

# Sojourn Gathered | April 5, 2020

## Songs and Liturgy

### ***All Creatures of our God and King***

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
O praise Him Alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia  
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### ***Call to Worship***

Greetings Family!

I (Tom Van Raaphorst) pray that you are able to bask in the love of the Lord this morning. As a scattered church, we take this time to gather in homes as we come before the one who is seated on the throne, who has promised to make all things new. The one whom we place our trust in, the one who is loving and faithful. One thing that I am overly thankful for this morning is that God has allowed us to use technology so that His glory would be known.

This morning some of us are with families and loved ones. Some of us are by ourselves. Regardless of who we are celebrating with this morning, it is Him who we praise. He is our maker and we are his creation. Let us rejoice this morning in our creator. Let us sing loud with our hearts. As the Psalmist writes:

*Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. **Psalm 148: 5-6***

Sojourn, let us praise the name of the Lord this morning for his name alone is exalted.

## ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

## ***Confession***

Sojourn, **1 John 1:9** tells us:

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

However, there is a multitude of reasons why we don't come before the Lord with our sin. Maybe we think that God will think less of us or our sins are so high that he could never forgive us. Perhaps we are afraid to approach the Lord because we are so ashamed of what we have done or are doing. Regardless of why we may not choose to come before the Lord, we do need to reset our hearts and minds with the understanding that if we have been made new in Christ, then we are recipients of his grace and we must acknowledge that by confessing our sins before him and by thanking him for his gift of free grace.

Christ shed his blood on the cross and died for us so that we could live. Search your hearts this morning. Go to the Lord and confess any public or private sin that is weighing you down. Repent. The Lord is with you and hears your cries and cares for you.

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave what will we sing?  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## **Assurance**

The good news is that not only does he know our sins and hear our confessions, but if we are truly repentant and turn away from our sins and towards God, then our sins are forgiven. John continues in **1 John 2:1-2** when he writes:

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Let us give praise to the one who continues to pour undeserving grace on us as we celebrate Christ and what he has done for us, knowing that our sins have been forgiven.

## **Jesus!**

The King of all creation  
Set aside His crown  
A servant to the Father's love  
Descended from His throne above

Author of salvation Giver of new life  
Crucified to pay for sin  
Our righteousness is in the name of...

Jesus every heart and tongue confess  
Your name above all names  
All things of this earth belong to You  
Forever you will reign

God of resurrection  
Conqueror of death  
Ruler over everything

The Lord of lords and King of kings is...

Jesus every heart and tongue confess  
Your name above all names  
All things of this earth belong to You  
Forever you will reign

Highly exalted is the name of Jesus Christ  
Heaven and earth declare all praise to Jesus Christ

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## **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 5:18-24

Seeing Jesus, Part 15

*Image of the Invisible God*

Preacher: Justin Pearson

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### ***All I Have Is Christ***

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me

O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

### ***Center My Life***

Turn my eyes to see You Jesus  
In all Your glory  
Turn my eyes

Tune my heart to sing in wonder  
Of how You love me  
Tune my heart

Oh my God forever You reign  
Here and now hear the sound of Your name

Jesus there is none more beautiful  
Than Jesus  
There is none more powerful

The risen Christ lifted high  
Jesus now be glorified  
Center my life on Your name  
Center my life on Your name

### ***Christ the Solid Rock***

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

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

Turn my eyes away from searching  
For lesser glory  
Turn my eyes

Teach my heart with all Your wisdom  
To live for Heaven  
Teach my heart

Oh my God forever You reign  
Here and now hear the sound of Your name

Jesus there is none more beautiful  
Than Jesus  
There is none more powerful

The risen Christ lifted high  
Jesus now be glorified  
Center my life on Your name  
Center my life on Your name

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

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

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

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

**Prayer**

Spend time praying together.

**Benediction**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

(Romans 11:33–36 ESV)

Sojourn, our God is magnificent and Jesus is King! He is the giver of life and sustaining grace. May you rest in his unchanging character and know that in Christ your greatest sickness has been overcome. Amen.  
Peace be with you.