

August 30, 2020

Guest Worship Leader: Tanya Singh

Prelude

PRELUDE

Blessed Be Your Name

By: Beth Redman and Matt Redman

Strong Tower

By: Aaron Sprinkle, Marc Byrd, Mark Lee, Jon Micah Sumrall

Call to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord, my rock;

He is my steadfast love and my fortress.

He is my stronghold and my deliverer;

He is my shield and I take refuge in Him!

Let us worship the Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE: Wonderful Merciful Savior

By: Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Chorus

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

Chorus



HYMN OF PRAISE: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

By: Fanny Jane Crosby | Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Chorus

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Chorus



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Prayer of Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Heavenly Father, You alone are worthy of our trust. We know this in our heads, yet we fail to hold it in our hearts. We trust in our circumstances, in other people, and in ourselves. These and other sins we now bring before You in silent confession.

(silent prayer)

**Heal our hearts of rebellion, O God. Teach us to trust in You alone;
our righteous Redeemer and faithful Friend.
We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

For as by a man came death, by a man has also come the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have forgiveness and life eternal!

Thanks be to God!



Hymn

HYMN OF PRAISE: IN CHRIST ALONE

By: Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Chorus

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

SERMON: VANITY
More than Fertilizer



ECCLESIASTES 11:7-12:8

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

⁸ So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

¹⁰ Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

¹ Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴ and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— ⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

HEBREWS 2:14-15

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Outline:

1. The **goodness** and **brevity** of life (11:7-9)
2. The **certainty** of judgment (11:9-12:1)
3. No **picnic** (12:2-6)
4. Staring into the **abyss**, understanding the **vanity**, and increasing in **hope** (12:7-8, Hebrews 2:14-15)

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER AND THE 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.

Offertory



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HYMN OF PRAISE: Living Hope

By: Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus x2