

## --THE LORD'S PRAYER---*Caribbean* (Matthew 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.  
Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who  
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.  
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.  
Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

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***"Healing Is in Your Hands"*** (Ephesians 3:17-19; Psalm 85:2)

Verse 1...No mountain, no valley, no gain or loss we know,  
could keep us from Your love.

Verse 2...No sickness, no secret, no chain is strong enough to  
keep us from Your love, to keep us from Your love.

Chorus...How high, how wide; no matter where I am, healing is in  
Your hands. How deep, how strong; now by Your grace I stand.  
Healing is in Your hands.

Verse 3...Our present, our future, our past is in Your hands; we're  
covered by Your blood, we're covered by Your blood. Chorus...

Bridge...In all things, we know that we are more than conquerors;  
You keep us by your love. In all things, we know that we are  
more than conquerors; You keep us by Your love. You keep us  
by Your love.

Final Chorus...How high, how wide; no matter where I am,  
healing is in Your hands. How deep, how deep is Your love.  
How strong, how strong is Your love. Now by Your grace I stand.  
Healing is in Your hands.

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## ***"I Give You My Heart"***

Verse...This is my desire to honor You. Lord, with all my heart  
I worship You. All I have within me, I give You praise,  
all that I adore is in You.

Chorus...Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul,  
I live for You alone. Every breath that I take,  
ev'ry moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

Repeat Verse, and Chorus three times...

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## --COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and  
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart in peace.

## --BENEDICTION

(Please sit)

## --CLOSING SONG ***"Lord, Reign in Me"*** (Psalm 146:5-7)

Verse 1...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 pow'r; over all my dreams,  
in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign  
in me again.

Verse 2...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.

Repeat Chorus twice, then...Won't You reign in me again,  
won't You reign in me again.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

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**Elder** Wayne Meyer **Worship Assistant** Mark Prieve  
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## THE CONNECTION

October 15, 2023 10:30am



## --PRESERVICE SONG ***"You Never Let Go"***

## --ANNOUNCEMENTS

## --SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

"Jesus Loves Me", "The Fruit Song", "Praising You, Lord"

## --WORSHIP SONG ***"Psalm 23 - And I Will Follow"***

Chorus...(Yes,) (For) The Lord is my true shepherd, no want nor  
fear I know; He leads me by safe paths, and I will follow.

Verse 1... Fresh and green are the pastures where my new home  
will be; the waters will be clean and clear; that's where He leads  
me. Through dark and lonely days, when hope seems gone, He  
leads me to the place where peace is won. Chorus...

Verse 2... A banquet will be ready when I come home to stay;  
my family will gather round on that great day.  
Good and kindness will follow me for the rest of my days.  
I'll live in the house of my Lord; oh grant that I may.  
Chorus, then... And I will follow. And I will follow.

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(Please stand)

## INVOCATION

## --CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.  
C. **Almighty God, we live in the light of our Savior, but we are  
tempted by the darkness of sin. We follow our selfish de-  
sires. We turn from Your Word to listen to the temptations  
of the world. We fail to love others as we should because  
we do not let Jesus' light shine through our lives. Have  
mercy on us. Forgive our sins and turn our hearts and  
minds to the light of Jesus.**

## --FORGIVENESS OF SINS

## --STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*(Please sit)*

## --FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 25:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L. Here ends the first reading.

## --SECOND LESSON *Philippians 4:4-13*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

*(continued...)*

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L. Here ends the second reading.

*(Please stand)*

## --GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 22:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

*(Please sit)*

## --CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## --OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG

*(Please bring your Offerings forward during the song.)*

### **"Come As You Are"**

*(Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10)*

Verse 1... Come out of sadness from wherever you've been, come brokenhearted; let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel, earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus... So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

Verse 2... There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table; come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. Chorus...

Bridge... Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

Verse 3... There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Chorus...

Tag... Come as you are. Come as you are.

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## --MESSAGE OF THE DAY

*The Rev. Dr. Armand J. Boehme*

*(Please stand)*

## --PRAYERS

*(Sung at beginning of prayers)*

**"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"** (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

*The pastor will conclude the prayers with:*

*"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."*

*(Sung at end of the prayers)*

**"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"** (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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