



ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 81:1-2, 10, 16

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

People: **Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp!**

Leader: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

People: **He would feed you with the finest of the wheat.**

Leader: "And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

1. When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait;
I will stand upon Your Word.

Chorus 1

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

2. You're my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of every threat.
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail;
In Your power I'm secure.

Chorus 2

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge, and my sure foundation.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

3. This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved.
Through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that's undeserved.
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss;
Now the sting of death is gone.

Chorus 2 (2x)

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

¹²“Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. ¹³But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and Gracious Lord, you tell us that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from you, the Father of lights. You promise, as you provide for the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, you too will feed and care for us. And yet, like our first parents in the Garden, we often doubt your word. We easily question whether you are good. And so we turn away, and take for ourselves, rather than trusting in you. We confess our self-reliance, our little confidence in your love, and doubting your power to work all things together for good. And we look to Jesus Christ, your Son, whom you gave up for us all.

HYMN OF PETITION

God Be Merciful to Me

1. God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess: Thy judgment just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou, alone, my Savior art;
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice.
From my sins, O hide Thy face;
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew;
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart;
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
And return O God to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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And my mouth shall praise accord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 6:33, 47-48

“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me has eternal life. I am the bread of life.”

SONG OF ASSURANCE

The Goodness of Jesus

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus,
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

2. Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus (2x)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the prayer. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Shawn George, Sarabeth Kapusta, Sarah Pettman

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22:6-21

⁶ And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷ “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰ And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

SERMON “Come, Lord Jesus!”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
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Let me hide myself in Thee.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
Chorus

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (2x)

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BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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