

**Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge**  
**Sunday July 27, 2025**  
**Kilbride 10:00 AM**

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven  
– Ecclesiastes 3:1

Providence involves God governing and ordering the times and seasons in the world and in our lives according to His divine wisdom, for His glory, and the ultimate good of His people.

## **Welcome | Introduction**

**Gathering Song:** Where Two or Three are Gathered MV 14 (repeat)  
Bruce Harding's 2002 gathering song takes its text from Matthew 18:20 and is sung by the composer in the following video, accompanied by guitar, sitar, and tabla. This recording is from a concert featuring Harding and Indian classical musician and virtuoso sitarist Neeraj Prem.  
[Neeraj Prem and Bruce Harding - Where Two or Three are Gathered](#)

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there.

## **Opening Prayer:**

**God, thank you for this time to gather and worship in your name. We open our hearts to you. Thank you for your mercy that is new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. We cast all our cares on you because you care for us. Great is your loving kindness. Help us to be still, to know you are God and to know that you are with us. Shine your light in our hearts and reveal anything that is weighing us down. We confess any doubt, fear, worry, pride or sin. Thank you for your healing grace and forgiveness. In our weakness you are our strength. In our confusion your word of truth brings clarity. In our weariness you provide rest for our**

**soul. Help us to listen. Teach us to hear your voice. Renew our minds with the truth of your word, encourage our hearts and build our faith.**

**In Jesus' name we pray – Amen.**

**Hymn: I Need Thee Every Hour VU 671 vv. 1, 3 & 4**

**Jazz-pop and Christian recording artist Emma Nissen performs a gorgeous version of this classic hymn. The stanzas were written by housewife Annie Hawks in 1872, who showed her poem to her pastor, Robert Lowry. Lowry added the refrain lyrics and composed the tune, and the completed hymn was publicly unveiled later that year at a meeting of the National Baptist Sunday School Association in Cincinnati, Ohio.**

**A Beautiful Rendition of I Need Thee Every Hour**

- 1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice but thine can peace afford.  
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee.  
O bless me now, my Saviour; I come to thee.
- 3 I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. R
- 4 I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfil. R

**Old Testament Scripture:**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (NLT)**

- For everything there is a season,  
a time for every activity under heaven.
- <sup>2</sup> A time to be born and a time to die.  
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
  - <sup>3</sup> A time to kill and a time to heal.  
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
  - <sup>4</sup> A time to cry and a time to laugh.  
A time to grieve and a time to dance.
  - <sup>5</sup> A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.  
A time to embrace and a time to turn away.
  - <sup>6</sup> A time to search and a time to quit searching.  
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
  - <sup>7</sup> A time to tear and a time to mend.

A time to be quiet and a time to speak.  
8 A time to love and a time to hate.  
A time for war and a time for peace.

9 What do people really get for all their hard work? 10 I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. 11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

### **New Testament Scripture:**

#### Acts 1:6-11 (NIV)

They gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-5:6 (NET)

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

5 Now on the topic of times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. 2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come in the same way as a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

#### Romans 8:28 (NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

**Reflection:** Times and Seasons Are in God's Hands

**Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288 v. 1 & 2

As [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org) shares, the text of this perennial favourite was written in 1923 by American poet Thomas Chisholm, who penned more than 1200 poems during his life. He then mailed it to his friend and co-hymnist William Runyan, who composed the tune. It is performed here by country singer-songwriter Carrie Underwood and gospel artist CeCe Winans. [Carrie Underwood - Great Is Thy Faithfulness ft. CeCe Winans \(Official Performance Video\)](#)

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction:**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace.

**Online Postlude:** Turn! Turn! Turn!

Today's Old Testament passage immediately brought to mind a song by The Byrds released in 1965 on their folk rock album of the same title. While The Byrds brought this song international fame, it was composed six years earlier by Pete Seeger. I've included two recordings here: one with The Byrds on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and another with folk singer Judy Collins in a duet with Seeger.

[The Byrds "Turn! Turn! Turn!" on The Ed Sullivan Show](#)  
[Judy Collins & Pete Seeger - Turn! Turn! Turn!](#)