

May 21, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Matheson | Chris Miner (1994)

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.
O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-4

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
ALL: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
LEADER: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
ALL: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
LEADER: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
ALL: **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 inquire in His temple.**
LEADER: Come, Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis (1834-1925) | Williams (1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love

Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!

How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!

How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;

How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;

And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin | Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 27:5-14; 1 John 1:8-9

LEADER: The LORD will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.

ALL: **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

LEADER: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek My face."
My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

ALL: **Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,
O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!**

LEADER: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

LEADER: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

ALL: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

LEADER: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

High School Senior Recognition

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship Though Giving: Worship Singing

He Has Done It All
Rexford (2007)

Jesus gave Himself for our sins,
Jesus gave Himself for our sins,
So He might rescue us from this evil age,
to the glory of His great Father's praise.
How great my sin, but greater still the grace of God;
I had no hope of finding Him, but He reached down
And opened my eyes; He opened my eyes!

REFRAIN: *Praise Him, O my soul! He has done it all, He has done it all.
He found me in my sin, and He's changing me to the image of Him;
My God has done it all!*

So I'll run after Him for His pleasure,
Not to gain His love, or His favor,
I may walk in joy or on painful paths,
But my hope's still sure when He's all I have
How great my sin, but greater still the grace of God
I had no hope of finding Him, but He reached down
And opened my eyes; He opened my eyes!

REFRAIN: *Praise Him, O my soul! He has done it all, He has done it all.
He found me in my sin, and He's changing me to the image of Him; My God has done it all!
He opened my eyes, He opened my eyes!*

*Praise Him, O my soul! He has done it all, He has done it all.
He found me in my sin, He restores my soul again and again,
My God has done it, Our God has done it, Yes, God has done it all!*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Acts 1:1-14 | *All Eyes on the King*

Chad Smith

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(CUP) Worship Singing

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Charles Wesley (1740) | Joseph Parry (1879)

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing