

A scenic landscape featuring a mountain range in the background, a sun setting or rising behind the peaks, and large, gnarled trees in the foreground framing the scene. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, and the mountains are shrouded in a light mist.

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Give Thanks and Praise

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Call to Worship:

Praise our God, who is unlike any other. He forgives and lifts the burden of sin from His people.

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

Worship our merciful Lord, whose anger is brief and love is everlasting.

You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

Lift up your hearts to our Father, who restores and redeems us. He casts away our guilt and renews us with compassion.

You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of Praise: # 404 The Solid Rock

Prayer for God's Blessing

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, merciful and mighty, You love the world so much you sent your only Son to save it from itself.

May the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.

You give yourself to your people, so that with us the cities and towns of the world might glimmer with the glory of your mercy and justice.

Jesus, many are my distractions from your dream to drench the earth with your glory. Kindle in me a truer love for you and for others.

Holy Spirit, wash over us with renewing grace.

When I think about helping others who are hurting, I am tempted to keep my light hidden, not to say, "I'll help."

I am overwhelmed at the brokenness in the world; I am saturated with the busyness of my life.

Lord, I have sinned against you and against others by the things I have done and by the things I have left undone.

Holy Spirit, our hard and weary hearts are no match for your renewing grace. Take us back to our first love, when you loved us before we loved you.

Holy Spirit, renew us and reorient us to the joy of your light. Turn our hearts outward in love. Amen

Hymn of Meditation: I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

Oh, I need Thee, yes, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Yes, I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

To Thee

Assurance of Pardon:

Take courage. Jesus spent three days buried in the earth and rose to conquer the grave. He is the risen one with the power of an indestructible life; the Scripture calls him Faithful and True.

He is my daily bread, and his Father is my Father.

His Holy Spirit is given to anyone and everyone who asks for him. God has promised to shine through you into the world.

Our God is the living God, whose Son is the light of the world. He is stronger than all darkness and destroys every idol that leads me away from him.

His mercy and justice have saved us. His mercy and justice rules on the earth as he lives among us.

One day the whole earth will be drenched in his glory, and I am a part of that story. Even now, by his grace, the glory of God glimmers through us.

Hymn: #382 Be Thou My Vision

Hymn: #196 There is a Fountain

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Psalm 92**

Sermon: Give Thanks and Praise

1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,
3 On an instrument of ten strings,
On the lute,
And on the harp,
With harmonious sound.
4 For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work;
I will triumph in the works of Your hands.

5 O Lord, how great are Your works!
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A senseless man does not know,
Nor does a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring up like grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity flourish,
It is that they may be destroyed forever.

8 But You, Lord, are on high forevermore.
9 For behold, Your enemies, O Lord,
For behold, Your enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
11 My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies;
My ears hear my desire on the wicked
Who rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;
They shall be fresh and flourishing,
15 To declare that the Lord is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Romans 1:20

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Psalms 33:11-12

11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
The plans of His heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

Psalms 51:12

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

II Corinthians 4:16

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

Psalms 1:3

He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

Ephesians 3:17-19

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Hymn: Is He Worthy?

Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

In the Women's Bible Study, we are in the book of 'James, The Relationship Between Faith and Works' by Dr. David Jeremiah. Join us at the Christian Center at 10 am.

Psalm 113:3

From the rising of the sun to its going down
The Lord's name is to be praised.