Building connections to those outside of RCC



- But Good
  - O What that means for 2022:
    - Hiring a new Adult Pastor
    - Developing more opportunities to connect
    - Building connections to those outside of RCC
    - Children and Family More family connections



- But Good
  - O What that means for 2022:
    - Hiring a new Adult Pastor
    - Developing more opportunities to connect
    - Building connections to those outside of RCC
    - Children and Family More family connections
    - Students More family connections



- But Good
  - O What that means for 2022:
    - Hiring a new Adult Pastor
    - Developing more opportunities to connect
    - Building connections to those outside of RCC
    - Children and Family More family connections
    - Students More family connections
    - More people finding more joy in Jesus



## Colossians 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



### Leader:

Thank you, Lord, for Your goodness and mercy and for being with us. Through all of our seasons, You never leave us or forsake us. You are with us always.

## **Congregation:**

Lord, You are good and You are worthy to be praised in all things.



Lord, we come to You with our prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude. We acknowledge You as our Lord God Almighty, our Alpha and Omega, our Beginning and End.
You alone are our Savior and King.



<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills.
 From where does my help come?
 <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
 <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.



- <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.



7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your going out

8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

(Psalm 121 A song of ascents.)



Lord, from the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
You are in our midst.
We trust You, Lord.



<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

(Proverbs 3:5.6)



Lord, thank you for hearing us when we pray and when we have cried out to You. Thank you that Your joy is our strength.



<sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench.

(Isaiah 42:3)



Thank you, Lord, for being our firm foundation ...and where we set our foot, we will not be shaken.



<sup>19</sup> But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his."

(2 Timothy 2:19)



Thank you, Lord, for knitting us together as one, for giving us a hope and a future and for making
Your word come alive.
For Your glory, we walk by faith.



<sup>1</sup> Now **faith is** the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

(Hebrews 11:1)



All:

Thank you Lord.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen



#### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#### Chorus

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

#### Verse 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

#### Verse 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

#### Verse 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

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#### This Is Amazing Grace

#### Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

#### Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter The King of Glory the King of Glory

#### Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

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