



AUGUST 4, 2024



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

I See The Lord

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Verse 1

This is where worship starts
Here in the temple of my heart
Remembering who You are
And all You've done
This is Your majesty
All I have tasted and I've seen
Remembering who You are
And once again

Chorus 1

Verse 2

This is eternity
Deep calling deep inside of me
I'm right where I'm meant to be
Here with You
This is Your family
Stretching as far as I can see
I'm right where I'm meant to be
Once again

Chorus 2 / Bridge / Chorus 2

Ending

You are the Lord holy You are
You are the Lord worthy You are
You are the Lord

Chorus 1

I see the Lord
Forever glorified
Exalted and lifted high
And all of the kingdom it cries
You are You are the Lord

Chorus 2

I see the Lord
Forever glorified
Exalted and lifted high
And all of the kingdom it cries
You are You are the Lord
Seated upon the throne
The God who is three in one
The Father the Spirit the Son
You are You are the Lord

Bridge

You are the Lord holy You are
You are the Lord worthy You are
You are the Lord holy You are
You are the Lord worthy You are

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ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We begin in the name of God the Creator, † God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: There is this line in the Bible where it says, “Be perfect as God is perfect.” This might be one of the most daunting lines in the entire Bible. It’s daunting because we know we aren’t perfect, we haven’t been perfect, and we won’t be perfect. Yet, the Bible still tells us to be perfect as God is perfect. This is why we confess. We confess our mistakes and the times when we didn’t act as we should. We confess for the hurtful things we have said and the times when we didn’t speak up. We confess because we aren’t perfect.

Silence For Reflection

L: Together we confess,

C: God you already know I’m not perfect, so maybe I’m saying this for myself. I’m not perfect. I have made mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me when I’ve messed up. Thank you for always loving me even when I was difficult to love. Restore me with your grace and send me out to live as a living example of your love. I’m not perfect and I need grace. Amen.

L: Us pretending we haven’t made mistakes is almost as funny as Adam and Eve playing hide-and-go-seek with God in the Garden of Eden. God already knows, God knows everything. We confess for ourselves so that we can turn and receive God’s grace and forgiveness. We are God’s imperfect family and our sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together,

C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ’s peace. You may greet one another and say “peace be with you” or similar words.

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

C: And also with you.

THE WORD

I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

I am a C

I am a C-H

I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

(Woo hoo!)

And I have C-H-R-I-S-T

In my H-E-A-R-T

And I will L-I-V-E

E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM **PSALM 121:1-8**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

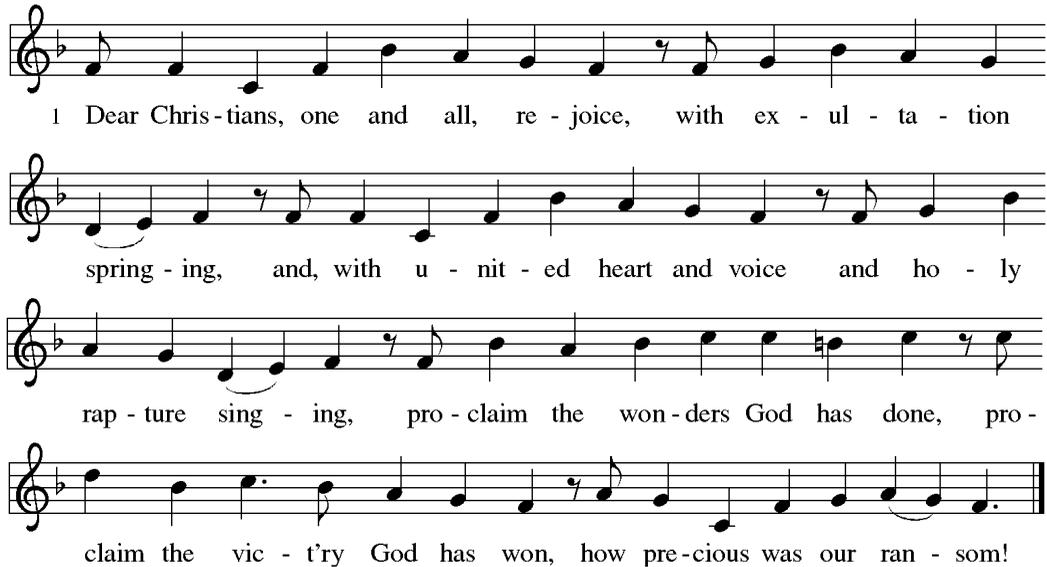
C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM **PHILIPPIANS 3:10-14**

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
 spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
 rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, pro -
 claim the vic - t'ry God has won, how pre - cious was our ran - som!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
 Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, *Eitlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524
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THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:13-16*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
 2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Tho' Sa - tan's
 4. I want to scale the ut - most height And catch a

gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I'm on - ward
 rise and fears dis - may; Tho' some may dwell where these a -
 darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joy - ful
 gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've

bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
 bound, My prayer, my aim, is high - er ground.
 sound, The song of saints on high - er ground.
 found, "Lord, lead me on to high - er ground."

Refrain
 Lord, lift me up and let me stand By faith on heav - en's ta - ble - land;



TEXT: Johnson Oatman, Jr.
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel

HIGHER GROUND
L.M. with Refrain

INSTALLATION OF FAITH FORMATION LEADERS

APOSTLES' CREED (*Please stand*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Congregation standing*)

L: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Let us pray,

Each petition shall conclude with:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

L: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Higher

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Music: *River of Life*, Tillis Butler, d. 2002
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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing. Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

COMMUNION BLESSING *(Congregation standing)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace until life everlasting.
C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION *(Congregation standing)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Higher

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Verse 1

Prodigals and runaways
Rescued by saving grace
We've found our freedom in Your love
Miracles from the start
Sanctified and set apart
You'll never fail us O God

Pre Chorus / Chorus / (Instrumental)

Verse 2

At the sound of Your name
Heaven sings of Your fame
Forever mercy falls on us
Marvelous is what You are
Majesty You've won our hearts
There's no one greater O God

Pre Chorus / Chorus / (Instrumental)

Bridge (2x) / (Instrumental)

Ending

Bridge

Nothing compares to Your power and glory
You reign forever ever and ever
You are the Lord You're the King everlasting
You reign forevermore

Pre Chorus

When we're weak You're strong
Your love is power You are all we need

Chorus

We lift You up higher we lift You up higher
We lift You up higher we lift You up higher

Ending

Oh we lift You up

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

L: This little light of mine...

C: I'm gonna let it shine!

L: What are our goals? What are our dreams? May we dream big knowing that the Holy Spirit is always with us and helps us to live out our faith in such a way that changes the world. In a world that prefers to play it safe, may we be bold and live out God-sized goals. Filled with God's Spirit lets...

C: Change the world! So that everyone knows that God loves them!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Faith Formation for pre-K through Middle School downstairs at 10AM in Classrooms.

Congregational Meeting downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 10AM.



If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am.

We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.



Sunday Worship Services,
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (in-person and online)

Ministers: The People of God
Pastor: Chris Hermansen
Interim Associate of Youth Ministry: Kris Perkola
Director of Worship and Music: Michael Parker
Worship Production: Steve Belfield
Worship Accompanist:
Treasurer: Matt Ilgen



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