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Celebrating God's Faithfulness Reaching to the Skies (Psalm 108:4)

## Sky Fellowship

Sundays 1:00 pm, 100 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick

Fellowship and small group bible study following the service

We are a Christ-centered fellowship growing in the knowledge of the love of Jesus and in the act of loving one another as the family of God. We are a place of healing and restoration. As we are transformed by God's love, we are committed to sharing that love with our community in tangible ways by meeting perceived needs and helping others know Jesus. We want to reflect the nature of God's infinite love, which reaches *higher than the sky*.

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# SKY FELLOWSHIP

Of TAFPC

Celebrating God's faithfulness, higher than the skies!

# The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

#### (congregation) And also with you!

#### **Call to Worship**

(Unison) Today, Lord, we want everything to be for your glory. We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives: all to be for you. Everything ours is yours, and we come together to declare this to be so... Bless our time together with your holy presence as we praise and worship your holy name.

Amen.

## **Songs of Worship**

In Your surrender, As You laid down Your life You took up a sinner's cross, And Your life rescued mine

In this redemption, Love and mercy displayed You lifted my eyes to see, That your truth never fails

Lord of the heavens, King of all days Without You my world slips away Redeemed by Your mercy Consumed by Your grace Now I live for You

I'm found in the arms of love For Your love it saved my soul I run to Your arms of love Your light's gonna lead me home

Glorious Savior, In your light I am free The things of this world will fade Still you are all that I need

Lord of the heavens, King of all days Without You my world slips away Redeemed by Your mercy Consumed by Your grace Now I live for You

I'm found in the arms of love For Your love can save my soul I run to Your arms of love Your light's gonna lead me home

And at your cross I lay my burdens At your feet Where your love covers All I've done Now I walk with you, Lord

I'm found in the arms of love For Your love can save my soul I run to Your arms of love Your light's gonna lead me home

## I stand before You now my Savior Shouting Your praise You've changed my world and made my heart sing And everything I have I lay it at Your feet

## Everything is different now with You my God You broke my chains of sin You're always there to lift me when I fall You never let me go Lord I give You my all

## Now that I've found You everything around me is changing Nothing will be the same Now that You've saved me

## I'll be the one to shout Your fame forever I'll be the one to sing Your praise My Savior You are the strength inside of me You are the light that let's me see My only One

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### Across the earth we see, Worshippers believe. Hear our song, Praise to our God, praise to our God.

## From dawn to dusk we'll be, Lifting up our King. Hear our song, Praise to our God, praise to our God.

#### Bringing honor to Your majesty, There's no other like the King of all Kings.

## God be praised, All the glory to Your awesome name, All creation rising up to say we know, Our God reigns.



## Our broken lives were changed When You broke the night with day. Hear our song, Praise to our God, praise to our God.

#### Bringing honor to Your majesty, There's no other like the King of all Kings.



## God be praised, All the glory to Your awesome name, All creation rising up to say we know, Our God reigns.



## God be praised, All the glory to Your awesome name, Though the earth will shake and battles rage we know, Our God reigns.

## Out of ashes You, lifted us. To the table You came and filled our cups. Every heart and soul, All we are and more, Praise the Lord.

## God be praised, All the glory to Your awesome name, All creation rising up to say we know, Our God reigns.



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#### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving Father, we desire to be obedient, but, in reality, we don't always obey. At times we decide to take our own road and divert from what you want us to do. We insist that our own way is the best, but it never is, and never will be. We fall into sin from only to be saved time and time again by you. You are our Savior. You make us whole. You forgive us. Merciful Lord, we confess our sins. Please forgive us. Let your forgiveness wash over us and cleanse us of our sins like heavenly rain. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**



1 Corinthians 11:28

<sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. Children's Story The Doctor Is In

## **Offering & 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, The power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

#### Announcements

Today: Skype with Mike Wu during Bible study time.

May 11 - Mother's day service - we will take part in most of the service to help serve our mothers. We need people to help play for prelude/ postlude, read scripture reading, offering, etc.

May 17 - John McCall - Wind and Fire Workshop 11am-1pm followed by lunch. Everyone needs to save this on their calendars. Lets get as many people as we can to come to this workshop

June 1 - fundraising - many ways to help out. Food, donation envelopes, raffle, concert

June 14 - Side walk Sale! We need to start collecting items. They will be stored downstairs where we used to have service.

# Extending the peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. (all) *And also with you.* 

## Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence. Amen.

#### Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, 50-56

## This is the Word of the Lord! (all) Thanks be to God!



Sermon: Your Labor in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Faith in everyday life.

## 2 Thessalonians 3:7 - 13

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

## 1 John 2:15-17

#### (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

## Philippians 3:7-9

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

The word of God for all us "success seekers" is this: Take all that ambition and drive that you are pouring into your upward mobility and pour it instead into a spiritual zeal to cultivate an enjoyment of God's presence and obedience to his revealed will in Scripture. – John Piper

## John 6:27-29

- <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."
- <sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"
- <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

## Matthew 6:19

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Colossians 3:23-24

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

## 1 Peter 2:12

<sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## Song of Response

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.

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

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.

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.



### The Lord's Supper

## >> Benediction