

## **“Praise Service”**

**“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)**

### **Entering with Praise**

**Hebrews 4:16** – “Let us then with confidence (all out-spokenness) draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

**Hebrews 13:15** – “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”

**Psalms 100:4** – “Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”

**Matthew 6:9** – “Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’”

### **Come as You Are**

**Isaiah 61:3** – “To grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.”

### **Praise – A Weapon of Our Warfare**

**2 Chronicles 20:20-23** – <sup>20</sup> “And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, ‘Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.’ <sup>21</sup> And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed

those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, ‘Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.’<sup>22</sup> And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.<sup>23</sup> For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.”

### **Encourage Others to Praise**

**Psalm 34:1-3** – <sup>1</sup> “I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!”

**Psalm 134:1-2** – <sup>1</sup> “Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! <sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!”