



# Let Us Worship God!



April 14, 2024—10:30 AM  
Third Sunday of Easter

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Beverly Mate;  
Message: Pastor David Wenker; Production: Norris Clark

## WELCOME!

## WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today. Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online:  
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## WORSHIP PREVIEW

Pastor David Wenker's message is "Living as The Beloved: Chosen". Feelings of rejection are so uncomfortable we will do all sorts of things to avoid them. We have all experienced rejection, whether it is in our relationships, our work, or it can even happen in church. Our message today is that our God does not reject us. He intentionally, out of a motivation of love, chooses us. He picks us to be on his team. This Sunday we will look at some ways we can intentionally live into being God's chosen beloved child.

## MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, has been used for worship in congregations around the globe and across denominational lines. The author of this widely popular hymn William Williams, beautifully interweaves imagery from the Old Testament book of Exodus to evoke a sense of God's guidance through strife. One of the reasons this hymn has influenced such a broad array of congregants is the universal subject of struggle. Every Christian, and indeed everyone, encounters difficulties. "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" affirms the reality that God provides for us and redeems all wrong in the world.

The hymn after the message is Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing. Robert Robinson was a rather difficult, headstrong boy, and when his Dad died, things only got worse. So, when he turned 14 in 1749, his mother sent him to London for an apprenticeship. He was just as much a troublemaker in London, and to make matters worse he gained some friends and followers as a leader!

When he was 17, he took his gang to a revival service where a well-known preacher, George Whitfield, was speaking. After hearing the message, it moved him deeply and it made him rethink his life and how he was living

it. Nearly three years after hearing that sermon, a twenty-year-old Robert Robinson made his peace with God, and “found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.” Joining the Methodists, and feeling the call to preach, the self-taught Robinson was appointed by John Wesley himself to the Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England. It was there, to accompany his sermon for Pentecost Sunday in 1858, the three-year anniversary of his conversion, he penned the words of this hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” The closing hymn My Tribute, is a gospel song written by American gospel singer and songwriter Andraé Crouch. He first recorded it in 1972 on his album Keep on Singin'. It is considered one of Crouch's most well-known songs.

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

**WELCOME:** PASTOR DAVID WENKER

**God Welcomes All (sing in unison):**

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

(10:30)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE) -BEVERLY MATE**

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?**

One thing I ask of the lord, this is what I seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

**to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

**OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**We are glad to be here Lord to meet with you and the beautiful people who gather here for**

worship today. We ask you to speak to us of the wonders of your love and knowledge of us. Show us the depth of your hand upon us that we might better trust you in all the circumstances of our lives. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN - GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT  
JEHOVAH, BLUE HYMNAL #281**

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;**

**Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.**

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Forgive us when we look down on those we judge as of lesser status than us. Forgive our arrogant thinking we are somehow better. Forgive us also when we put ourselves down and think we are less than others. Clarify our perspective to see each person as your precious child. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN**

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

## HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## THE GLORIA

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: JEREMIAH 1: 4-8

### **The Call of Jeremiah**

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

## **GOSPEL READING: EPHESIANS 1: 3-14**

### **Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment —to bring unity to all things in heaven and on

earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

**Message: "Living as The Beloved: Chosen"**  
**- Pastor David Wenker**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**MUSIC: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING,  
BLUE HYMNAL #356**

**1. Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

**2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.**

**3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

## **GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom.

## **OFFERTORY - SOLO - BARBARA CAIN**

### **The Doxology** (10:58)



**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below; praise  
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

Next week 4/21, we will have a guest soloist, flautist, Gretchen Sorenson will be playing her flute for our service.

Tuesday, 4/16, 10:00 am in Price Hall, Music & Worship Committee Meeting & the Deacons will be meeting at the same time.



**Happy birthday** to: Taylor Burkhardt (4/15) & Ruth Traber (4/17).

**Happy Anniversary** to: Charlie & Barbara Keister (4/20), and Guy & Nancy Kessler (4/20).

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Prayers for: Glenn Kaempf recovering from knee surgery 4/8; Daniel Huester; Marty, now in hospice care; Keith Palek-cancer struggles; Dale & Jonna Myers son, Greg, additional surgery from auto accident; Comfort for the family of Bob Lorusso on his passing.

Those on hospice care: Marty; John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Grover, Glenn, Candy, and Donna.

## **Prayer**

## **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Fresh Expression of Community-** Barbara Cain

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are neighbors.**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are friends.**

## **MUSIC: MY TRIBUTE, RED HYMNAL #4**

**How can I say thanks for the things**

**You have done for me?**

**Things so undeserved,**

**Yet You give to prove Your love for me;**

**The voices of a million angels**

**Could not express my gratitude.**

**All that I am, and ever hope to be;**

**I owe it all to Thee.**

**To God be the glory, To God be the glory,**

**To God be the glory**

**For the things He has done.  
With His blood He has saved me;  
With His pow'r He has raised me;  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done.  
Just let me live my life;  
Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.  
And if I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary.  
With His blood He has saved me;  
With His pow'r He has raised me;  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done.**

## **BENEDICTION - PASTOR DAVID WENKER**

## **POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH**

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