

Contemporary Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 05, 2024

Preservice Song:

“Arise”

By Don Moen and Paul Baloche

Intro

Verse

One thing we ask of you, one thing that we desire
That as we worship you, Lord come and change our lives
- rise, a - rise, a - rise, a - rise

Chorus 1

- rise, take your place, be en - throned on our praise
- rise, King of Kings, Holy God as we sing
- rise - rise

Verse

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Chorus 1

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Bridge

- rise, a - rise, a - rise, a - rise
- rise, a - rise, a - rise, a - rise

Chorus 2

- rise, take your place, be en - throned on our praise
- rise, King of Kings, Holy God as we sing

Tag

- rise - rise
- rise – rise

Welcome/Greet One Another

“No Longer Slaves”

By Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser

Intro

Verse 1

You un - ravel me with a melody
You sur - round me with a song
Of deli - verance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus 1

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of
God

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of
God

Intro

Verse 2

From my moth - er's womb, You have chosen
me

Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus 2

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of
God

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of
God

Bridge 1

Oh - oh, oh - oh, Oh - oh, oh - oh
Oh - oh, oh - oh, Oh - oh, oh - oh

Bridge 2 (2x)

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Tag 1 (3x)

I am a child of God

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

“Lord I Need You”

By Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Daniel Carson

Intro

Verse 1

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall a - part
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
Where You are, Lord I am free
Holi - ness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Tag

You're my one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

“Lord, Reign In Me”

Over all the earth
You reign on high
Every mountain stream
Every sunset sky
But my one request
Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again
Chorus: Lord reign in me
Reign in Your power
Over all my dreams
In my darkest hour
You are the Lord
Of all I am
So won't You reign in me again
Over every thought
Over every word
May my life reflect
The beauty of my Lord
'Cause you mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again (Chorus– sing twice)
Won't You reign in me again
Won't You reign in me again

Sermon

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

Please take a moment and fill out the Connect Card inserted into the news bulletin. Completed Connect Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with You always.

People: And also with you.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Please see our Communion Statement on the front side of the news bulletin insert for an explanation of our beliefs and practices regarding Holy Communion, as well as questions you can use in your personal preparation.

Distribution Music:

“Grace”

By Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

Intro (8 measure)

Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Verse 2

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

Chorus 1

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 3

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Chorus 1

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 4

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home

To walk beside my Saviour

Chorus 1

By grace I am redeemed

By grace I am restored

And now I freely walk

Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Chorus 1b

By Grace I am redeemed.

By Grace I am restored

And now I am freely walking into

the arms of Christ, my Lord.

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

By Edwin Othello Excell, John P. Rees, Louie Giglio, John Newton, and Chris

Intro

Verse 1

- mazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears re - lieved
How precious did that grace a - ppear
The hour I first be - lieved

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

Intro

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope se - cures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life en - dures

Chorus (2x)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here be - low
Will be for - ever mine
Will be for - ever mine
You are for - ever mine

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

“One Thing Remains”

By Christa Black, Jeremy Riddle, and Brian Johnson

Intro

Verse 1

And it's higher than the mountains that I face
And it's stronger than the power of the grave
And it's constant in the trial and the change
This one thing re - mains, this one thing re - mains

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love, Your lo - ve

Verse 2

And on and on and on and on it goes
Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I'll never, ever have to be a - fraid
This one thing re - mains, this one thing re - mains

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love, Your lo - ve

Bridge

In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by
The pow'r of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
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Your love, Your lo - ve

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Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love, Your lo - ve

Tag

Yes, Your lo - ve, Your love, I know, Lord
It's Your love, Your love

