

September 13, 2020 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song

Announcements *Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract & Middle School Ministries*

Welcome *Vicar Jason Christ*

Preparing for Worship *(Stand)*

Leader We worship this day in the name of the Living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Leader I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. *Psalm 18:1-2*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. *Psalm 18:6*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. *Psalm 18:17-19*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. *Psalm 18:31-32*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader The LORD, He is God. He is our rock and deliverer. He has overcome our enemies—sin, death, and the devil—and won forgiveness and eternal life for us. So let us come as His humble people and ask His forgiveness, that we may be made clean this day.

People **Almighty Father, we come before you this day as people who have not always walked in Your ways. We have listened to the voices of the world rather than You. We have worshiped false gods instead of You. We are sorry. For the sake of Christ our deliverer, forgive our sins and make us clean.** *(silence for reflection)*

Leader The LORD, He is God. He is our rock and deliverer. He has overcome sin, death, and the devil and has indeed forgiven our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ.

People **For this we will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to Your name.** *Psalm 18:49*

Opening Songs

Enough

Chorus

All of You is more than enough for all of me
For ev'ry thirst and ev'ry need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough

Verse 1

You're my supply my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward worth living for
Still more awesome than I know
And

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry 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
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Verse 2

You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are ev'rything
Still more awesome than I know

Bridge

More than all I want more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know more than all I can say
You are more than enough

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Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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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Scripture Readings *(Sit)*

Reader God speaks to us through the Old Testament: 1 Kings 18:20–40

So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, “Israel shall be your name,” and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” And he said, “Do it a second time.” And they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time.” And they did it a third time. And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water. And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.” And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel: John 19:29-37

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Children’s Message *Sue Steege, Director Transformation Ministries*

Message *Elijah* *Vicar Jason Christ*

The Apostles' Creed *(Stand)*

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. *(Sit)*

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(For those sitting in the sanctuary, please take this time to silently reflect on the words.

For those at home, please feel free to sing along or reflect silently.)

You Are Still Holy

Verse 1

Holy, You are still holy
Even when the darkness surrounds my life
Sovereign You are still sovereign
Even when confusion has blinded my eyes
Lord I don't deserve Your kind affection
When my unbelief has kept me from Your touch
I want my life to be a pure reflection of Your love

Chorus

And so I come into Your chambers
And I dance at Your feet Lord
You are my Savior and I'm at Your mercy
All that has been in my life up to now
Belongs to You (for You are still holy)
(Belongs to You)

Verse 2

Holy, You are still holy
Even though I don't understand Your ways
Sovereign, You will be sovereign
even though my circumstances don't change
Lord I don't deserve Your tender patience
when my unbelief has kept me from Your truth
I want my life to be a sweet devotion to You

Ending

I belong to You for You are still holy
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Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand)*

People Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Song

Love Has Come

Verse 1

I know this life is filled with sorrow
And there are days
When the pain just lasts and lasts
But I know there will come a day
When all my tears are washed away
With a break in the clouds
His glory coming down and in that moment

Chorus

(And) Ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess that God is love
And love has come for us all
Ev'ry heart set free
Ev'ryone will see that God is love
And love has come for us all

Verse 2

To anybody who has ever lost a loved one
And you feel like you had to let go too soon
I know it hurts to say goodbye
But don't you know it's just a matter of time
'Til the tears are gonna end
You see 'em once again and in that moment

Blessing

Sending Music

Unless noted otherwise, scripture passage came from the English Standard Version.

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In Loving Memory of John D. Miller

By Martha Miller.

Bridge

Oh and on that day
We will stand amazed
At our Savior God and King
Just to see the face of amazing grace
As our hearts rise up and sing
Glory glory hallelujah
Thank You for the cross
Singin' glory glory hallelujah
Christ has paid the cost
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