



*Gifts*  
AND  
*the*  
GIVER

*No matter where you've been.  
No matter what you've done. Come back.*

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Call to Worship:

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!**

Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!

**Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!**

Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth

**He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Hymn of Praise: # 506 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Prayer for God's Blessing

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Father, we come to you confessing. You call us to flee from sin and to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

**But yet we wander from Your commandments.**

Give us grace to seek You with our whole hearts and to hold on to the truth that we have attained through Christ.

**We wander away like sheep and do not follow You, the Good Shepherd.**

Sometimes our fear of sacrifice and the cost of following you cause us to turn away from listening to the truth and to wander into myths that support our own agenda.

**Keep us in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.**

Be our Keeper and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**We are prone to wander, but give us the grace to flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.**

Let us pursue Jesus with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

**Let us take hold of the eternal life to which we have been called.**

## Hymn of Meditation: When I See the Blood

Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,  
Died for the sinner, paid all his due;  
Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,  
And I'll pass over you

Chiefest of sinners, Jesus will save;  
All He has promised, surely He'll do;  
Wash in the fountain where sinners can bath,  
And I'll pass over you.

### **Chorus:**

When I see the blood of my holy One  
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be thru  
When I see the blood of my only Son  
Yes I will pass over you.

Judgment is coming, and all will be there,  
Each one receiving justly his due;  
Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood,  
And I'll pass over you.

### **Chorus**

O great compassion! O boundless love!  
Now found with power, Jesus is true!  
Find peace and shelter under the blood,  
And I'll pass over you.

### **Chorus**

When I see the blood of my only Son  
Yes I will pass over you

Assurance of Pardon:

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**Jesus didn't come for the 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 and has forgiven us.**

Hymn: #503 Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,  
for by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

O, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!  
O, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,  
and Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,  
compass me 'round with blessings: Thine is love indeed!

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Ever lift Thy face upon me, As I work and wait for Thee;  
resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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Hymn: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast, and weep no more.

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast, and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

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## Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Ephesians 4:7-16**

Sermon: Gifts and the Giver

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore He says:

“When He ascended on high,  
He led captivity captive,  
And gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup> (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also <sup>a</sup>first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the <sup>b</sup>edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

### **Psalm 68:1**

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise,  
Let His enemies be scattered;  
Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

### **Philippians 2:8**

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

### **Romans 12:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

## **1 Corinthians 12:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

## **Hebrews 10:14**

<sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

## **Hebrews 12:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup> to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

## **Acts 10:43**

<sup>43</sup> To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

Hymn: Ancient of Days

Benediction

## **Upcoming Announcements**

Marjorie Phares is turning 100 yrs old on April 29th. If you would like to help her celebrate by sending a birthday card, that would be great. Please send cards to Jeff Phares, 855 Elm St., Shelbyville, IN 46176.

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.