



“Long before Zacchaeus couldn’t see Jesus,  
the tree was already planted to meet his need.”  
- unknown

August 10, 2025

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC  
Cider Ridge Bluegrass

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus:  
*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to Thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [chorus]

3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. [chorus]

“I'll Fly Away”

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
to a home on God's celestial shore. I'll fly away.

Chorus:  
*I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away (in the morning).  
When I die, hallelujah by and by. I'll fly away.  
(I'll fly away).*

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. [chorus]

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.  
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away. [chorus]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Dawning of the Day”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive**  
Come, let us worship the Lord!  
**We worship Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth.**  
Worship the Lord with gladness!  
**Come before him with joyful songs!**  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*OPENING SONG “I Saw the Light”**

1. I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.  
Then Jesus come like a stranger in the night.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!  
Chorus: *I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.*

2. Just like a blind man, I wandered along,  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! [chorus]

3. I was a fool to wander and stray,  
For straight is the gate and narrow's the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! [chorus]

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison**  
Merciful God, we confess our reluctance to joyfully invite you  
into every part of our lives. We are afraid to go out on a limb.  
Forgive us, O Lord, for failing to respond with childlike wonder  
to your offer of friendship. We pray in the Name of the Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

— A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH,**  
from the Westminster Catechism, Q.1

What is the chief end of all people?  
**Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

**:: PASSING THE PEACE ::**  
*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,  
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love  
and forgive one another.*

SPECIAL MUSIC “Amazing Grace”

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE Luke 19:1-10  
Rev. Holly K. Davis

**:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::**

**THE 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

**SONG OF RESPONSE “Down to the River to Pray”**

Chorus:  
*As I went down in the river to pray  
studying about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the starry crown  
good Lord, show me the way.*

1. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.  
[chorus]

2. O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.  
[chorus]

3. O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Angel Band”



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING SONG      “Soon and Very Soon”

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, (3x)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

2. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King, (3x)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

3. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King, (3x)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, 3x  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King! (2x)

\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE



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- and -  
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