



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LONG BEACH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025
8:00 am & 9:30 am Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

OPENING VERSICLES:

- L:** This is the day which the Lord has made;
P: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
P: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L:** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
P: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L:** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
P: **Teach me Your paths.**
- L:** Sanctify us in Your truth.
P: **Your Word is truth.**
- L:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
P: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

PSALM 67: *read responsively*

- L:** May God have pity on us and bless us!
P: **May He smile on us.**
- L:** Then Your ways will be known on earth,
P: **Your salvation throughout all nations.**
- L:** Let everyone give thanks to You, O God.
P: **Let everyone give thanks to You.**
- L:** Let the nations be glad and sing joyfully
P: **because You judge everyone with justice**
- L:** and guide the nations on the earth.
P: **Let the people give thanks to You, O God.**
- L:** Let all the people give thanks to You.
P: **The earth has yielded its harvest.**
- L:** May God, our God, bless us.
P: **May God bless us,**
- L:** and may all the ends of the earth worship Him.

SONG OF PRAISE: “My Help, My God”

Verse 1

Why are you so full of heaviness
Why are you disquieted within
Oh my soul oh my soul
As the deer longs for the water brooks
So my soul it longs and thirsts for You
Oh my God oh my God

Chorus

Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him
Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him
Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him
My Help my God

Verse 2

Deep goes unto deep like ocean waves
All Your floods and rapids on me break
Oh my soul oh my soul
I will say unto my God my strength
How is it You have forgotten me
Oh how long oh how long

Verse 3

Yahweh grants His kindness in the day
Through the night His song it is that stays
Oh my soul oh my soul

Ending

My help my God
My help my God

FIRST READING: *Acts 16:9-15*

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God.

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us. —ESV®

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RESPONSORY:

L: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
P: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
P: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
P: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 5:1-9*

Later, Jesus went to Jerusalem for a Jewish festival.

Near Sheep Gate in Jerusalem was a pool called *Bethesda* in Hebrew. It had five porches. Under these porches a large number of sick people—people who were blind, lame, or paralyzed—used to lie. One man, who had been sick for 38 years, was lying there. Jesus saw the man lying there and knew that he had been sick for a long time. So, Jesus asked the man, “Would you like to get well?”

The sick man answered Jesus, “Sir, I don’t have anyone to put me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I’m trying to get there, someone else steps into the pool ahead of me.”

Jesus told the man, “Get up, pick up your cot, and walk.” The man immediately became well, picked up his cot, and walked.

That happened on a day of rest—a holy day.—GW®

SERMON SONG: “Come Thou Fount”

Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Verse 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Verse 4

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

MESSAGE: “GO” Acts 16:9-15

SONG OF THE DAY: “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me ”

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

CATECHISM REFELCTION: Ten Commandments

P: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED (**catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

- L:** Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
P: Praise Him all creatures here below
L: Praise Him above ye heavenly host
P: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
P Lord, have mercy.
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
P Lord, have mercy.
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
P Lord, have mercy.
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
P Lord, have mercy.
L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
P Lord, have mercy.
L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
P Lord, have mercy.
L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- P** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE WORD:

- L**: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- P**: **Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM:

9:30

✠ **Joelee Francos** ✠

- Elder: Through Baptism, God has made **Joelee** a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.
- People: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

- L**: Let us bless the Lord.
- P**: **Thanks be to God.**
- L**: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- P**: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: “Be Thou My Vision”

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

Ending

Be Thou my Vision

POSTLUDE



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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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“My Help, My God”

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“Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me”

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Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Children's Message...Karl Fink

Keyboard...Kevin Bowers

Lector 9:30...Nola Seaman

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley



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*~In gratitude for the gift of 83 years of life for
Janet Coontz, Happy Birthday! ~*

~by Jim Coontz

