

The background of the entire image is a dramatic sky. At the top center, there is a bright sunburst or starburst effect, with rays of light extending downwards and outwards. The sky is filled with soft, golden-yellow clouds, particularly concentrated around the sunburst. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of yellow, orange, and blue, creating a sense of divine light and glory.

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Our Unchanging God

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Call to Worship

Lord, you alone are our portion and our cup; you make our lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; surely we have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore our heart is glad and our tongues rejoice; our body also will rest secure

You will not abandon us to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful ones see decay.

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Hymn: #43 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the world for this purpose:

To seek and save the lost. To be a friend of sinners. To bring healing and redemption wherever the curse of sin is found.

But often, our response reveals what's hidden in our hearts. Many of us respond with self-righteousness and entitlement, expecting God's blessing, but refusing to admit our need.

We pat ourselves on the back with performance and achievement, in hopes that God will not see the dark places in our hearts and confront us.

We fear the good news of the gospel is too good to be true, so we don't allow our hearts to embrace Jesus all the way.

Help us and heal us, Jesus. Cleanse us from our sin.

Grow in us humility to see you as you are:

The joy of our hearts. The healing of our souls. The true and righteous King, worthy of all our trust and worship. Amen.

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy Shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

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Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus didn't come for those righteous or impressive

but for the sick, for those in sin, for those who know they need his help.

Therefore, when our hearts condemn us, we proclaim:

Jesus, the Son of God, is greater than our hearts.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

Of whom shall I be afraid?

For God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hymn: # 195 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Hymn: Shout to the Lord

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Psalm 102:24-28**

Sermon: Our Unchanging God

²⁴ I said, “O my God,
Do not take me away in the midst of my days;
Your years are throughout all generations.
²⁵ Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
²⁶ They will perish, but You will [a]endure;
Yes, they will all grow old like a garment;
Like a cloak You will change them,
And they will be changed.
²⁷ But You are the same,
And Your years will have no end.
²⁸ The children of Your servants will continue,
And their descendants will be established before You.”

Malachi 3:6

⁶ “For I am the Lord, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Hebrews 13:8

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Isaiah 48:12

¹² “Listen to Me, O Jacob,
And Israel, My called:
I am He, I am the First,
I am also the Last.

Revelation 22:13

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

Exodus 3:14

¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Exodus 34:5-7

⁵ Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. ⁶ And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, ⁷ keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Isaiah 40:8

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."

Psalms 119:89

⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord,
Your word is settled in heaven.

2 Corinthians 1:20

²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Numbers 23:19

¹⁹ "God is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Psalms 33:11

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
The plans of His heart to all generations.

Acts 15:18

¹⁸ “Known to God from eternity are all His works.

Hebrews 1:10-12

¹⁰ And:

“You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but You remain;
And they will all grow old like a garment;

¹² Like a cloak You will fold them up,
And they will be changed.

But You are the same,
And Your years will not fail.”

Hebrews 7:25

²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 11:37-39

³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

Hymn: Yet not I but Through Christ

Benediction

A warm welcome to our visitors today! You will find visitor and prayer request cards on the back of each pew. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate on the corner of the sound booth. You may also submit prayer requests there or directly to the pastor or deacon, who are Roger, Jeff and Pastor Robert.

Upcoming Announcements

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center.