

Sojourn Gathered | March 29, 2020

Songs and Liturgy

In the Hours

In the hours of pain and sorrow
When the world brings no relief
When the eye is dim and heavy
And the heart oppressed with grief

While blessings flee
Savior Lord we trust in Thee!
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When the snares of death surround us
Pride, ambition, love of ease
Mammon with her false allurements
Words that flatter, smiles that please

Then ere we yield
Savior Lord be Thou our shield
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When forsaken in distress
Poor despised and tempest-tossed
With no anchor here to stay us

Drifting, sail and rudder lost

Then save us Thou,
Who trod this earth with weary brow
Then save us Thou
Who trod this earth with weary brow

Thou the hated and forsaken
Thou the bearer of the cross
Crowned of thorns and mocked and smitten,
Counting earthly gain but loss

When scorned are we
We joy to be the more like Thee
When scorned are we
We joy to be the more like Thee

Thou the Fathers best beloved,
Thou the throned and sceptered King
Who but Thee should we adoring
All our prayers and praises bring?

So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee
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Call to Worship

Hello Sojourn Family! I (Eric Taylor) hope that each of you are able to find a small community in your home this morning to worship together with, and to encourage each other day-by-day as we adjust our lifestyles to help slow down the spread of the Coronavirus. I'm thankful for those who are laboring so hard each day to serve those in need at this time.

One thing that I have been reminded of often during these days is that God is sovereign over **all** things and **all** circumstances and **all** peoples.....even **all** viruses. To start today I wanted to remind you all of this as well by reading **Colossians 1:15-18** (bolds and underlines added). The author, Paul, was intimately acquainted with difficult circumstances as he wrote this letter from a Roman prison. Let us have the same posture before and trust in Christ each day:

***He** is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of **all** creation. For by **him all** things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all** things were created through **him** and for **him**. And **he** is before **all** things, and in **him all** things hold together. And **he** is the head of the body, the church. **He** is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in **everything he** might be preeminent.*

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made

I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in

That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

When Christ shall come
With shouts of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
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Confession

From our recent time together in the book of John we looked at Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. In this encounter, here is how Jesus describes Himself:

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Or similarly in **John 6:35** He shares this about Himself:

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Who do you say that Jesus is? Who do you tell others that Jesus is? How do you encourage fellow Sojourners in who Jesus is? How has this been revealed with the recent COVID-19 pandemic and lifestyle adjustments? Pause for a moment with those around you and answer these questions together.

Undoubtedly some of our revelations from asking these questions will be encouraging and Christ exalting, but others will be discouraging or self-exalting.

Assurance

Take a moment to read this and the text from Hebrews below, and then pray out-loud together thanking God for who He is and what He has done, how this has been revealed in and through your life, confessing areas of sin and unbelief, and petitioning Him to help you and others believe who He has revealed Himself to be.....and also as we pray find encouragement and hope that God loves us, cleanses us, and helps us.....which is shown perfectly in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus which He reminds us of in **Hebrews 4:14-16:**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

--
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Passing of Peace

As Jesus has reconciled you to God so you are able to be reconciled to one another. Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Text someone that you miss seeing this morning. Let one another know you are thankful for each other.

Preaching of the Word of God

John 5:1-17

Seeing Jesus, Part 14

Living by Faith as Fear Surrounds

Preacher: Edward Hunt

The sermon video can be found:

- On our website- <http://sojournfairfax.com/resources/sojourn-sunday-home-gatherings/>
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Abide With Me

Abide with me
Fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens
Lord with me abide

When other helpers
Fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless
Abide with me

Thou on my head in
Early youth didst smile
And though rebellious
And preverse meanwhile

Thou hast not left me
Though I oft left thee
On to the close Lord
Abide with me

I need Thy presence
ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can
foil the tempter's pow'r

Who like Thyselƒ my
Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine
Abide with me

I fear no foe
with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight
Tears lose their bitterness

Where is thy sting death
Where grave thy victory
I triumph still
Abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross
Before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and
Point me to the skies

Heav'n's morning breaks and
Earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord
Abide with me

Yes and Amen

Father of kindness
You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace

Giver of mercy
You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are

All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior
You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse

Blessed Redeemer
You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are

All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are

All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

In Tenderness

In tenderness He sought me
Weary and sick with sin
And on His shoulders brought me
Back to His fold again

While angels in His presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang

Oh the love that sought me
Oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

He died for me while I was sinning
Needy and poor and blind
He whispered to assure me
I've found thee thou art Mine

I never heard a sweeter voice
It made my aching heart rejoice

Oh the love that sought me
Oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

Upon His grace I'll daily ponder
And sing anew His praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I retrace

It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing His praise

Oh the love that sought me
Oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

Prayer

Spend time praying together.

Benediction

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28–30 ESV)

Sojourn, Jesus is our good and kind King. In the midst of personal or global challenges or the mundane moments we now long for, he is still the only source of real rest. Come to him, follow him, rest in him. His yoke is easy and his burden is light and one day he will come again to make all things new. Amen. Peace be with you.