



## HOUR OF POWER OF 16.05.2010

### OPENING SENTENCE - RHS

RHS: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful.."

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before You, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Amen! Amen! Amen!

### GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION

SSC: Good morning. My name is Sheila Schuller Coleman and look whose here! Dad!

RHS: Yeah! I'm celebrating a holiday. It was fifty-five years ago this morning that I walked up a ladder, stood on the tarpaper rooftop of the snack bar at the Orange Drive-In Theater and had the first church service to start this ministry. Over a half a century and how God has used you. I have done nothing except show up for work, but your prayers and your tithes and offerings. It started with five hundred dollars and the first ideas I got cost money. Seems like every idea we get does cost money and your tithes and your offerings have built this. Hallelujah!

SSC: Turn around shake hands with somebody and say God loves you and so do I.

RHS: Well this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SSC: And let us pray. Lord God almighty, here we stand. You are here in this house, You are here. Your presence we feel You, we know You, we love You. Thank You Lord, Amen.

### HYMN - "Medley – Praise to the Lord/Everlasting God"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the God of creation! O my friend, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! To all who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who in all things is always beside you; As on the wings of an eagle, He surely will guide you. His own He keeps; He neither slumbers nor sleeps, under His wings He will hide you.

BETH: Isaiah 41 says "those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Renew your strength in God."

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Our God, You reign forever; Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles. You are the everlasting God!

### SCRIPTURE – John 6 - RHS

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RHS: You may be seated. Hear these words of Jesus:

After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee. Many people followed Him because they saw the miracles He did to heal the sick. Jesus went up a hill and sat down there with His followers. It was almost the time for the Jewish Passover feast when Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward Him. He said to Philip, were can we get enough bread for all these people to eat? Philip answered: someone would have to work almost a year to buy enough bread for each person to have only a little piece. Another one of His followers said here is a boy with five loaves of barley bread and two little fish but that's not enough for so many people!

Jesus said, tell the people to sit down. There was plenty of grass there and about five thousand men sat down. And Jesus took the loaves of bread, thanked God for them and gave them to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, giving as much as the people wanted. When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to His followers gather the left over pieces of fish and bread so that nothing is wasted. So they gathered up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves.

Praise be to God.

#### ANTHEM - "Refuge and Strength"

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Therefore we will not fear. We will not fear. Though the earth should change, though the earth should crumble into the sea, let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Therefore we will not fear. There is a river whose streams make glad the City of God the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city. It shall not be moved. God will help when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar. The kingdoms of men have fallen. God thunders, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Therefore we will not fear. God is our refuge and our strength! God is our refuge and our strength!

#### ANTHEM - "Hear Me, Redeemer"

Hear me, hear me, hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. Hear me, hear me, hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul.

Lord of lords, wash away my sinful ways (sinful ways). Show me the power; show me the power of Your love! (Show me the power!) Lord of lords shine Your light through all my days (all my days). Show me the power; show me the power of Your love! (Show me the power!)

Hear me, hear me, hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. Lord! Hear me, hear me, hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul.

Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way (lead the way). Show me the power; show me the power of Your love! (Show me the power!)

Mighty God, let me praise You every day (every day). Show me the power, show me the power of Your love (show me the power of Your love)!

Hear me, hear me, hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. Lord! Hear me, hear me, hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. My soul!

#### INTERVIEW – HYATT MOORE

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RHS: ROBERT H. SCHULLER      HM: HYATT MOORE

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RHS: Now it's my pleasure to welcome a very special guest, Hyatt Moore. Take a look at this video:

(VIDEO ROLL IN)

VO: Hyatt Moore paints people. International people. The people of the earth.

HM: Look at the symmetry here. The blue dresses, the yellow.. what a portrait.

VO: Having lived on three continents and traveled in over 20 countries, he appreciates the beauty, the dignity and the value of God's highest creation. One of his most sought after paintings, The Last Supper with 12 Tribes integrates his artistic talents and his personal faith conveying a deep, rich truth.

(END OF VIDEO ROLL IN)

RHS: Wow. And here we have it, the painting of The Last Supper done by our dear friend. And I have to ask the question, where did you get the idea to paint such a magnificent piece?

HM: Oh where do you get ideas? I don't know but I was doing it for a mission's conference in Canada, mission's fest. My wife had put together a wall, a twenty foot wall that we had to put something on and I had this idea, I thought it might be spurious, but then I thought it might be brilliant. I ran it by a few friends, they said no it's brilliant, do it.

RHS: Yes.

HM: So I went to work on it and did it.

RHS: Okay, explain it to us.

HM: Okay it's basically after Leonardo's Last Supper, of course, but the disciples are not the disciples, okay? They're just 12 men of ethnic origin. In fact people ask me which one is Judas and I say how could one be Judas; I'd be picking on some culture. But there's no John, either. There's no literalness in that regard.

RHS: They are not all American's.

HM: None of them are American's except the one on the very left who is a Crow Indian.

RHS: Okay quickly explain the nationalities.

HM: Okay, I'll just go across. A Crow Indian on the left there. The next one is a Berber from North Africa. The standing figure is a Masai, and the man in the China hat is, well, from China. And then the man with the face paint, well they all have face paint because it's a painting but anyway, he's wearing face paint. He's from Ecuador. And then the man from Afghanistan and Jesus, and then this man is from Ethiopia and then Southern Mexico, a Canela of Brazil, Papa New Guinea, of course the Salish of British Columbia and Mongolia.

RHS: So each of these persons of a different ethnicity speaks a different language.

HM: Yeah if this was literal, these people couldn't talk to each other. They could only talk to Jesus and He could talk to them. There's six thousand languages in the world, six thousand ethnic groups and Jesus created all of them and loves them all, and so I just took twelve and that would represent the rest.

RHS: Wow. What's the title of the piece?

HM: I called it the Last Supper with Twelve Tribes. Since then, well my father, for example, calls it the next supper. In fact he carries around book marks of it and he says this is the next supper and if you believe, you'll be there.

RHS: That's fantastic.

HM: Yeah.

RHS: What was your most difficult thing..

HM: To paint it?

RHS: ..yeah.

HM: Jesus. Well first of all, I painted all of them from slides. I didn't have a slide of Jesus. Another thing, it's a Jesus. How do you do Him justice? All I had was Leonardo's picture, which is not really Leonardo's. Its been retouched so many times you don't know what he painted it like and besides that its sort of effeminate in that version. I wanted a strong Jesus.

But there's a story about how I painted that. I was painting it in a classroom. I'd paint here for awhile, I'd paint here for awhile, and very gingerly would I paint on Jesus because I was a little bit intimidated to paint Jesus. But that's how I painted it, a little bit here, I'd paint over here for awhile, I'd work on him and then come by and put a few strokes of paint here and go quickly over there again. And after awhile I realized it's done, He's finished. And people have asked me, or said, I'm glad you didn't paint Him white, you know a white skin. Well who knows what color He really was? My daughter, who is a painter as well, and said at the time, dad you don't know how to paint a white person because I was painting all these people of color all the time.

But in the end, I painted Him that and He became that color basically because He was being painted by the same brush I was painting the other ones with. In other words, the same palette made him. And so I realized later that that was of the Lord because He has come to us to be in our color. You know He's painted Himself out of the same palette He painted us with, in a sense.

RHS: Yes.

HM: So He became sort of like the rest of the people because of the same palette.

RHS: So appropriate for this painting to tell us how He came for the whole world.

HM: Amen.

RHS: You're a Christian.

HM: I am.

RHS: That's fantastic. Marvelous, marvelous witness.

HM: Thank you.

RHS: You know I find and feel the spirit of Christ coming through your face and personality.

HM: Thank you.

RHS: He lives in you.

HM: Amen.

RHS: You intend that.

HM: It's my request.

RHS: Thank you.

HM: Thank you.

RHS: Well may God bless you and thank you very, very much.

HM: Thank you.

#### SOLO – DANIEL RODRIGUEZ – “Via Dolorosa”

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day the soldiers tried to clear the narrow street. But the crowd pressed in to see the man condemned to die on Calvary. He was bleeding from a beating; there were stripes upon His back. And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head. And He bore with ev’ry step the scorn of those who cried out for His death.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering. Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King. And He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men made its way through the heart of Jerusalem. Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering. Like a lamb came the Messiah Christ the King. And He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary. And He came for you and me; Jesus came for you, for me.

#### SSC THANK YOU TO DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

SSC: I want you all to turn around and see the beautiful woman standing with a baby at the pillar and that’s your wife and your baby.

DR: That’s my wife Marla, yes.

SSC: And during his song your wife was pointing to you. And saying to her daughter, tell me if I’m right, there’s your daddy, there’s your daddy. And I want all of us to say when Jesus is walking down the Via Dolorosa we say there goes my daddy.

DR: Amen.

SSC: There goes my daddy. Thank you, Daniel.

DR: God bless. Thank you.

#### MESSAGE/PRAYER – SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN

"Counting on Every 1!"

SSC: Today I want to talk about Counting on Every 1. Counting on Every 1. And the text is from Hebrews 11, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for; Evidence of things not yet seen.” This is not the easiest for me because I’m a trained researcher on empirical evidence. What you see, what you can touch, what you can measure. That’s evidence. But as a Christian and as a woman of God, the holy bible tells me that faith, faith is the evidence, the evidence of things NOT yet seen.

Have you heard the story, it’s a true story of Angus Buchan. Angus Buchan was a Scottish farmer who didn’t farm in Scotland. He farmed in South Africa, of all places. His father was an immigrant and he was a descendent. And Angus, he was a bitter man, he was an angry man. And he was invited to church one day by another farmer because nothing was going right for Angus. And so he went begrudgingly to church where he heard another farmer get up there and tell how Jesus had transformed his life. And they gave an opportunity to accept Jesus. And Angus this tough, hard farmer, his heart was as hard as the ground he was trying to plow. But that day he opened his heart to Jesus and he was absolutely transformed. He loved to spend time talking with God. He called it in the green

cathedral because it was his field and he would lay down in the field and he would talk to God.

But in the '90's, it was the drought and God said to him, "Angus, plant potatoes." Angus said "but God, potatoes require more water than the average plant. I don't have irrigation." "Plant potatoes, Angus," God said to him. Angus took God at His word and he plowed that dusty hard field and he put in potato buds, he put in potato buds.

His banker called and said "Angus, I'm really concerned for you. None of the other farmers are planting. You are going to lose your farm; you are going to lose everything." Angus said "thank you so much for your concern, but I truly believe that God wants me to plant these potatoes, and I'm praying for rain." In fact he was able to get a stadium out there and got 35,000 people who came and he said "we're going to pray for rain, farmers. We're going to pray for rain." You want to guess what happened? Not a drop of rain. Not one drop.

Meanwhile Angus had put his faith on the line and he had said I believe in a God of miracles! And there he sat and he looked at his dead field and he saw no evidence of the things he had hoped for. But Angus on harvest day, he went out with his servant and they took that pitchfork and they put it in the ground, and miracle of miracles, there was a big huge bountiful crop of potatoes. Those potatoes had grown, those potatoes had grown. How do we know? Nobody saw the rain. Nobody saw the water, but God is a God of miracles and He grew those potatoes under ground without rain. And Angus went on, he had such a bountiful crop that he and his wife were able to open up their home and an orphanage for 24 Zulu children and his ministry now, he's a farmer but he's really truly a minister, you can read his book in a story called Faith Like Potatoes. And he says that the condition for a miracle is an impossibility. A miracle is only possible when you're facing the impossible.

Are you facing the impossible today? Then hallelujah because now you have the conditions for a miracle. Are you facing the impossible today? Hallelujah. A miracle is possible. That's the message that God wants you to hear today. It is also, I learned this week, that we are right now in the time of the barley harvest. I've never heard about this before but in my sleep the other night, I was sleeping and I heard the Lord say to me, don't think I'm crazy 'cause I was sleeping, and I heard the Lord say to me, "Sheila, its harvest time." Harvest time? I thought harvest time was in the fall. My parents were on the farms so weren't your harvest times always in the fall? I thought harvest time, its spring. I thought that's when you planted. Well I became very curious and I started to dig around and this is what I discovered. The Israelites had several harvests and this is the time of the first harvest, the harvest of the first fruits. And it's called the barley harvest. Because the barley and the barley is a grain, is also symbolic and it's called the seed or the grain of over-comers because it can withstand drought, because it's hardy and after a long hard winter, there's the barley harvest and it's right now in the biblical calendar, right now. This is the very first day of the barley harvest season.

Well I'm going to tell you a trilogy of three stories, if you'll let me. The first one, you all know these stories but I'm going to give a little different twist on them that I learned this week. I've always loved the story of Ruth. You remember Ruth. She was a Moabite, a Gentile and she married one of the sons of Naomi. And when Naomi's husband and her son's were all killed, Naomi said to her three daughter-in-laws, I need to return back to my home land. And she went to say goodbye to her three daughter-in-laws. When she got to Ruth, Ruth said no. The bible says she entreated her. "No, don't leave me Naomi. I want to go with you.

You're people will be my people. Your God will be my God." And so Naomi took Ruth with her back to her home town of Bethlehem. And in Bethlehem they got there during barley harvest time. And being poor and having absolutely nothing they did what the very, very poor did, they gleaned. They went out into the harvest of the barley harvest of Boaz and he said you may come and glean barley from me.

Well here they were desperate. Ruth was in desperate need of a redeemer. And how unlikely, how unlikely that a widow, a Gentile woman would be embraced and married by this wealthy Jew of high standing Boaz because he fell in love with Ruth and took her as his wife. And it was during the barley harvest season time and what's really fascinating to me is that if you trace the genealogy of Jesus Christ, you see what came from Ruth and Boaz, what they begot, was the lineage and Jesus was one of their descendants. Jesus was.. one of His ancestors was a Gentile, a Gentile woman which says He came for all, which is what we heard with Hyatt Moore. Jesus came for all. Impossible, impossible for this woman, this widow to marry this wealthy Israelite. But if it's impossible, that's a set up for a miracle, right? If it's impossible, a miracle is possible and that's what happened with Ruth.

Second story. It was during the time of Passover and Jesus had a throng of people around Him. The bible says five thousand men and we typically tend to think that there were only five thousand people there but we know that in addition to the men, there were also women and children, so conservative estimates are 12,000. This Cathedral seats at capacity under 3,000. Twelve thousand people were there and they were hungry. And the disciples said it's impossible to feed all these people. It's impossible. And Jesus said go see what you can find. Dad read it earlier. What was found was a lunch from a little boy. Right? The loaves and fishes. We've all heard the story. It was Passover season and those loaves were barley loaves. They were barley loaves because it was barley season. That was the grain that was available and that's what his mamma made for him, she made him barley loaves to take and that's what Jesus used to feed the throng, barley loaves.

If you are facing impossible situations right now, then a miracle is possible. That's what Jesus did, He worked a miracle. He took those meager little offerings and turned them into more than enough. The bible says there are 12 baskets left over.

Third story. Jesus went into Jerusalem to celebrate Passover during the feast of the barley harvest. He went into Jerusalem knowing that He would be crucified. And as Daniel sang, walked that Via Dolorosa. He was crucified and He was put in a tomb. Raise Him from the dead? Impossible! But when it's impossible, a miracle is possible. And on Easter Sunday morning, our world, our world which is need of a Redeemer, Jesus rose from the dead and we have our Redeemer. It happened during this time of the biblical year calendar, during the feast of the barley harvest. Any time you face the impossible, a miracle is possible because "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" and just like Angus couldn't see those potatoes growing, God is working.

You know it was back in June my dad asked me to help him lead this ministry. And many of you saw that we stood here in the pulpit dad and I, and we had our little bucket of seeds and we walked over to the doors and we threw the seeds out. Do you remember? We threw the seeds out. Couple months ago, I heard the Lord say to me "Sheila, you have sprouts. There are sprouts of new life in this ministry." And I saw it; I saw the sprouts of a new life. Today, people, today its harvest day. Today we are going to harvest potatoes. It has been an economic drought. We have not seen rain, we have not seen evidence that God

will save us personally, that He will save this His ministry, but people of God there are potatoes and it is harvest day today. I am so excited about what God is going to do.

I want to read to you some letters I received this week. "When I came to the Cathedral, I was in a miserable place. One Sunday my engine blew up in my car, leaving me without transportation. On Monday, after getting a ride to work, I was terminated. On Tuesday, I had been feeling ill so a friend suggested I get a pregnancy test. On Wednesday, when I found out I was pregnant, the person I was renting a room from told me to get out. It was all just too much. I was a mess. I was without a car, job, husband, pregnant and about to be homeless. My lifestyle had caught up with me and knocked me to my knees. But God had a plan and today I have a wonderful husband who loves me unconditionally. I have a job that I love. And I drive a pretty cool car. And my daughter is grown and beautiful. This happened because a friend invited me to this church and that is when I started to get back on track. This ministry truly did save my life."

People are you facing the impossible? A miracle, a miracle, a miracle is possible. We received a letter this past week from a man who watches us on death row. We are his spiritual life line. With your help, we can continue to save lives. I received a call a few weeks ago from two sisters. The one couldn't talk because she was dying of AIDS. They were surfing through their TV channels and they saw this crazy woman throwing sandbags from the pulpit up here and they said what in the world is she doing? But Kathryn was dying of AIDS so they stopped and they listened. They called and I talked and I prayed with Kathryn to receive Jesus and I said Kathryn if you said yes to Jesus in your heart, just make a noise so I know that you said yes. I'll take that as a yes and I heard "ah." Kathryn said yes to Jesus. We saved a life because a day and a half later, her sister called and said Kathryn is gone but thank you. Thank you. I say to you today thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Let us pray. Oh Lord God, we count on You every day and today You are counting on every one of us. We Your people, we are here, we are giving to You because we believe a miracle is possible because You said all things are possible through You and we believe that oh Lord. Thank You. When we were in need of a Redeemer, that You came. You walked with us, You talked with us. You walked the Via Dolorosa and You rose from the dead victorious. Thank You Lord, we love You. We praise You. Amen.

HYMN - "All Things Are Possible"

All things are possible, all things are possible, all things are possible, all things are possible.

Almighty God my Redeemer; my hiding place, my safe refuge. No other name like Jesus, no power can stand against you. My feet are planted on this rock and I will not be shaken. My hope it comes from You alone, my Lord and my Salvation.

All things are possible, all things are possible, all things are possible!

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: Wow! May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. And may God give you inner peace. May He live there until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset, and no dawning. Amen.