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# THE CONNECTION

May 3, 2026  
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 *“In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)”*

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP 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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**(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 WHAT WE BELIEVE*****"This I Believe (The Creed)"***

Verse 1...Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus...

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. Chorus...

Chorus 2...

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church.  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

**(Please sit)****--FIRST LESSON Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

<sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L. Here ends the first reading.

**--SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

**(Please stand)**

**--GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so

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

<sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L. Here ends the second reading.

long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**(Please sit)**

**--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "Offering" (Romans 12:1)**

Verse...The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence. No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of heaven. It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, we come.

Chorus...We bring an offering of worship to our King. No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing. Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.  
O Lord, we bring an offering to You.

Repeat Chorus, then...O Lord, we bring an offering to You. O Lord, we bring an offering to You. We bring an offering to You.

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**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY "BUT NOW YOU ARE GOD'S PEOPLE"**

**(Text: 1 Peter 2:2-10)**

*The Rev. Rudy Maurer*

**(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**

**C. 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**

**--WORDS OF INSTITUTION****--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “What a Beautiful Name”**

*(Matthew 25:31-34; Mark 15:38, 16:6; Luke 11:2; John 1:1, 3:16, 14:1-3; Romans 8:38-39; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 John 3:1-3)*

Verse 1...You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1(2)...What a beautiful (wonderful) name it is, what a beautiful (wonderful) name it is, The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a beautiful (wonderful) name it is; nothing compares to this. What a beautiful (wonderful) name it is, the Name of Jesus. (What a wonderful name it is, the Name of Jesus.)

Verse 2...You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now? Chorus 2...

Bridge...Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silenced the boast, of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again. You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever, God You reign. Yours is the Kingdom; Yours is the Glory; Yours is the Name, above all names.

Chorus 3...What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful name it is; nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is, the Name of Jesus. What a powerful name it is, the Name of Jesus. What a powerful name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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**“All Who are Thirsty”** *(Revelation 21:6b; John 7:37-39; John 4:13-14; 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.

*(continued...)*

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

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 “Giving It All to You”

Verse 1...A thousand voices calling out my name, they promise me their riches, and they offer me their fame. From the dust they rise, but there they fade. So I will give my ev'rything to One who will remain.

Chorus...All to the Father, all to the Savior, all to the Spirit, now and forever. Here is my life, I'm giving it all to You. All to Your kingdom, all to Your honor, all to Your wisdom, glory and power. Jesus, my life, I'm giving it all to You.

Verse 2...There is no other joy as great as this: to know that underneath Your blood my shame does not exist. So I lay my heart before Your throne, and lose myself completely to be found in You alone. Chorus...

Bridge...And all this world is not enough to match the wonder of your love. So ev'ry day You let me live, with ev'ry breath I take I choose to give...

Sing Chorus then...Jesus, my life, I'm giving it all to You.  
Jesus, my life, I'm giving it all to You.

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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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