

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 146*

*Leader* Hallelujah!

*All* **Praise the LORD, my soul.**

*Leader* I will praise the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

*All* **Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.  
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

*Leader* Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.  
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.

*All* **He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.**

*Leader* The LORD sets prisoners free,  
the LORD gives sight to the blind,

*All* **the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

*Leader* The LORD watches over the foreigner  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

*All* **The LORD reigns forever,**

*Leader* Your God reigns, O Zion, for all generations.

*All* **Hallelujah!**

# Opening Hymn

*“Rejoice! The Lord is King”*

*All*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

*words Charles Wesley, 1744; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

# 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*

You, Good Father, have lead us out of darkness  
so that we might learn to walk in the light of your grace.

*All*

**Yet we are content to live in the shadows  
—a lukewarm, half hearted commitment will do.  
We want the benefits of your Kingdom,  
but avoid all the risks.  
We're happy to give you lip-service,  
but wish to serve you on our own terms.**

*Leader*

You call us a holy nation, your royal priesthood,  
a people set apart to put your goodness on display.

*All*

**But most days, we live as if your grace shouldn't change us.  
We'd rather "fit in" with our neighbors or simply "go with the flow,"  
than speak or do anything that makes us feel "different."**

**Help, us Lord. Heal us, Lord.  
Apart from your power, we have no hope for change.  
Apart from your Spirit, we will never live as servants.**

*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

*"I Belong to Jesus"*

*All*

**I belong to Jesus  
I am not my own.  
All I have and all I am  
Shall be his alone.  
I belong to Jesus  
He is Lord and King,  
Reigning in my inmost heart,  
Over everything.**

**I belong to Jesus  
Blessed, be the thought!  
With his own most precious blood  
Has my soul been bought.  
I belong to Jesus  
He has died for me;  
I am his, and he is mine,  
Through eternity.**

**I belong to Jesus  
He will keep my soul,  
When the deathly waters dark,  
Round about me roll.  
I belong to Jesus;  
And fore'er I'll stand,  
With my precious Savior there,  
In his glorious land.**

*words M. Fraser; music Nathan Partain, July 29, 2005*

# Song in the Gospel

*"I Love the Lord with All My Heart"*

*All*

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,  
Like water rolling from a fount, his Spirit is within.**

**I love the Lord, he first loved me, before his name, I knew  
His life, his death, for me his blood, healed my deserved wounds.  
I love the Lord though troubles tempt, my heart to doubt his will.  
I wrestle with my wayward mind, until my soul is still.**

**All I want is you, all my springs in you,  
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,  
All I want is you.**

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his presence I adore  
I want to linger in this place, and worship evermore  
I love the Lord and I will sing, I lift my hands and voice.  
My heart now brims with thankfulness, in his love, I rejoice.**

**All I want is you, all my springs in you,  
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,  
All I want is you.  
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,  
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,  
All I want is you. All I want is you.**

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,  
Each morning as I search them out,  
His beauty's new again.**

*Nathan Partain, 2015*

# Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

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# Preparation for the Word

*from Isaiah 55:10-11*

*Leader*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

*All*

**So is our Father's word that goes out from his mouth:  
It will not return to him empty,**

**but will accomplish what he desires  
and achieve the purpose for which he sent it.**

## Scripture

*1 Peter 2:11-17*

*Reader*

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Sam Haist*

*Exiles on Main Street*





# Community Group Questions

- 1.) There's an uncomfortable assumption in the middle of verse 12: that some of our neighbors will speak of us as "evildoers" simply because we're followers of Jesus. How does that strike you? Have you ever experienced that before? How does this push back on our hunger for approval?
- 2.) In verses 13-16, Peter promotes a very high view of authority structures. How do you react to this? What "human institutions" are easy for you to trust, and which ones feel difficult (and why)? Is Peter only talking about "good" authorities? What about those that are broken and corrupt?
- 3.) Why do you think this is so important to Peter? What does our relationship to those in authority have to do with our witness as Christians? And how does our identity as "free servants" (verse 16) shape the way we engage these questions?

## Life as Worship

Nursery/Children's Worship

Mercy Month

# 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

*“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”*

*All*

**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.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest upon unchanging grace;  
In every rough 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.**

**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 I shall launch in worlds unseen,  
O may I then be found in him;  
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.**

*words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury 1863*

# Song of Celebration

*"You Were Not My People"*

*All*

You hid from me, and I called to you, then you accused, and so I blessed you.  
Your heart was cold, so jealous was I for you, you had contempt, and I just held to you

You closed your ears, so I displayed for you, you shut your eyes, so I fed you  
You fought but I, was patient to wait for you, you yelled and cried, while I clothed you

You, you were not my people, but I called you my own  
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home

Your mind was bent and so I sang for you, your feet were bound, I untied you  
You could not speak, and so I taught you to, you were so scared, I gently drew

You, you were not my people, but I called you my own  
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home  
You, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine  
You, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.

You spit on me, even as I kissed you, you struck my face, while I bathed you.  
You raged, I poured my spirit all over you, you crucified, and I let you

You, you were not my people, but I called you my own  
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home  
You, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine  
You, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.

*Nathan Partain, 2014*

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