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SONGS OF PRAISE “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *James 3:18; 4:5–6, 8; Psalm 54:1–2, 4, 6*

L: In today's Epistle, James urges, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." Let us go to God, echoing David's words in Psalm 54, appointed for today.

L: O God, save me, by Your name,
C: and vindicate me by Your might.

L: O God, hear my prayer;
C: give ear to the words of my mouth.

P: James' words in today's Epistle guide our confession. Gracious God,
C: we confess that as we have desired friendship with the world, we forget that it would mean enmity with God. We confess that our passions are at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.

- L:** God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. James writes, “A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace,” and in His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us His righteousness and established peace between us and God. Amazing grace is Yours; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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Verse 1

**We won't fear the battle, We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley with You by our side
You will go before us You will lead the way
We have found a refuge only You can save**

Chorus

**Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us**

Verse 2

**Even when I stumble Even when I fall
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure
You will not abandon You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never - ending grace (Chorus)**

Bridge

**Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love (Repeat)**

Chorus

**Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand a-against us if our God is for us (Repeat)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O God, in Your infinite grace You have forgiven our warring against Your will and rule.

C: Grant that the peace our Lord has won will be evident in our humble service to You and the people around us each day;

L: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

EPISTLE *James 3:13–4:10*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 9:35b*

L: Alleluia. If anyone would be first,

C: he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:30–37*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 503 “O Day Full of Grace”

**O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth’s horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.**

God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface.
And bring to us all His healing.

When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

SERMON "The Lord Will Lift You Up!" James 3:13–4:10 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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Please stand

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING (The Offering is collected in the basket in the foyer. Thank you for giving of your resources of time, talent and treasure to the sustaining work of our congregation.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the nations around the world, the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves here in this place.

Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, O God, open the ears of their leaders to hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace. Move them to find joy in humble service. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, O God, give both citizens and their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere. Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

L: Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance. Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances. Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace. Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Wherever people call out to You in their distress, [*especially Barb Applegate as she prepares for surgery this week, and for the recovery from surgery of Diane Colvin and for all on our Prayer List . . .*], O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will. Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- L:** Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake. Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us. Lord in Your mercy,
- C:** hear our prayer.
- P:** Wherever Your chosen people are celebrating the milestones of life, grant them pause to look to heaven in thanksgiving for the gift of life. This week we celebrate the birthdays of Olivia Siron, Julianne Reynolds, Robert Bruns, Dave Longhorn, Mackenna Leech, Ken Vohlken, Hanna Schmidt, and Jean Miller. For these brothers and sisters in Christ we bless You. Lord in Your mercy,
- C:** hear our prayer.
- L:** Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

- P:** As our Savior taught us, so we pray:
- All:** 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P:** The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
- P:** Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O God, for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on Your beloved Son afresh. Renew our spirits in Him. Fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

SELF-REFLECTION (As the Sacrament is being prepared, let us take this moment of silence to prepare our hearts to receive this sacred meal.)

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do you believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: Merciful Lord,

C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING Psalm 103:1-2

P: Father of all,

C: we give You thanks and praise,

P: that when we were still far off

C: You met us in your Son and brought us home.

P: Dying and living, He declared Your love,

C: gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

P: May we who share Christ’s body, live His risen life;

**C: we who drink His cup, bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

P: Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

**C: so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

P: through Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LORD Numbers 6:24–26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD smile upon you and + give you peace. C: Amen.

HYMN No. 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**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.**

Refrain:

**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!**

**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. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

SENDING

**P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.**