

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 124

Leader If the LORD had not been on our side—
say it with me—
All **if the LORD had not been on our side
when enemies attacked us,**
Leader they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;
All **the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
the raging waters
would have swept us away.**

Leader Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth
All **We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;**
Leader the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.

All **Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Opening Hymn

“The Glory of His Name”

All

**Let my whole soul bloom like a morning flower,
Spread out my arms to sing my Maker’s praise;
And let that sound, a flock of birds, come pouring.
The rivers rise and flood their rocky banks;
The flute o’erflows, the drum o’erflows, the voice o’erflows
The glory of his name.**

**Then breaks my soul, a mighty clap of thunder;
The pillars shake, the heav’ns begin to fall;
The mountains split, a world of fear and wonder.
The dark is day, the forest stripped and bare;
The wise laid low, all might laid low, all thoughts made known
The glory of his name.**

**Yet in my soul his calm is ever speaking,
Through every hour, against the violence there.
He is the King, though all I see is dying;
When all has passed, his word will still be there.
The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice
The glory of his name.**

**The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice
The glory of his name.**

Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

drawn from 1 Peter 1-2

Leader Apart from you, Lord, our way of life seems full and right,
 but really, it's only empty, cut off from true light and life.

All **We're like sheep going astray,
 who don't even know that we don't know our own way.**

Leader We base our identity on what we do.

All **We believe who we are is based on whether we
 do the right things,
 say the right things,
 believe the right things.
We find our identity in our achievements.**

Leader We base our identity on how others see us.

All **We draw our sense of worth from how we are perceived.
So, we curate our image,
 obsessing with how we are coming across.
 stage-managing even our brokenness for how it portrays us.
We look down on others and exclude them,
 in order to bolster ourselves.**

Leader Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

All **Restore us to yourself, Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

drawn from 1 Peter 1-3

Leader

Jesus is special and dear to God.
The Father chose him before the creation of the world
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

All

**Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,
bearing our sins in his body on the cross, to bring us to God.**

Leader

Put to death in the body, he was made alive in the Spirit.

All

**He ascended into heaven where he reigns at his Father's right hand,
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

Leader

You are special and dear to God.
God has chosen and redeemed you to make you his special possession
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus's steps.

All

**Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

Leader

Once you were not a people,

All

but now we are God's people!

Leader

Once you had not received mercy,

All

but now we have received mercy!

Song in the Gospel

"Jesus is Mine!"

All

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!
Dark is this wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay,
Born for but one brief day,
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried
Left but a dismal void;
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest,
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Savior's breast: Jesus is mine!**

words Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Song in the Gospel

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

All

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827

Prayer of Dependence

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Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-10

Reader

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader
People

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Who am I? Finding our Identity in Christ

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Community Group Questions

- 1) What are two things you've done today that you can look back at and see that part of your motivation was that those things help you craft the identity that you want to have? What do those things say about who you want to be? In what ways do you find the quest for identity energizing? In what ways is it demoralizing or burdensome?
- 2) What is said about Jesus in 1 Peter 2:4-10? What is said about believers? What connections can you draw between those two lists? What does that tell us about how we are to understand our identity?
- 3) According to 1 Peter 2:4-10, our connection to other believers is integral to our identity: we are being built together into a spiritual house. In this season of distancing and disconnection, what are two concrete things you can do as a community group to live out this identity of being connected to each other because you're connected to Jesus?

Children's questions:

Think of a favorite piece of clothing that you wear that says something about who you are. It could be a favorite shirt, or a cap with the logo of a favorite sports team, or a piece of jewelry that someone gave you. What does that piece of clothing say about you? How do you feel when you wear it? How do you think others perceive it?

Who we are—our identity—is complex. We usually base our identity off of what we do and how others see us. God says our identity is actually based on how he sees Jesus. Read 1 Peter 2:4 and 2:6. What does God think of Jesus? Now read 1 Peter 2:5. What does God think, therefore, of us? How can you believe that's really who you are?

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Faith of a Mustard Seed



Valediction

from Philippians 4:4-7

Leader Rejoice in the Lord always.

All **Yes, speak it again.**

Leader Rejoice, dear exiles!
Let your gentleness be evident to all.

All **The Lord is near.**

Leader Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and asking,
and with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.

All **And the peace of God, which is above all our understanding,
will be like armed guards
dispatched to protect our hearts and minds
as we live for the will of Jesus.**

Departing Hymn

"The Gospel is All I Have"

All

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No well-kept, presentable life to display.
The gospel is all I have.**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No courage. No virtuous bold use of faith.
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No merit to offer. No excuses to make.
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No clever, persuasive words I could say.
No debt I could work off. No bribe I could pay.
No goodness. No promise of love that won't fade.
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"
"The gospel is all I have!"**

Nathan Partain, 2005

Song of Celebration

"I have Found a Desert Fountain"

All

**I have found a desert fountain, he is running o'er with peace,
And he satisfies my thirsting, and he brings me to my knees.
Now at last, I've known refreshing; now I've drunk my fill of Truth.
How his love, it satisfies me, I have tasted, he is good.**

**I have found a wild river, and he cuts a path so deep.
He washes out my boundaries, and he uproots all my trees.
No, I cannot fight his current, he never fails and never yields
He keeps pushing, bending, breaking, until all my soul is healed.**

**I have found a fearsome mountain, he does not move and cannot fall,
In his strength I am so fragile, in his shadow I'm so small.
I have laid in cracks and caverns, touches his hands and felt his side.
All that power, rent to save me, Oh, I give him all my life.**

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