

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “Lord, I Need You”

(Psalm 116:6b; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:8-10)
Verse 1...Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus...Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Every hour, I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, 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. Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus...

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...

Tag...You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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“All Who are Thirsty” (Revelation 21:6b; John 7:37-39; Psalm 42:7)

Verse...All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.

Chorus...Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Repeat Verse and Chorus...
Repeat Verse and Chorus, then...
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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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

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. Amen.

--CLOSING SONG “Today Is The Day”

Verse 1...I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind; I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.

Channel...I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more; Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Chorus...Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.

Verse 2...I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind; I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
Channel and Chorus, then...

Bridge...[Men, lead] - I will stand upon Your truth.
[Women, follow] - I will stand upon Your truth.

[Men, lead] - And all my days I'll live for You.
[Women, follow] - All my days I'll live for You.

[Men, lead] - And I will stand upon Your truth.
[Women, follow] - I will stand upon Your truth.

[Men, lead] - And all my days I'll live for You.
[Women, follow] - All my days I'll live...

Final Chorus...Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where You lead me I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.
Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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THE CONNECTION

May 18, 2025 10:30am

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “How Great Is Our God”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “Forever”

Verse 1...Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2...With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus...Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever, and ever, forever.

Verse 3...From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on. His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing Chorus twice...

Bridge...His love endures forever, His love endures forever.
Sing Bridge 4 times...

Then...Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Final Chorus...Forever You are faithful. Forever You are strong. Forever You are with us, forever, and ever, (forever).
Repeat Final Chorus...

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(Please stand)

--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' 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 *Acts 11:1-18*

(See insert page or screens)

L. Here ends the first reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

--SECOND LESSON *Revelation 21:1-7*

(See insert page or screens)

L. Here ends the second reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *John 16:12-22*

(See insert page or screens)

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG *"God Will Make A Way"*

(Isaiah 41:10, 43:18-19, 55:8; Mark 13:31; Psalm 25:5)

Chorus...God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. He will make a way.

Verse...By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me. Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain, and He will do something new today!

Chorus, then...With love and strength for each new day, God will make a way. God will make a way.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"ARE WE JUDGE, JURY, AND EXECUTIONER OR ???"

(TEXT: ACTS 11:1-18)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(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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--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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